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Oakland Says “No” to Dumping!
Oakland Public Works and Oakland Police Join Forces

Oakland, CA — A major concern facing our community is the problem of illegal dumping. Over the past several years, the City of Oakland’s Public Works Agency has tried a variety of ways to stem illegal dumping, with less than the desired results. Trained Litter Enforcement Officers have used forensic investigation to identify owners of illegally dumped debris, trash, hazardous material, appliances, etc. in the public right of way, and issued fines to those cited.

On Saturday, December 8, 2007, the Public Works Agency and the Oakland Police Department conducted an undercover operation to catch haulers who illegally haul or dump trash as a new strategy to address the problem at its source. Three individuals were apprehended for illegal hauling. These individuals were arrested and cited for violations of state and local codes. In the effort to eliminate illegal hauling and dumping, the City will continue to implement new techniques and strategies to raise awareness and stop illegal behavior.

City Administrator Deborah Edgerly said, "I am proud that the Public Works Agency and Oakland Police Department teamed up to address this quality of life problem. I have seen the negative impact from trash and waste being illegally dumped in Oakland's neighborhoods. Catching these perpetrators is a step in the right direction."

Public Works Director Raul Godinez II stated, "Illegal dumping is an entry level crime that must be stopped because it degrades our neighborhoods and business areas and potentially encourages other criminal behaviors. We have tried many approaches to fighting this growing social malady, so we are now going after the haulers to try and stop this problem at the source."

The City has notified haulers of the law through a variety of methods. Notices were mailed to over 100,000 residents and 10,000 businesses. In addition, notices were sent to contractors possessing City of Oakland business licenses.

To report illegal dumping, please call the Public Works Call Center at (510) 615-5566 or send an email to pwacallcenter@oaklandnet.com.