



**MAYOR DELLUMS DIRECTS POLICE TO USE OVERTIME TO  
MAINTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY AS THE HOLIDAY SEASON APPROACHES**

*Historical Data Shows Spike in Crime During this Time of Year*

OAKLAND — Mayor Ron Dellums today issued a Directive to the Oakland Police Department to authorize the Police Chief to selectively use additional overtime in the further protection of the public's safety. This Directive clarifies the October 15, 2008 Mayoral Directive restricting overtime due to budget constraints.

Based upon historical data, the city knows that there tends to be an increase in robberies and violent crimes during the holiday season. This directive was made as the city prepares to maintain public safety during this time.

In the Directive, the mayor stated:

“This Directive clarifies the October 15, 2008 Mayoral Directive restricting overtime to authorize the Police Chief to selectively use additional overtime in the further protection of the public safety.

“As part of the current financial crisis, and the budget reductions instituted to address that crisis, the Oakland Police Department was tasked with significantly restricting the use of overtime to accomplish its public safety mission. In recent weeks, the Police Department has significantly reduced overtime.

“Under no circumstances, however, can the overtime limits set for the Police Department be seen as an impediment to keeping our City safe. My number one goal as Mayor of Oakland is public safety, and although the budget crisis remains, I will not reduce my commitment to the safety of our citizens.

“You are therefore authorized to selectively use additional overtime for specific police operations. Such operations should be limited to special enforcement operations, directed patrol to combat specific crime issues, and the increased use of investigative personnel. The use of overtime for these specific issues should include a justification, a written plan if practical, and a follow up report.

“This directive is not intended to restore overtime spending to levels seen in recent years past, but is intended to allow you to provide an adequate level of service to the citizens of Oakland.”

