Clean & Safe City

A Town Hall Series with City Leadership

Presentation by Mayor Sheng Thao and the Administration's Clean & Safe City Leadership





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Office of Mayor Sheng Thao

Introduction



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Thao Administration's Priorities

Comprehensive Approach

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Robust Police Department
- Multi-agency Partnerships
- Leverage Technology
- Invest in Violence Prevention

CLEAN STREETS

- Oakland Fresh
- Enforcement
- City Hall/Community Partnerships

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Invest in under-developed sites
- Create local, low-barrier access to jobs
- Private/Public partnerships

A Safer Oakland:

Resurrecting Proven Crime Reduction Strategies

<u>Crime Rise and Ceasefire Success</u>: Crime was rising when I took office. Oakland had previously achieved a 50% gun violence reduction with Ceasefire (2012-2019), so I initiated an audit.

<u>Ceasefire Decline and Reasons</u>: Homicides and crimes rose in 2020. The audit revealed Ceasefire wasn't implemented faithfully:

- Police focus shifted from prevention to reactive crime response.
- Violence Prevention Department was not targeting the core group (300-350 people) at highest risk.
- Leadership and inter-agency coordination needed improvements.



Resurrecting Proven Crime Reduction Strategies

<u>Ceasefire Resurrected and Results</u>: By January 2024, Ceasefire was back in action, along with Crime Reduction Teams. This resulted in a 34%* crime reduction overall (including homicides, assaults, robberies, and burglaries) over the last year, and a 17%* reduction over 3 years.

<u>Continued Commitment</u>: Despite budget deficits, I prioritized public safety by funding Ceasefire, Crime Reduction Teams, foot patrols, traffic enforcement, 911 improvements, and police academies. The focus remains on promoting a safe Oakland.

*As of Sep 16-Sep 22, 2024 OPD Weekly Crime Report



Oakland's Public Safety Leadership Team



Police Chief Floyd Mitchell



City Administrator

Jestin Johnson



DVP Chief Holly Joshi



Fire Chief

Damon Covington



Mayor Sheng Thao Closing

Today's Discussion:

- Thoughtful
- Solutions-oriented
- Collaborative

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- Sign up for our newsletter & Oakland Fresh



Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) Goals:

- 1. Reduce homicides and shootings.
- 2. Reduce Gender Based Violence and Commercial Sexual Exploitation.
- 3. Reduce levels of trauma associated with violence.



Ceasefire-Lifeline Strategy:

- Focused Deterrence
- Evidence-based
- Data-driven
- Cross-sector collaboration
- Centers those at the very highest risk



Group/Gun Violence Theory of Change:

The Department of Violence Prevention seeks to create a safer community by preventing group and gun violence. We believe that identifying and engaging with the people at the *highest risk* is the most effective intervention strategy.

To this end, we relentlessly pursue those driving gun violence in an effort to build deep supportive relationships, provide intensive services, and *inspire the* behavioral changes needed to prevent further victimization, engagement in violence, and incarceration.

Our Premise:

- •The majority of individuals who are involved in group violence want a way out.
- •The reasons that individuals participate in group-led violence are varied, but they are *rooted in survival instincts* and prior trauma.
- •By identifying and addressing the primary drivers of participation in group violence for each individual, we can *change behavior and reduce violence*.



DVP Interventions:

<u>Violence interrupters:</u> The DVP should focus VIs on relentless pursuit of the highest risk individuals.

- •VIs are now focused on *proactive* conflict mediation to prevent retaliatory violence
- And relentless pursuit of individuals at the highest risk for gun violence



DVP Interventions:

<u>Case Management Model:</u> To effectively serve the highest risk clients, the DVP should implement an intensive case management model.

- •Life coaches maintain a caseload between 8-10
- Daily contact w/ clients
- In person meeting w/ clients (at least 2x per week)
- Minimum of 12 months on caseload



Expected Outcomes:

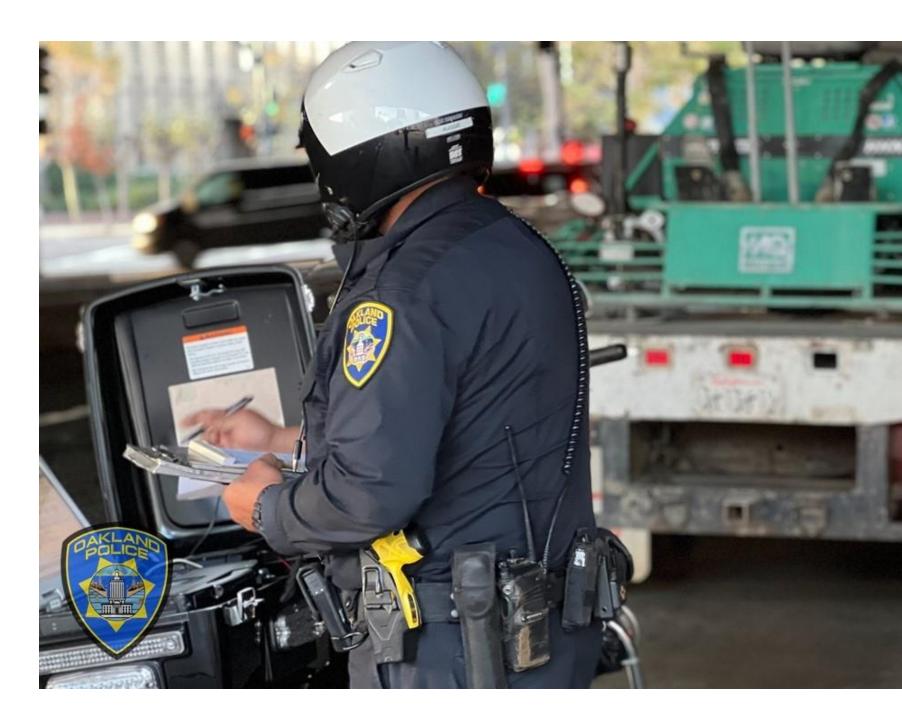
- Reduced affiliation with street groups
- Reduced perpetration of gun violence
- Reduced victimization
- Reduced recidivism

Violent crime is reduced



Oakland Police Department

- Summer Safety Plan: Update
- Crime Gun and Intelligence Center:
 - •Immediate response to crime.
- Criminal Investigation Division:
 - •Investigators on standby and working overtime to conduct interviews for real-time intelligence.
- Traffic Enforcement:
 - •Citywide efforts to enhance traffic law compliance.





Oakland Police Department

High Visibility:

 Foot Patrols, Overtime Assignments, and Coordinating with other LE Agencies

Special Resources Section:

 Utilized on an overlapping schedule seven days a week.







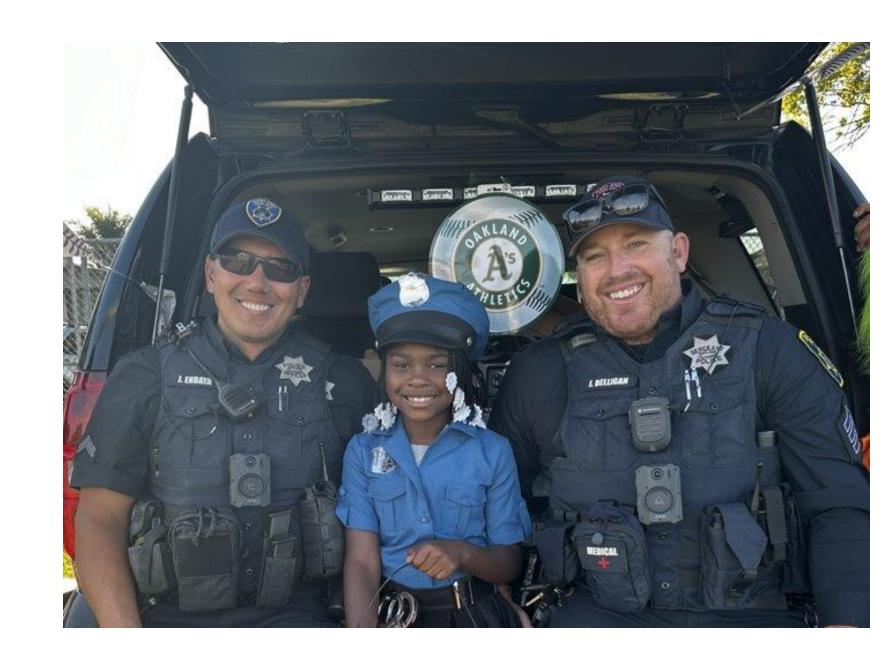
Collaboration with Law Enforcement Partners:

- Violent Crime and Human Trafficking
- •Working with local, state, and federal agencies.



Oakland Police Department

- Partnership with Other City Departments: Enhancing inter-departmental cooperation.
- Coordination with Prosecutors: Collaboration with the Alameda County DA's Office, the State Attorney General, Federal Prosecutors, and Department of Justice.
- Use of Technology: Flock Cameras and Drones
- •Community Support: Engaging and supporting the community in our efforts.

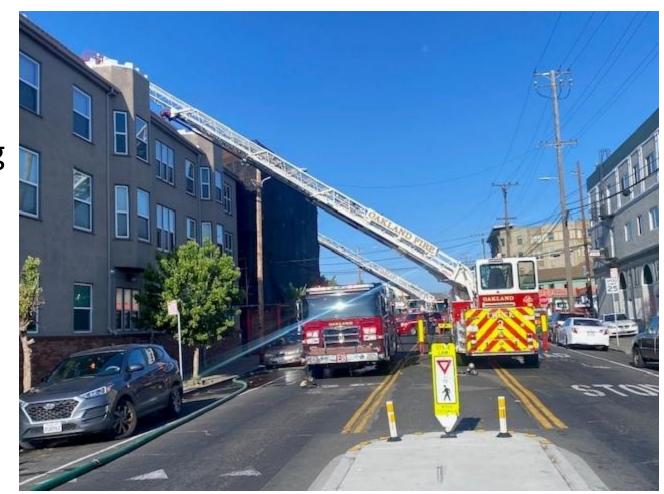




Oakland Fire Department

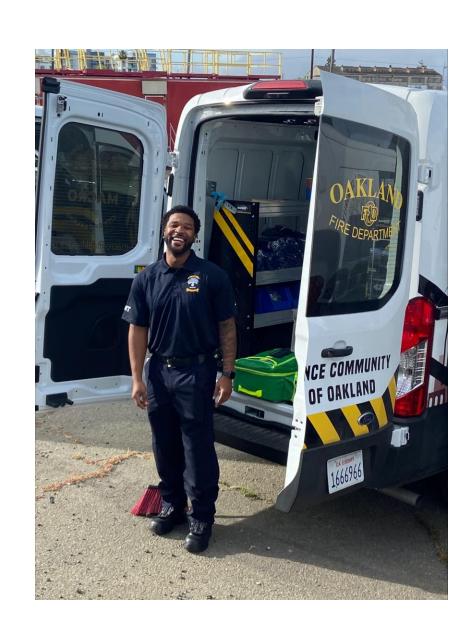
The proud members of the Oakland Fire Department are committed to providing the highest quality and highest level of courteous and responsive services to the residents, businesses, and visitors of Oakland.

- With 25 firehouses strategically located throughout the city, including at the Oakland international Airport and the Port of Oakland, OFD dispatchers and firefighters respond to over 70,000 fire and medical emergencies a year.
- Conduct hundreds of Public Education and Emergency Preparedness events per year, and distribute smoke alarms to vulnerable populations, to make communities safer, more informed, and more resilient.
- Manage fire and life safety inspections for over 30,000 properties per year, including new developments, schools, senior care facilities, event spaces and parcels in the high fire hazard severity zone.





Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO)



Launched in 2022, the Mobile Assistance Community Responders of Oakland (MACRO) program aims to meet the needs of the community with a compassionate care first response model grounded in empathy, service, and community.

In two years, the program has responded to over 3500 non-emergency, non-violent calls for service, redirecting calls away from the 911 system and creating an alternative response model to reduce the need for Police and Fire personnel to respond to non-emergent incidents.

18 new MACRO responders were hired in June 2024, bringing the total number to approx. 30 staff, with the aim to have responders in the field 16-18 hrs. per day seven days a week.

Cleaning Our Streets

Presenters: City Administrator Jestin Johnson, Assistant City Administrator G. Harold Duffey, OakDOT Director Josh Rowan

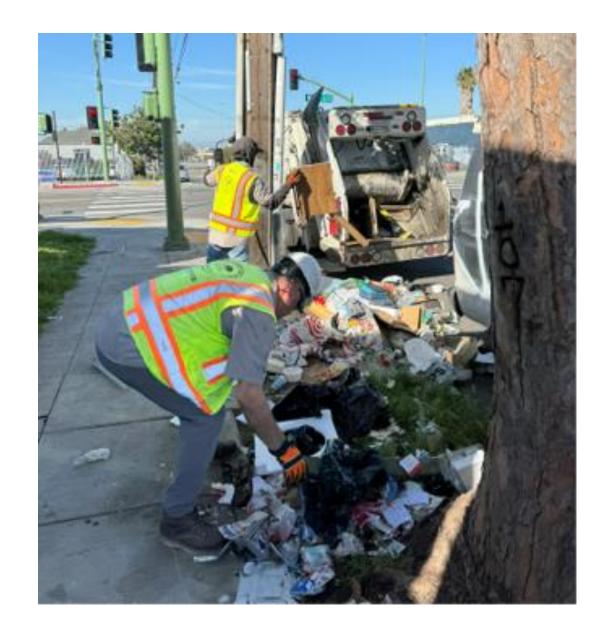
- Oakland Public Works manages illegal dumping
- OakDOT manages street safety, potholes + paving



Oakland Public Works (OPW)

OPW's **Keep Oakland Clean and Beautiful** Division maintains and enhances the cleanliness and appearance of City Streets and neighborhoods.

- •Responds to 26,000-36,000 calls for service every year
- •Proactive weekly cleaning service at ~50 homeless encampments
- •Proactively clears dumping along highly affected arterial routes
- •Conducts street sweeping of 614 routes monthly





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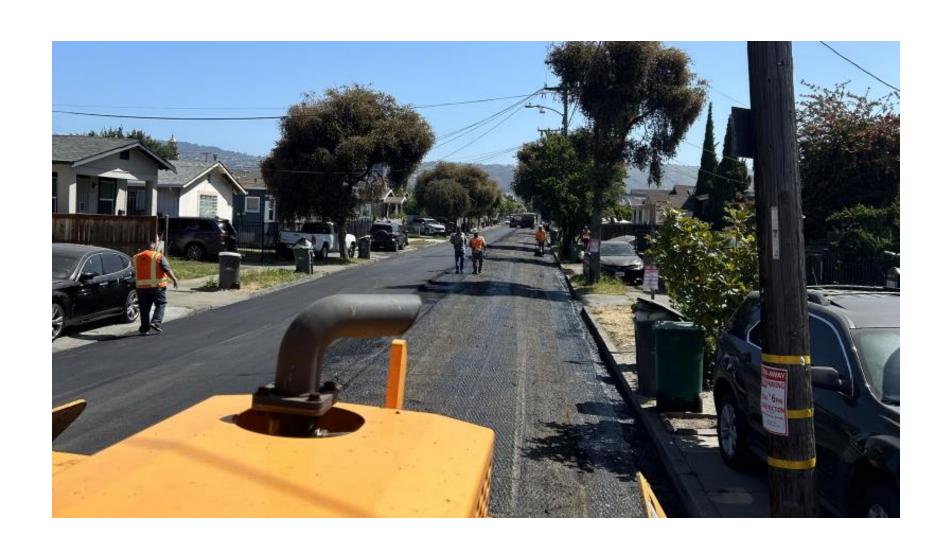
OPW partners with residents, business, and neighborhood groups to maintain the cleanliness of their communities

- •Supports 1,205 volunteer-adopted sites across Oakland for cleanup / beautification
- •92% success rate in pilot enrolling noncompliant business in garbage service
- •Ramping up enforcement with Environmental Enforcement Officers and cameras
- •Deters dumping by promoting under-utilized no-cost bulky junk pick-up and drop-off services





Oakland DOT - Infrastructure



FY24

- 47 miles of streets paved
- 53,500 potholes repaired
- 1,156 ADA ramps installed
- 212,000 sf sidewalk repair

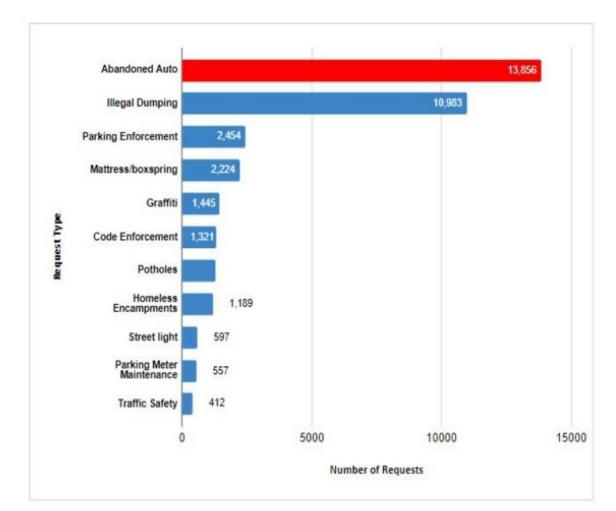
<u>2008 – 2018</u>

- · 100 miles paved (10 miles per year)
- · 81,000 potholes repaired (8k per year)



Oakland DOT – Right of Way

Service Requests: June 1 - November 30, 2023





FY24

- 260,418 parking citations issued
- \$15.4M parking citation revenue
- 3,572 abandoned auto towed
- 40% stolen



Oakland Fresh & Community

Launched in January, Oakland Fresh pairs:

- (1) **sustained, coordinated services** in data-identified priority locations, &
- (2) community volunteerism and ownership of common spaces

Sign up for Adopt A Spot to get involved and learn more!





Call to Action

- 1. Sign up for AC Alert to receive alerts and emergency notifications at www.acalert.org.
- 2. Sign up for Adopt A Spot at www.oaklandca.gov/adoptaspot



Q&A

