From:

Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Sent:

Saturday, December 03, 2016 4:51 PM

To:

**Subject:** 

Fwd: OPD Update: 31st Avenue Fire

FYI

Angela C. Robinson Piñon
Chief of Staff to Teresa Deloach Reed, Fire Chief
Oakland Fire Department

#### Begin forwarded message:

From: "Derryck, Erica" < EDerryck@oaklandnet.com>

**Date:** December 3, 2016 at 12:09:54 PM PST **Subject: OPD Update:** 31st Avenue Fire

#### All,

Resending in case there is anyone who was missed when OPD sent this out.

Best, Erica

Erica Terry Derryck | Director of Communications | Office of Mayor Libby Schaaf | City of Oakland | One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza | 3rd Floor | Oakland, CA 94612 | Office: 510-238-7072 | Cell: 510-435-4345 | Email: ederryck@oaklandnet.com

#### For Immediate Release

December 3, 2016

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From:

Landreth, Sabrina

Sent:

Monday, December 05, 2016 1:04 PM

To:

Gunning, Dena; Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Subject:

Fwd: Proclamation process

**Attachments:** 

Emergency Proclamation reference guide.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From:

Date: December 5, 2016 at 12:41:57 PM PST

To: "'slandreth@oaklandnet.com'" <slandreth@oaklandnet.com>

Subject: FW: Proclamation process

From:

[mailto:

Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2016 6:26 PM

**To:** <u>jkarchmer@oaklandnet.com</u> **Subject:** Proclamation process

### **EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS**

A quick reference guide for Local Government



## **General Information about Local Emergency Proclamations**

**Definition of Local Emergency:** "[T]he duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county, city and county, or city, caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, sudden and severe energy shortage, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake, or other conditions, other than conditions resulting from a labor controversy, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat . . " (California Government Code (Govt. Code) section 8558 (c)).

Issued by (Govt. Code section 8630(a)):

- Governing body of a city, county, or city and county, or
- An official designated by an ordinance adopted by that governing body (e.g., police/fire chief, director of emergency services).

Purpose (Govt. Code sections 8625 and 8634):

- Authorizes the promulgation of orders and regulations necessary to protect life and property (e.g., special purchasing or emergency contracting).
- Describes the circumstances that exist that may support the need for issuance of a State of Emergency Proclamation and/or Executive Order.
- Supports request for a Director's Concurrence, Governor's Proclamation of a State of Emergency, Executive Order, California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding, and/or a Presidential Declaration of an Emergency or Major Disaster.\*

#### Deadlines:

- Issuance: Within 10 days after the actual occurrence of a disaster if assistance will be requested through CDAA (Govt. Code section 8685.2).
- Ratification: If issued by official designated by ordinance, must be ratified by governing body within 7 days (Govt. Code section 8630(b)).
- Renewal: Reviewed at least once every 30 days by the governing body until terminated (Govt. Code section 8630(c)).
- Termination: At the earliest possible date that conditions warrant (Govt. Code section 8630(d)).

Notification Process (consistent with the Standardized Emergency Management System (Govt. Code section 8607)):

- Local governments should notify the Operational Area (OA) and provide a copy of the local emergency proclamation as soon as possible.
- OA shall notify Cal OES and provide a copy of the proclamation as soon as possible.
- Cal OES Region will ensure notification to the Cal OES Director and Deputy Directors, and shall be
  the primary contact between the Cal OES Director, OA, and the local jurisdiction for updates on any
  requests for assistance.
- Cal OES Director will respond in writing to the local government concerning the status of any
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#### \*Please note:

When a local government requests a Gubernatorial State of Emergency Proclamation, Director's Concurrence, and/or California Disaster Assistance Act funding, local government should provide information describing local response efforts and identify the specific type and extent of state emergency assistance needed, including regulatory waivers necessary to facilitate the protection of life and property during response efforts.

A local emergency proclamation and/or Governor's proclamation is not a prerequisite for mutual aid assistance, Red Cross assistance, the federal Fire Management Assistance Grant Program, or disaster loan programs designated by the U.S. Small Business Administration or the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

From:

Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Sent:

Monday, December 05, 2016 8:31 PM

To:

Pastor-Cohen, Genevieve

**Subject:** 

Fwd: Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 3:00 pm

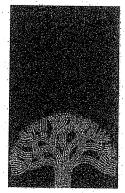
Angela C. Robinson Piñon Chief of Staff to Teresa Deloach Reed, Fire Chief Oakland Fire Department

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hamilton, Harry" < HHamilton@oaklandnet.com>

Date: December 4, 2016 at 3:12:39 PM PST

Subject: Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 3:00 pm



City of OAKLAND
California

#### **Media Contact:**

Karen Boyd kboyd@oaklandnet.com

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News from: City of Oakland

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 4, 2016

# Update from the City of Oakland on the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire at 3:00 p.m.

As of 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, December 4, the number of victims located is now 33. Seven of the victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified.

The District Attorney's Office has activated the criminal investigation team and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners

The focus of our efforts remains the recovery of victims. To ensure the safe of the first responders, more shoring has been placed to secure the collapsed sections of the building. This will allow first responders to safely proceed with the recovery process. Personnel from the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Police Department, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Oakland Public Works Department continued the painstaking work of recovering the bodies from the scene of the fire. At this time, about 30 percent of the building has been searched.

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#### Background

A three-alarm fire broke out on Friday, December 2, at 11:32 p.m. at 1315 31st Avenue in Oakland. The fire has resulted in a terrible tragedy.

The badly damaged building has required shoring, and first responders had begun retrieving the deceased. The roof of the building collapsed onto the second floor which has complicated the process of recovery effort. This recovery will be undertaken in a methodical and thorough process in a humane and compassionate manner to ensure that the victims are recovered and identified, and to make sure their families have this information as expeditiously as possible.

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Sent:

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Fwd: Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 5:30 p.m.

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From: "Hamilton, Harry" < HHamilton@oaklandnet.com>

Date: December 4, 2016 at 6:02:26 PM PST

Subject: Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 5:30 p.m.



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December 4, 2016

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The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau has provided the City of Oakland the names of the eight (8) victims that have been positively identified as having perished in the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire. One of the seven victims is a 17-year-old minor whose name will not be released. The victim families have been notified.

The six identified victims are:
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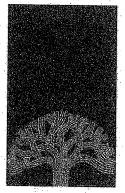
#### Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hamilton, Harry" < HHamilton@oaklandnet.com>

Date: December 3, 2016 at 7:37:02 PM PST

To: DL - Internal Media < internalmedia@oaklandnet.com>

Subject: Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 6:30 p.m.



City of OAKLAND California

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# News from: Office of the City Administrator

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December 3, 2016

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There are nine confirmed casualties. As of 4:30 p.m., all nine people who were initially located have been recovered and transported to the Coroner's Bureau fo identification.

We are working on compiling an accurate list of those who are unaccounted for. Fortunately, a number of people who were initially reported as missing have bee located.

At this time, the combined efforts of the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Polic Department and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office are focused on search for a recovery of victims and providing support to the families. For most of the day and evening, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf spoke with families of the victims and continues to offer them our deepest sympathies.

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**Editor's Note:** The next update briefing will be held at 8 a.m. on Sunday, December 4, at International Boulevard and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

Harry Hamilton Public Information Officer City of Oakland 1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor 11th Best Large City to Live in - WalletHub, July 2016

Oakland MSA Ranked 3rd Best Place for Tech Careers - Value Penguin, June 2016

Oakland is the most diverse large city in the U.S. - WalletHub, May 2016

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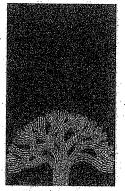
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# City of OAKLAND California

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News from: City of Oakland

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 5, 2016

# Update from the City of Oakland on the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire at 4:30 p.m.

As of 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, the number of located and recovered victims is 36. Twenty-two victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. An additional 11 victims have been tentatively identified and three victims need scientific identification.

Today, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley shared the detai of the launch of her office's criminal investigation into the fire. The District Attorney's Office has activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners. In the coming days, after the recovery phase is completed, our focus will shift to a thorough investigation of what occurred. We are committed to bringing ever resource to bear to determine what happened here and how such a tragic ever could have occurred. Our priority is to bring closure to this tragedy for the victims' families.

As District Attorney O'Malley highlighted, members of the victims' familie may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP). For details on this and other victim services, please visit <a href="http://www.alcoda.org/victim\_witness/">http://www.alcoda.org/victim\_witness/</a>.

At a 2:30 p.m. media briefing, Alameda County Sheriff Ahern shared image of the inside of the building at 1315 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and recovery efforts undertaken. The images are available at <a href="http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061771">http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061771</a>.

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In order for first responders to complete the recovery process, it was determined that a large crane was needed. To safely operate the crane, it wa necessary to de-energize nearby power lines. Thanks to careful planning, the planned outage impacted 12 residential and commercial PG&E customers. The power was turned off at 3:20 p.m. The planned outage is anticipated to last at least 12 hours.

In addition to PG&E's phone notification, outreach teams from the City's Neighborhood Services Division and Economic Development Department paid personal visits to both commercial and residential customers. If customers have any questions about the outage, they may call PG&E at (800 743-5002.

Recovery efforts in a portion of the building were suspended this morning around 12:15 a.m. due to precarious building conditions. While a plan to stabilize that wall, recovery work resumed in a different area of the building Debris removal and victim recovery continue. Currently, 70% of the buildin has been cleared.

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# # #

From:

Sent:

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 4:38 PM

To:

Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Subject:

Fwd: your request

----- Forwarded message ---

From:

Date: Wed, Dec 14, 2016 at 4:20 PM

Subject: Re: your request

To: "Kozak, Rebecca" < RKozak@oaklandnet.com >, tdeloachreed@oaklandnet.com

Angela Robinson Pinon

Rebecca Kozak and Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed

I realize you would prefer professionals that have a history of delivery of community completed projects, see below list of positions and completed projects.

Community completed work

From a 100 acer Family Farm in Little Spokane Valley at 11 to Seattle WA

American Red Cross Advanced First Aide

Member of Mountain Search and Rescue First Aide

US Order of Arrow and Eagle Boy Scout

Open Door Clinic UDistric Seattle woman's clinic Medic

US Army Platoon guide 49 men Jungle Warfare live fire

US Army Pentagon Germany Medic and Status of Forces undercover investigator

Seattle EMT Harborview Hosp ER and ambulance

Ist Seattle Medic One. Open Door Clinic Weekend Coordinator staff

Snow Pass Mountain Lodge instigated trade of State Park property with State DOT new mountain pass State recreation Lodge

City of Seattle 6 new 5M\$ community centers, Seattle School District had discontinued all sport programs as president organized communities to create recreation community councils to operate sports programs, before & after school program, created new girls and senior recreation in each community of Seattle

Chief Production Crew Chief -City of Seattle Bumbershoot International Arts Festival

Folklife International Music Festival. Bite of Seattle International Food and Music Festival, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July International Fireworks Festival on Lake Union Seattle.

President: Seattle Bitter lake Community Council, Ames lake Community Council, Continental Mountain Resort.

Senior Electrical Engineer for Washington State I90 and King County Metro Transit Tunnels with fire suppression Seattle WA

Assistant Director Alpental Skischool & Backcountry Coordinator

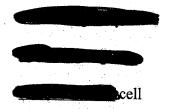
Contra Costa Fire community committee member to develop solution for closing of fire stations, brought Seattle fire community design to Contra Costa

Cocreator Bumblebee Farm & Garden Foothills Mt. Diablo Permaculture teaching urban farm

Assistant Director California Garden Clubs Mt Diablo Foothills District

CEO Showtime Electric Inc senior electrical engineer, environmental consultant. Technical Director community education productions with video and audio

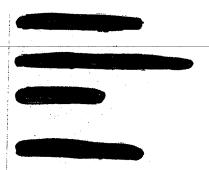
Thanks again for your attention during this difficult City of Oakland heart breaking Fire



On Wed, Dec 14, 2016 at 1:30 PM, wrote
Rebecca Kozak and Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed

I'm and I offer to help the City of Oakland recover from the Oakland Ghost Ship Fire by working with your team, the Oakland Fire Department by contributing my considerable experience in Fire, building construction and personal safety. I have dedicated my life work to community safety, Please see my brief list of life work below. I recognize that this is a teamwork process and learning experience for Oakland and the Bay Area.

Please take my offer seriously



#### Training/Positions:

Fire Inspector, General Building Inspector, Chief Electrical Inspector, Commercial Journeyman Electrician,

Master Electrician, Electrical Contractor, Professional Photographer, Videographer, Thermographer,

Medic, Emergency Medical Technician (ER). Presenter and instructor.

#### Experience:

20 plus years of construction experience

Senior Electrical Engineer-State of Washington

Chief Electrical Inspector-State of Washington

Senior Project Manager for Capital Projects City of Seattle and Port of Seattle.

Fire and General Building Inspections West Side Cities Fire WA

Instructor Electrical Construction, theory, and safety

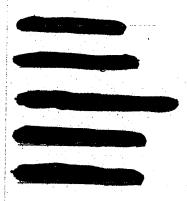
Senior Environmental Consultant Build it Green Showtime Electric

Master Electrician OM Electric, Seattle Washington Electrical Contractor

Production Crew Chief 4th of July Fire Works, City Seattle Arts Center

The above skills and experiences helped me develop a comprehensive ability to perceive building/ personnel safety

this allowed me to document, teach, and solve dangers in the urban environment contributing to safe communities for all ages, construction staff and special events participants.



On Mon, Dec 12, 2016 at 3:58 PM, Kozak, Rebecca < RKozak@oaklandnet.com > wrote:

Chief Reed's email is tdeloachreed@oaklandnet.com

# Rebecca Kozak

Executive Assistant to

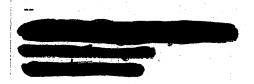
Teresa Deloach Reed, Fire Chief

Oakland Fire Department

150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, #3354

Oakland, CA 94612

(510) 238-4080



From:

Hamilton, Harry

Sent:

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 7:02 PM

To:

Allie Neal (Allie@visitoakland.org); Aly Bonde; Baig, Ahsan; Barazoto, Whitney; Barbara Leslie (bleslie@oaklandchamber.com); Barnes, Deborah; Bedford, Sara; Bedoya, Roberto; Ben Taylor; Boyd, Karen; Byrd, Michele; Campbell Washington, Annie; Cappio, Claudia; Chiu, Jada; Chrissy; Cotton, Chantal; Daniel, Christine; Deloach Reed, Teresa; Derryck, Erica; DeVries, Joe; English, Jamila A.; Eve-Fisher, Saundra D.; Finnell, Anthony; Flynn, Darlene; Frances Wong (frances@visitoakland.org); Gallo, Aliza; Garcia, Mai-Ling; Garzon, Gerard (Gerry); Guy, Ethan B; Hamilton, Harry; Herrera, Victoria E.; Hom, Stephanie; Hunt, Michael; Jain, Kiran C; Johnson, Bradley; Kahn, Kelley; Kasaine, Katano; Katz, Alex; Katz, Rebecca; Kim Bardakian; Landreth, Sabrina; Levin, Brooke A.; Maher, Sean M.; Mark Everton (Mark@visitoakland.org); Marquez, Marco; McCullough, Artisha; McKellar, Sharon; Milina, Eric; Minor, Gregory; Mlay, Serenity S.; Morgan, Tom; Natalie

Alvanez (natalie@visitoakland.org); OPD Media; Orologas, Alexandra; Paul at visit oakland; Pena, Iowayna; Perez, Dana; Ranelletti, Darin; Raya, Marisa; Riley, Dana; Robinson Pinon, Angela C; Roy, Ayushi; Sawicki, Mark; Schlenk, Sarah; Serin-Christ, Sara;

Simmons, LaTonda; Simons, Adam J.; Steinzig, Raphaelle; Todd, Amber; Walters,

Winifred; White, Darin; Williams, Keira L.; Woo, Winnie

Subject:

**News Report** 

#### Housing

Press Release Point Dec 20 9:04 am

HFF arranges \$21.2 million construction loan for 74-unit multi-housing development in Oakland, California , a 74-unit, Class A, transit-oriented multi-housing development in Oakland, California. HFF worked exclusively on behalf of the borrower.

#### **Public Safety**

KTVU-SF (FOX) Dec 20 8:05 am

#### "Oakland Police Chief Search" on KTVU Mornings on 2 at 7am

meantime, the city of oakland continues its search for a new permanent police chief there. the deadline for candidates to submit their applications at oakland city hall closed last month and t

#### 中国网-风采江苏 Dec 20 12:41 am

### 美国东湾奥克兰治安问题频发 华人车辆遭破坏 (car break-ins in Chinatown)

题。近日,家住奥克兰市往南不远的圣利安卓市的华裔市民阿祺(化名),其自家年却也连遭不幸。阿祺表示,日前他驱车前往奥克兰中国城林肯中心打篮球,打完球后开车前往第12街的餐馆吃饭。期间,自己的吉普车停在了路边。可是当阿祺酒足饭饱走出餐厅时,却发现自己的车后窗被砸碎,尽管车内并无贵

#### Sewage

KTVU-SF (FOX) Dec 19 9:23 am

### "Sewage spill in the Estuary" on KTVU Mornings on 2 at 9am

we should have an update about raw sewage that spilled into the oakland estuary. >> yes, they have been warned to stay way from the water. rob talk to people who are gett

#### Lawsuit

KCBS-AM (Radio) Dec 20 4:44 am

### "Wrongful Death Suit" on KCBS-AM (Radio)

e family in Oakland teenager has filed a wrongful death suit against the city the boy was climbing a tree at Lake Merritt when the branch snapped

KGO-SF (ABC) Dec 20 4:34 am

## "Family of boy killed by tree suing City of Oakland" on ABC7 News 4:30AM

family whose son died while climbing a tree is suing the city of oakland after a limb broke off and crushed the 16-year-old jack lewis

San Francisco Chronicle Dec 20 12:00 am

### Parents sue Oakland over teen's tree-limb death near Lake Merritt

was crushed by a falling tree limb at Lake Merritt sued the city of Oakland for wrongful death Monday, saying city workers knew the tree was

East Bay Times Dec 19 4:57 pm

## Family of Oakland teen killed by dying city tree by Lake Merritt sues city

OAKLAND — The **city of Oakland** knew that a popular climbing tree at Lakeside Park was diseased before it broke and caused a 16-year-old boy's

### **Hospitality Entertainment Arts Restaurants**

East Bay Times Dec 19 5:23 pm

## Actual Cafe, Victory Burger closing in Oakland

the Bay Area News Group's op-ed pages that chastised **Oakland** leaders for making a **deal** with Waste Management that left the city's businesses

#### **Sports**

CSNBayArea.com Dec 19 3:27 pm

## Futuristic, transforming stadiums offer intriguing solution in Oakland

Lott-led group and the city. The A's are still investigating ballpark sites. Oakland, Alameda County and the state will provide little or no

#### 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire

World News Report - EIN Dec 20 9:35 am

# <u>The Oakland Warehouse Fire Will Certainly Lead to Numerous Criminal and Civil Lawsuits, But Will Justice</u> <u>Be Served?</u>

The **Oakland** Warehouse Fire Will Certainly Lead to Numerous **Criminal** and Civil Lawsuits, But Will Justice Be Served?

KCBS-AM (Radio) Dec 20 7:25 am

# "Worried the Alameda County DA's Office won't treat their client fairly" on KCBS-AM (Radio)

Oakland say they're worried the Allegany County D.A. s office won't treat their client fairly as KCBS is making Gold tells us they're claiming there's a conflict of interest

Slight different version:

KRON-SF (MyTV) Dec 20 7:13 am

### "Deadly Ghost Ship Fire " on KRON 4 Morning News

Prominent attorney blaming various government agencies

San Francisco Chronicle Dec 20 7:02 am

## Oakland warehouse fire in 2015 foretold of Ghost Ship disaster

fire got the attention of Mayor Libby Schaaf. "Afterwards we went into the Red Cross on Broadway, and Mayor Libby Schaaf came in to speak

KGO-SF (ABC) Dec 20 6:06 am

# "Attorneys say founder of Ghost Ship not responsible for fire" on ABC7 News 6:00AM

attorneys for the creator of ghost ship art collective, derick ion almena, are defending their client and blaming the city and alameda county

SFGate Dec 19 5:40 pm

## Attorneys say Ghost Ship leader shouldn't be 'scapegoat' for fire

— which is conducting a criminal **investigation** into the **Oakland** fire — has a conflict of interest in pursuing the **investigation**. The office

Mother Jones Dec 20 3:23 am

# After Ghost Ship Fire, Tupac's Old Lawyer Is Helping Artists Fight Eviction

population is declining in **Oakland**, as it has already declined in San Francisco. So the question is, will this particular **event** cause that

KTVU.com Dec 19 3:13 pm

## Singer honors friend, victims of Oakland warehouse fire

**Oakland**. "This event happened because of what happened with the fire," said general manager Marcie Russell. "We usually don't have a winter...

Harry Hamilton
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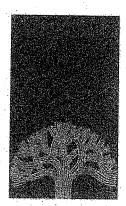
11th Best Large City to Live in - WalletHub, July 2016

Oakland MSA Ranked 3rd Best Place for Tech Careers - Value Penguin, June 2016

Oakland is the most diverse large city in the U.S. - WalletHub, May 2016

From: Sent: Subject:

Hamilton, Harry Tuesday, December 13, 2016 12:35 PM On-Scene Operations Concluded for 31st Avenue Fire; Investigations Continue



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From:

Derryck, Erica

Sent:

Saturday, December 03, 2016 12:10 PM

Subject:

OPD Update: 31st Avenue Fire

#### All.

Resending in case there is anyone who was missed when OPD sent this out. Best,

Erica

Erica Terry Derryck | Director of Communications | Office of Mayor Libby Schaaf | City of Oakland | One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza | 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor | Oakland, CA 94612 | Office: 510-238-7072 | Cell: 510-435-4345 | Email: ederryck@oaklandnet.com

#### For Immediate Release

December 3, 2016

#### **Update: 31st Avenue Fire**

The Oakland Police Department is supporting the Oakland Fire Department as they are conducting their investigation into the large structure fire at 1305 31st Avenue.

Per the Oakland Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed:

- There are nine (9) known fatalities from this incident.
- At this time, an assessment is still being made of any additional victims in association with this incident.
- The Alameda County Sheriff's Coroner's Bureau and Chief Forensic Pathologist are processing the scene.
- Alameda County Arson Task Force is currently on scene to assist with the investigation.
- We are also working with Federal partners to determine the cause of the fire and assist with the investigation moving forward.
- Due to structural damage from the fire, the ongoing investigation efforts and search for additional victims will be methodical and are anticipated to take some time.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau has established a Family Assistance Center in coordination with the American Red Cross, located at 2425 East 12th Street in Oakland. Family members and friends looking to locate loved ones may go to the center in person or call (510 382-3000. There will be grief counseling and resources available to families affected by this tragedy. We are requesting that only families and loved ones go to the Family Assistance Center and ask that media respect the privacy of families at this time.

The City of Oakland and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office have set up a joint command post at the corner of Fruitvale Ave. and International Blvd.

Public Information Officers will be providing hourly media updates throughout the day, on the hour. City officials will hold a news conference this afternoon at a location and time to be announced.

For updates on Twitter, stay tuned to @ACSOSheriffs and @oaklandpoliceca and the following hashtags: #oaklandfire #31stAvefire

Mayor Libby Schaaf issued the following statement:

"Last night's fire was an immense tragedy. I am grateful to our first responders for their efforts to deal with this deadly fire. Our focus right now is on the victims and their families and ensuring that we have a full accounting for everyone who was impacted by this tragedy.

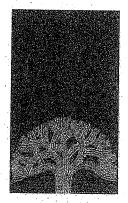
"We are fully committed to sharing as much information as we can as quickly as possible. The most critical information to share at this time is the phone number where victims' families can get information which is (510) 382-3000 at the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau."

NOTE: Mayor Schaaf and other key officials will be made available later today. Media outlets will be updated as soon as possible on the time and location for this availability.

# # #

From: Sent:

To: Subject: 31st Avenue Fire - Oakland Tuesday, December 13, 2016 10:51 AM 31st Avenue Fire - Oakland Press Conference on 31st Avenue Fire to be held at 11am today



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From:

Boyd, Karen

Sent:

Wednesday, December 07, 2016 11:13 AM

To:

Trujillo, Miguel; Hamilton, Harry; Derryck, Erica

Cc:

Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Subject:

RE: 31st Avenue Fire - Inquiries from the public and media

Thank you.

#### Karen Boyd

Assistant to the City Administrator/Communications Director

City of Oakland, Office of the City Administrator

Tel: (510) 238-6365 Cell: (510) 449-4401

Email: kboyd@oaklandnet.com

@karenbovd

From: Trujillo, Miguel

Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 10:28 AM To: Boyd, Karen; Hamilton, Harry; Derryck, Erica

Cc: Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Subject: FW: 31st Avenue Fire - Inquiries from the public and media

Rebecca.

I received requests for information from the following sources:

East Bay Express —

, Associated Press 4

- Oakland Magazine

These are requests for information such as Fire Prevention bureau policies, staffing, etc...

Thank you, Miguel'

From: Deloach Reed. Teresa

Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 3:22 PM

To: West, Jacquelin < JMWest@oaklandnet.com>; Kozak, Rebecca < RKozak@oaklandnet.com>; Gist Skinner. Trinette <tgistskinner@oaklandnet.com>; Sierra, Patricia <PSierra@oaklandnet.com>; Jenkins, Dawn <<u>DJenkins@oaklandnet.com</u>>; Miller, June T. <<u>JMiller@oaklandnet.com</u>>; Harris, Yvette <<u>YHarris@oaklandnet.com</u>>; Gulley, Gala < GGulley@oaklandnet.com >; Lara, Sonia < SLara@oaklandnet.com >; Cox, Karen < KCox@oaklandnet.com >; Lightfoot, Charleton < CLightfoot@oaklandnet.com >; Robinson Pinon, Angela C < ARobinsonPinon@oaklandnet.com >; Eide, Cathey < CEide@oaklandnet.com >; Pastor-Cohen, Genevieve < GPastor-Cohen@oaklandnet.com >; McGehee, Stewart < SMcGehee@oaklandnet.com>; Dillard, Sylvia < SDillard@oaklandnet.com>; Gunning, Dena < DGunning@oaklandnet.com>; Trujillo, Miguel < MTrujillo@oaklandnet.com>; Avila, Cesar < CAvila@oaklandnet.com>

Subject: 31st Avenue Fire - Inquiries from the public and media

Good afternoon,

My apologies for not getting this to everyone sooner. Please distribute as necessary. First off, thank you for fielding the many calls and messages to the department during this tragic time. Your support is much appreciated. Here is some information that should help you in answering questions from the public.

All public records requests should be forwarded to Rebecca Kozak. If you receive an email please forward it to her. If you receive an inquiry via phone, please take a message and provide it to Rebecca. Rebecca is working with the City Administrator's Office on tracking and responding to requests.

Request for interviews by the media are being coordinated in the Mayor and City Administrator's Offices. Please forward those requests to Harry Hamilton, Karen Boyd and Erica Derryck. Please cc me on those emails as well.

**Foreign Governments:** If you receive a call from a foreign government (consulates/embassies) please notify them that if citizens of their nations are impacted, contact will be made via the Alameda County Sherriff's Office or the U.S. State Department.

Donations and General Interest: For those who would like to offer donations and assistance, please thank them for the offer to donate their time and talent to provide support during this tragedy. Please advise them to please monitor the City's webpage dedicated to the fire here: <a href="http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAKO61753">http://www2.oaklandnet.com/OAKO61753</a>. There is a link for financial donations on the site. The page may be accessed on the City's home page as well. In addition to donations, it has all of the press releases that have been distributed about the event. Food donations are being coordinated through the American Red Cross. If there is a question about donations of services, you can forward those to me. I can contact those individuals or groups as the need arises.

The City also has an information hotline (510) 238-2181. The hotline provides the same information as the press releases.

Missing Persons: If you receive a phone call regarding missing persons, that they believe may have perished in the fire, please direct them to call the Alameda County Coroner's Office at (510) 382-3000. This number should be provided to possible friends and families of victims only. In the initial days after the incident their office was overwhelmed with a variety of calls about the incident, and they want to keep this line open for next of kin and loved ones.

-Angela (from Chief Reed's computer)

From:

Garcia, Mai-Ling

Sent:

Sunday, December 04, 2016 10:26 PM

To:

Robinson Pinon, Angela C; Landreth, Sabrina; Cappio, Claudia

Cc: Subject:

Deloach Reed, Teresa Re: 31st Avenue Fire

Got it. Thanks. Drafting the employee message now.

From: Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2016 9:49:28 PM

To: Landreth, Sabrina; Garcia, Mai-Ling; Cappio, Claudia

**Cc:** Deloach Reed, Teresa **Subject:** FW: 31st Avenue Fire

Chief Reed asked that I forward this to you.

Respectfully,

Angela

From: Deloach Reed, Teresa

Sent: Sunday, December 04, 2016 9:09 PM

To: DL - Fire - All Staff < DL-Fire-AllStaff@oaklandnet.com>

Subject: 31st Avenue Fire

To the members of the Oakland Fire Department-

As you are aware, on Friday, December 2 at 2324 hours units responded to a structure fire at 1315 31st Avenue, a commercial building that has been reported to operate as a 24 hour artist collective work space. Within minutes of the initial alarm, a third alarm was struck due to the advanced fire conditions our personnel were confronted with.

At the time of the fire, there was an event underway where an estimated 50-100 persons were present. The cause of the fire is unknown at this time, and there is an ongoing investigation with the assistance of ATF to determine its cause.

Our Fire personnel worked relentlessly to minimize loss to adjacent exposure buildings, and mitigate the emergency as best as possible. I want to thank each of you for your hard work, continuous display of professionalism and willingness to provide stability and support throughout this event.

Events of this magnitude also makes us realize we can't do it all ourselves and appreciate assistance from our fire service partners. I have been receiving emails and text messages from across this nation from our brothers and sisters in the fire service. They recognize these are difficult times and are anxious and willing to offer any assistance necessary. I want to thank our county partners for their immediate assistance in our recovery effort.

At approximately 2000 hours on December 3, members were able to breach the B side of the structure in order to facilitate the retrieval of victims and removal of debris. Members have been working tirelessly,

removing debris by hand and utilizing the bucket brigade method. Their work has been assisted by Oakland Public Works and vendors using heavy equipment. This process is necessary to ensure a thorough, humane and respectful recovery process, as well as to ensure the safety of our members as they complete this difficult work.

As of today, about 60% of the building had been cleared and the bodies of 33 victims have been removed from the building. OFD Chaplains, Fr. Jayson Landeza and Pastor Maggie Dorsey, have been on scene to provide spiritual and emotional support to first responders and the victims' families.

I would like to recognize the Oakland Public Works Agency, Oakland Police Department, Alameda County Sherriff's Office, Alameda County Fire, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Fire and Explosives, the American Red Cross, PG&E and Paramedics Plus for their collaboration and support through this difficult time.

I am deeply saddened by the loss the families and Oakland Art Community recently endured and offer my sincere condolences. As a community based fire service it is our commission to support the community of Oakland, and we will continue to work collectively as we recover from this tragedy as a family.

Although the total number of victims has not been determined, this is one of the worst disasters in our City's and fire department history. Due to the stress associated with encountering and participating in an incident of this magnitude, I would like to take this time to mention how important it is to take advantage of the support we have for each other. The aftermath of this type of incident will manifest and show itself in different ways; therefore, over the next couple of months, it is necessary for us to continue to check in with each other to make sure things are still ok. Remember access to one of our CISM peer support members is always available to you as well as access to the Employee Assistance Program.

Teresa Deloach Reed Fire Chief

From:

Deloach Reed, Teresa

Sent:

Monday, December 05, 2016 12:14 PM

To:

Kozak, Rebecca; Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Subject:

RE: delivery of hot beverages to the scene

They are being coordinated through the Red Cross. I will provide the appropriate contact shortly.

-Angela (from Chief Reed's computer)

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Kozak, Rebecca

Sent: Monday, December 5, 2016 11:59 AM

**To:** <u>Deloach Reed, Teresa</u>; <u>Robinson Pinon, Angela C</u> **Subject:** delivery of hot beverages to the scene

An unidentified lady called to say she wants to deliver coffee/tea from Peets; left voice mail left lady to lady't call her back (nor did I call back the Coca Cola man). What do we do with these calls? Are you accepting donations of food, etc.? Where are deliveries being made?

## Rebecca Kozak

Executive Assistant to Teresa Deloach Reed, Fire Chief Oakland Fire Department 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, #3354 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 238-4080

From:

@redcross.org>

Sent: To:

Wednesday, December 14, 2016 11:20 AM Robinson Pinon, Angela C; NCCR Public Affairs

Subject:

RE: Oakland Ballet Director...

I have forwarded to the appropriate contacts within the Red Cross.

Thank you!

24-hour media hotline:

855-559-0333 or 4

From: Robinson Pinon, Angela C [mailto:ARobinsonPinon@oaklandnet.com]

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 11:08 AM

To:

Subject: FW: Oakland Ballet Director...

Good morning,

I received this donation offer from the Oakland Ballet, via one of OFD's arson investigators, I have circulated it to the appropriate contacts in OFD, but wanted to pass this along to the Red Cross as well, since they are providing support to the victim's families.

Respectfully,

Angela

From: Sabatini, Maria

Sent: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 9:17 AM

To: Robinson Pinon, Angela C < ARobinsonPinon@oaklandnet.com >

Subject: Oakland Ballet Director...

Hi Angela,

I bet you're as busy as me, but do you have time to deal with this, or want to:...

The artistic director of the Oakland Ballet, Graham Lustig, wants to offer free tickets to first responders and victim's families for performances of The Nutcracker this weekend. I don't have time to deal with his messages. His number is 732-690-7901

Thanks, Maria

# Maria Sabatini

Fire/Arson Investigator
Oakland Fire Department
250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza Suite 3341
Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 238-4031 Office (510) 238-4033 Fax

From:

White, Darin

Sent:

Saturday, December 10, 2016 3:19 PM

To:

Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Subject:

RE: Oakland Fire Victims Donations



American Red Cross handled many of the donations that came for first responder personnel during the 31st Ave Fire and recovery operations. I am aware of the City's website that sought donations for the victims' families: youcare. com or you caring. com.

I have included Angela Robinson Pinon (the OFD Chief Of Staff) in hopes that she may be able to provide you with pertinent information that I don"t currently have.

Thanks for your thoughtful deeds and kind words as our personnel and the city recover from this tragic event. Please know that we officially refer to this incident as the 31 st Ave Fire as opposed to the Ghost Ship warehouse fire.

Have a Blessed Holiday season.

Darin

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S® 6, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message ----

Date: 12/10/16 11:46 AM (GMT-08:00)

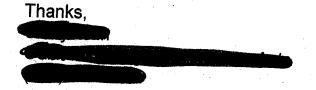
To: "White, Darin" <DWhite@oaklandnet.com>
Subject: Fwd: Oakland Fire Victims Donations

### Hello Chief White -

I realize that you are very busy, and it has been a difficult and challenging week for the Oakland Fire Department. I offer my personal condolences to all OFD personnel involved. Oakland Firefighters Random Acts has received many generous donations through the 'Donate Now' button on our website as a result of the Ghost Ship warehouse fire. Most of the donors simply want to support Oakland Firefighters and the Random Acts program. But, some of the donors designate that they would like their donation to go to the victims of the fire. I also receive inquiries, such as the one below, asking where to bring donations of clothing, toiletries and supplies. Does OFD have a contact to a source

that is receiving offers of monetary and non-monetary donations for the victims where the donations can be assured of actually getting to the victims? Should I refer the donors with supplies to contact the Red Cross? If so, do you have a contact with the Red Cross that is receiving and distributing supplies to the victims?

Please don't hesitate to contact me if Oakland Firefighters Random Acts can help in any way.



----- Forwarded Message -----

Subject: Oakland Fire Victims Donations

Date: Sat, 10 Dec 2016 18:31:34 +0000

From: Tod

Site

Name

**Email** 

Subject

Oakland Fire Victims Donations

Message

Hello, I own a small business in Oakland and have been collecting donations of

clothing, toiletires, and supplies to give to the victims. Where can we bring the

donations?

Sent from (ip address):

Date/Time:

December 10, 2016 6:31 pm

Sent from (referer):

Using (user agent):

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like Gecko) Version/10.0 Mobile/14B100 Safari/602.1

No virus found in this message.

Checked by AVG - www.avg.com

Version: 2016.0.7924 / Virus Database: 4728/13570 - Release Date: 12/10/16

From:

Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Sent:

Monday, December 05, 2016 10:12 AM

To:

West, Jacquelin

Cc:

Fire Dispatch; Hoffmann, Mark; White, Darin; Drayton, Melinda; Kozak, Rebecca

Subject:

Re: Phone Call - Piedmont Fire - Request to bring Food to Scene

I will be at the scene around 10:30 and can assist as well. My cell is

Angela C. Robinson Piñon Chief of Staff to Teresa Deloach Reed, Fire Chief Oakland Fire Department

On Dec 5, 2016, at 10:10 AM, West, Jacquelin < <a href="mailto:JMWest@oaklandnet.com">JMWest@oaklandnet.com</a> wrote:

Supervisor Walker,

Hello. Per Angela, please share w/Piedmont Fire: Ok to go incident, meet with Red Cross members in Wendy's parking lot for further direction.

Jacquelin West Assistant to Deputy Chief Darin White Assistant to Deputy Chief Mark Hoffmann (US&R) Oakland Fire Department (510) 238-4084 (phone)

From: West, Jacquelin

Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 9:49 AM

To: Robinson Pinon, Angela C < ARobinson Pinon @oaklandnet.com >

Cc: Hoffmann, Mark < MHoffmann@oaklandnet.com >; White, Darin < DWhite@oaklandnet.com >; Drayton, Melinda < MDrayton@oaklandnet.com>; Kozak, Rebecca (RKozak@oaklandnet.com)

< RKozak@oaklandnet.com>

Subject: Phone Call - Piedmont Fire - Request to bring Food to Scene

Importance: High

Angela,

Morning. FDC (Supervisor Walker x4036) received a call from Piedmont Fire wanting to deliver food/drinks to first responders at scene this morning. Please advise and let FDC know...

Thank you.

Jacquelin West Assistant to Deputy Chief Darin White Assistant to Deputy Chief Mark Hoffmann (US&R) Oakland Fire Department

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Sent:

Monday, December 05, 2016 10:11 AM

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Fire Dispatch

Cc:

Hoffmann, Mark; White, Darin; Drayton, Melinda; Kozak, Rebecca; Robinson Pinon,

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From:

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Sent:

Monday, December 05, 2016 10:15 AM

To:

Fire Dispatch

Cc:

Hoffmann, Mark; White, Darin; Drayton, Melinda; Kozak, Rebecca; Robinson Pinon,

Angela C

Subject:

RE: Phone Call - Piedmont Fire - Request to bring Food to Scene

FDC,

Note, Angela will be available to assist around 1030 hours. Should you need to contact her,

Thank you.

Jacquelin West
Assistant to Deputy Chief Darin White
Assistant to Deputy Chief Mark Hoffmann (US&R)
Oakland Fire Department
(510) 238-4084 (phone)

From: West, Jacquelin

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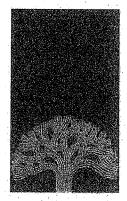
From: Sent:

Subject:

Hamilton, Harry

Sunday, December 04, 2016 3:13 PM

Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 3:00 pm



City of OAKLAND California

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 4, 2016

# Update from the City of Oakland on the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire at 3:00 p.m.

As of 2:30 p.m., on Sunday, December 4, the number of victims located is now 33. Seven of the victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified.

The District Attorney's Office has activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners.

The focus of our efforts remains the recovery of victims. To ensure the safety of the first responders, more shoring has been placed to secure the collapsed sections of the building. This will allow first responders to safely proceed with the recovery process. Personnel from the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Police Department, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Oakland Public Works Department continued the painstaking work of recovering the bodies from the scene of the fire. At this time, about 30 percent of the building has been searched.

Oakland Fire Department is currently working with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, Oakland Police Department, Alcohol Tobacco and Fire, CAL OSHA, Alameda County Search and Rescue and the American Red Cross to continue the recovery effort and conduct the investigation into the cause of this deadly fire.

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The public may access the latest updated information on the City's website at oaklandnet.com or at (510) 238-2181. Please do not contact the Alameda

# County Coroner's Bureau unless you believe a family member may be a victim of the fire.

In the coming days, after the recovery phase is completed, our focus will shift to a thorough investigation of what occurred. We are committed to bringing every resource to bear to determine what happened here and how such a tragic event could have occurred. Our priority is to bring closure to this tragedy for the victims' families.

#### **Background**

A three-alarm fire broke out on Friday, December 2, at 11:32 p.m. at 1315 31st Avenue in Oakland. The fire has resulted in a terrible tragedy.

The badly damaged building has required shoring, and first responders had begun retrieving the deceased. The roof of the building collapsed onto the second floor which has complicated the process of recovery effort. This recovery will be undertaken in a methodical and thorough process in a humane and compassionate manner to ensure that the victims are recovered and identified, and to make sure their families have this information as expeditiously as possible.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office will be managing the victim identification process and working with the Oakland Police Department to provide additional updates.

The last permitted use of the building was as a warehouse. On November 13, 2016, the City of Oakland received complaints of blight and unpermitted interior construction at the building. On November 17, 2016, a City building inspector visited the property and verified the blight complaint, but could not gain access to the building to confirm the other complaint regarding unpermitted construction. This is an ongoing investigation.

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From: Sent:

**Subject:** 

Hamilton, Harry

Sunday, December 04, 2016 6:02 PM

Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 5:30 p.m.



City of OAKLAND California

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 4, 2016

# Update from the City of Oakland on the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire at 5:30 p.m.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau has provided the City of Oakland the names of the eight (8) victims that have been positively identified as having perished in the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire. One of the seven victims is a 17-year-old minor whose name will not be released. The victims' families have been notified.

The six identified victims are:
Cash Askew, 22, Oakland, Calif.
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Nick Gomez-Hall, 25, Coronado, Calif.
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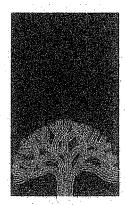
Subject:

Hamilton, Harry

Saturday, December 03, 2016 7:37 PM

DL - Internal Media

Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 6:30 p.m.



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## News from: Office of the City Administrator

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 3, 2016

# Update from the City of Oakland on the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire at 6:30 p.m.

A three-alarm fire broke out on Friday, December 2, at 11:32 p.m. at 1315 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue in Oakland. The fire has resulted in a terrible tragedy.

There are nine confirmed casualties. As of 4:30 p.m., all nine people who were initially located have been recovered and transported to the Coroner's Bureau for identification.

We are working on compiling an accurate list of those who are unaccounted for. Fortunately, a number of people who were initially reported as missing have been located.

At this time, the combined efforts of the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Police Department and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office are focused on search for and recovery of victims and providing support to the families. For most of the day and evening, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf spoke with families of the victims and continues to offer them our deepest sympathies.

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**Editor's Note:** The next update briefing will be held at 8 a.m. on Sunday, December 4, at International Boulevard and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

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11th Best Large City to Live in - WalletHub, July 2016

Oakland MSA Ranked 3rd Best Place for Tech Careers - Value Penguin, June 2016

Oakland is the most diverse large city in the U.S. - WalletHub, May 2016

From: Sent:

Subject:

Hamilton, Harry

Sunday, December 04, 2016 9:35 AM

Release: Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 8:00 a.m.



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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 4, 2016

# Update from the City of Oakland on the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire at 8:00 a.m.

[NOTE: The next media briefing will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, December 4, at International Boulevard and 31st Avenue]

Personnel from the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Police Department, Alameda County Sheriff's Office and Oakland Public Works Department continued the painstaking work of recovering the bodies from the scene of the fire.

As of 8:00 a.m., 24 victims have been located and the Alameda County Coroner's Office is in the process of identifying the victims.

Oakland Fire Department is currently working with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, Oakland Police Department, Alcohol Tobacco and Fire, CAL OSHA, Alameda County Search and Rescue and the American Red Cross to continue the recovery effort and conduct the investigation into the cause of this deadly fire.

Personnel have created pathways through the debris, dividing the building into quadrants and removing debris by hand, bucket-by-bucket. This methodical and painstaking approach is important to respectfully remove the victims and carefully process the scene. At this time, about 20 percent of the building has been searched.

The recovery effort, hindered by the roof collapse, required a breach of the cinder block wall with heavy rescue equipment at approximately 10:00 p.m. last night. The debris removal process continued throughout the evening.

Three of the victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. Out of respect for the families, these names will not be released until later today.

The devastation of the scene has impacted the recovery personnel. The City has counseling services on-site to assist first responders and support teams.

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From: Sent:

Subject:

Hamilton, Harry

Monday, December 05, 2016 5:11 PM

Release: Update from the City of Oaklnad on the 31st Avenue Fire at 4:30 p.m.



City of OAKLAND California

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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 5, 2016

# Update from the City of Oakland on the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire at 4:30 p.m.

As of 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, the number of located and recovered victims is 36. Twenty-two victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. An additional 11 victims have been tentatively identified and three victims need scientific identification.

Today, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley shared the details of the launch of her office's criminal investigation into the fire. The District Attorney's Office has activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners. In the coming days, after the recovery phase is completed, our focus will shift to a thorough investigation of what occurred. We are committed to bringing every resource to bear to determine what happened here and how such a tragic event could have occurred. Our priority is to bring closure to this tragedy for the victims' families.

As District Attorney O'Malley highlighted, members of the victims' families may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP). For details on this and other victim services, please visit <a href="http://www.alcoda.org/victim\_witness/">http://www.alcoda.org/victim\_witness/</a>.

At a 2:30 p.m. media briefing, Alameda County Sheriff Ahern shared images of the inside of the building at 1315 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and recovery efforts undertaken. The images are available at <a href="http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061771">http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061771</a>.

The City of Oakland extends condolences to the families who have received the dreadful news that one of their loved ones perished in the fire. Previously, the names of seven (7) identified victims were released. They include:

Cash Askew, 22, Oakland, Calif. David Cline, 24, Oakland, Calif. Nick Gomez-Hall, 25, Coronado, Calif. Sara Hoda, 30, Walnut Creek, Calif. Travis Hough, 35, Oakland, Calif.

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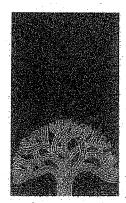
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**OPD** Media

Monday, December 05, 2016 10:09 PM

**OPD** Media

Today's Press Releases from the City of Oakland - 05 Dec 16



City of OAKLAND California

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News from: City of Oakland

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 5, 2016

# Ten Additional Victims of 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire Identified by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Bureau

The next media availability will be at 6:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Of the 36 victims who perished in the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Fire, 22 victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. An additional 10 victims have been tentatively identified and three victims need scientific identification.

At this time, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office's Coroner's Bureau has provided the names of 10 additional positively identified victims of the 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue fire. They include:

Em Bohlka, 33, Oakland, Calif.

Micah Danemayer, 28, Oakland, Calif.

Chelsea Dolan, 33, San Francisco, Calif.

Justin Fritz, 29, Berkeley, Calif.

Alex Ghassan, 35, Oakland, Calif.

Michela Gregory, 20, South San Francisco, Calif.

Edmund Lapine, 34, Oakland, Calif.

Jennifer Morris, 21, Foster City, Calif.

Benjamin Runnels, 32, Oakland, Calif.

Jennifer Kiyomi Taouye, 31, Oakland, Calif.

The victims' families have been notified. The City of Oakland extends condolences to the families who have received the dreadful news that one of their loved ones perished in the fire.

Previously, the names of seven (7) identified victims were released. They include:

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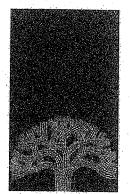
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During this tremendous time of loss and grief for the families and friends of the victims, the City of Oakland encourages the media to respect their need for privacy.

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## News from: City of Oakland

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 5, 2016

# Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire at 4:30 p.m.

As of 2:30 p.m. on Monday, December 5, the number of located and recovered victims is 36. Twenty-two victims have been positively identified and their families have been notified. An additional 11 victims have been tentatively identified and three victims need scientific identification.

Today, Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley shared the details of the launch of her office's criminal investigation into the fire. The District Attorney's Office has activated the criminal investigation teams and is actively looking at this with all of the other law enforcement partners. In the coming days, after the recovery phase is completed, our focus will shift to a thorough investigation of what occurred. We are committed to bringing every resource to bear to determine what happened here and how such a tragic event could have occurred. Our priority is to bring closure to this tragedy for the victims' families.

As District Attorney O'Malley highlighted, members of the victims' families may be eligible to receive financial assistance through the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP). For details on this and other victim services, please visit <a href="http://www.alcoda.org/victim\_witness/">http://www.alcoda.org/victim\_witness/</a>.

At a 2:30 p.m. media briefing, Alameda County Sheriff Ahern shared images of the inside of the building at 1315 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and recovery efforts undertaken. The images are available at <a href="http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061771">http://www2.oaklandnet.com/w/OAK061771</a>.

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OPD Media

Sent:

Saturday, December 03, 2016 11:49 AM

To:

**OPD Media** 

Subject:

Update: 31st Avenue Fire

#### For Immediate Release

December 3, 2016

#### **Update: 31st Avenue Fire**

The Oakland Police Department is supporting the Oakland Fire Department as they are conducting their investigation into the large structure fire at 1305 31st Avenue.

Per the Oakland Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed:

- There are nine (9) known fatalities from this incident.
- At this time, an assessment is still being made of any additional victims in association with this incident.
- The Alameda County Sheriff's Coroner's Bureau and Chief Forensic Pathologist are processing the scene.
- Alameda County Arson Task Force is currently on scene to assist with the investigation.
- We are also working with Federal partners to determine the cause of the fire and assist with the investigation moving forward.
- Due to structural damage from the fire, the ongoing investigation efforts and search for additional victims will be methodical and are anticipated to take some time.

The Alameda County Coroner's Bureau has established a Family Assistance Center in coordination with the American Red Cross, located at 2425 East 12th Street in Oakland. Family members and friends looking to locate loved ones may go to the center in person or call (510 382-3000. There will be grief counseling and resources available to families affected by this tragedy. We are requesting that only families and loved ones go to the Family Assistance Center and ask that media respect the privacy of families at this time.

The City of Oakland and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office have set up a joint command post at the corner of Fruitvale Ave. and International Blvd.

Public Information Officers will be providing hourly media updates throughout the day, on the hour. City officials will hold a news conference this afternoon at a location and time to be announced.

For updates on Twitter, stay tuned to @ACSOSheriffs and @oaklandpoliceca and the following hashtags: #oaklandfire #31stAvefire

Mayor Libby Schaaf issued the following statement:

"Last night's fire was an immense tragedy. I am grateful to our first responders for their efforts to deal with this deadly fire. Our focus right now is on the victims and their families and ensuring that we have a full accounting for everyone who was impacted by this tragedy.

"We are fully committed to sharing as much information as we can as quickly as possible. The most critical information to share at this time is the phone number where victims' families can get information which is (510) 382-3000 at the Alameda County Coroner's Bureau."

NOTE: Mayor Schaaf and other key officials will be made available later today. Media outlets will be updated as soon as possible on the time and location for this availability.

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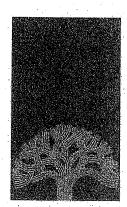
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OPD Media

Saturday, December 03, 2016 10:12 PM

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Update from the City of Oakland on the 31st Avenue Fire



City of OAKLAND
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News from: Office of the City Administrator

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We are working on compiling an accurate list of those who are unaccounted for. Fortunately, a number of people who were initially reported as missing have been located.

At this time, the combined efforts of the Oakland Fire Department, Oakland Police Department and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office are focused on search for and recovery of victims and providing support to the families. For most of the day and evening, Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf spoke with families of the victims and continues to offer them our deepest sympathies.

The badly damaged building has required shoring, and first responders have begun retrieving the deceased. The roof of the building collapsed onto the second floor which has complicated the process of recovery effort. This process will be undertaken in a methodical and thorough process in a humane and compassionate manner to ensure that the victims are recovered and identified, and to make sure their families have this information as expeditiously as possible.

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Oakland Fire Department is currently working with the Alameda County Sheriff's Department, Oakland Police Department, Alcohol Tobacco and Fire, CAL OSHA, Alameda County Search and Rescue and the American Red Cross to secure the

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From:

White, Darin

Sent:

Friday, December 16, 2016 3:00 PM

To:

DL - Fire Stations All shifts; DL - Fire Battalion Chiefs - ALL; Fire Dispatch

Cc:

Deloach Reed, Teresa; Hoffmann, Mark; Robinson Pinon, Angela C; McGehee, Stewart;

Eide, Cathey; Gist Skinner, Trinette; Trujillo, Miguel

Subject:

Words of Appreciation to All Members

#### Good afternoon all,

On December 2, 2016 the Oakland Fire Department responded to one of the most heartbreaking incidents that we as professionals may ever see in our community. Our firefighters did the absolute best that could be done given the unusual and insurmountable circumstances that would claim many lives at the 31<sup>st</sup> ave Fire. I commend each of you for the effort you made and am thankful that just a few sustained relatively minor injuries during the fire and the work that followed for the next several days. Immediately after the fire our members began the organized, methodical, difficult, and necessary work of debris removal and victim recovery.

For me personally it was a trying time as I simultaneously watched our personnel work tirelessly to help the families find closure with the recovery and identification of their lost loved ones, while catching occasional glimpses of news reports about the individuals who perished in the fire. However, through it all (like many of the members on scene) I witnessed our personnel work seamlessly together with our OFD administrative staff, Fire Dispatch Center staff, Emergency Management Services Division staff at the EOC, FPB staff, with mutual aid agencies, and vendors such as Bigge Crane and Balfour, the ALCO Sheriff's Office, OPD, ATF, American Red Cross, Public Works, the Fire Department Chaplain and so many others. The recovery effort was of particular interest to the media (and the victims' families) and our crews performed this work with admirable sensitivity and focus.

Early on, OFD senior and executive staff realized this event had the potential to cause physical and emotional duress to our members so the decision to obtain mutual aid assistance was made in part to provide us with more depth for an extended operational period and to offset the limited number of personnel that were available at the senior and executive staff levels. Myself and others were particularly concerned about the likelihood of our personnel having just fought the fire and then being required to return to the scene to perform debris removal and body recovery multiple times. We wanted to balance that reality with the expressed desire of our members who hadn't yet been assigned to help, and I hope that we eventually accomplished this as best we could.

While OFD, the City of Oakland, and the 31<sup>st</sup> ave Fire made worldwide headlines, this incident also showed the world that the Oakland Fire Department was a caring, compassionate, strong, capable, professional, and progressive organization made up of members who worked together silently and tirelessly! We may not be all things to everyone, but overall we do a damn great job at providing service to our community and I think any other agency would be hard pressed to rate their crews and their specialized response teams higher than ours. Simply put, we strive to provide excellent service and that was demonstrated, clearly. Because of your efforts during this difficult time, our local, state, national and international communities had a chance to watch our work ethic and get a glimpse into some of our organizational and individual hearts. I know I liked what I have and continue to see from our members and I am betting that they were impressed also.

This incident will be studied for years to come, and much like the Loma Prieta Earthquake, the Oakland Hills Fire, and other incidents that have previously impacted our community, we will recover from this too. I have no doubts that this is true. Our organization's first steps to recovery began at the fire, continued during the debris removal and victim recovery effort and will continue on in each of us daily as we progress through our careers and lives.

Again, I simply want to thank each of you with this e-mail and say once again that I appreciate all of you for doing your absolute best while making the Oakland Fire Department the proud and resilient agency that we have always been and will continue to be, especially when faced with adversity.

With my greatest appreciation and respect,

Darin White
Deputy Chief
Field Operations Bureau
Oakland Fire Department
(510)238-4052 office
(510) 755-7195 cell
dwhite@oaklandnet.com

#### City of Oakland Fire Department Emergency Management Services Division





# 31st Avenue Warehouse Fire

# **Updated Damage Estimate Report and Recovery**

#### Summary

#### **Executive Summary**

This recovery report reflects activities and actions taken up through Thursday, December 29, 2016. The following recovery plans include:

- Updated Initial Damage Estimate Report. As of December 29, 2016, force account labor summary reports and supporting documentation continues to be submitted by departments involved in the incident.
- Infrastructure Debris Removal. As of December 16, 2016, debris remains at the Oakport and OAK Airport debris location.
- Economic Development –SBA. The Ghost Ship Warehouse was reported as a total loss. As of December 23, 2016, Economic Development has confirmed that the Ghost Ship Warehouse had 25 residents. Eight (8) businesses suffered physical loss and at least eight (8) reported economic impact.
- Housing Short-Term Housing for Displaced Residents. As of December 23, 2016, the American Red Cross confirmed there were 25 displaced residents. The American Red Cross reports no rehousing needs have been requested.
- Health and Social Services. As of December 20, 2016, there are no direct unmet needs. The
  main issue for families is the economic hardship of a loss of income from having to take multiple
  days off work, including travel. The American Red Cross worked on travel assistance and
  developed a formula for how families will receive compensation from donations.
- ESF #17 Volunteer and Donations Management. Up through December 28, 2016, voluntary
  agencies including the American Red Cross collected monetary donations for assistance and
  relief to the victims and families of the fire. In addition, donations are being collected by the
  Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund, East Bay Community Foundation and Marshawn Lynch.
  - Oakland A's Community Fund collected \$546,230
  - American Red Cross made an initial distribution of \$368,000
  - The Gray Area Foundation raised \$704,033

The City of Oakland Emergency Management Services staff remains in communications with internal and external agencies involved with the recovery phase to obtain current status and supporting documentation.

From:

Trujillo, Miguel

Sent:

Friday, December 16, 2016 3:17 PM

To:

Sierra, Patricia

Cc:

Robinson Pinon, Angela C; Avila, Cesar

**Subject:** 

Re: URGENT - RE: Smoke Detector Donation

### Pat

I have already followed up with this today and mentioned to them that we already have these smoke detectors earmarked for next years outreach events including the district where this event will take place.

I done to Felicia to get information

I don't cc you on all emails because I know you are already inundated with emails and other requests and you can't follow up with each and every request

Miguel

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 16, 2016, at 3:08 PM, Sierra, Patricia < PSierra@oaklandnet.com > wrote:

# Fire Marshal Trujillo:

Please see the email string below that was sent to me earlier this morning. I am forwarding it to you for direction on how to proceed, and/or for you to response; whichever you prefer. I am also including our Chief of Staff in case she has had this type of inquiry before and may have knowledge of the Fire Chief's preferred method of responding to such.

In response to their request for fire extinguishers, the FPB have never provided or donated fire extinguishers to the public. We have in the past, provided fire extinguisher training to both public and private entities.

In response to the smoke alarms, as you are aware the Fire Department receives donations of smoke alarms from Kidde through their Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB). These smoke alarms are primarily distributed through a partnership program with the American Red Cross and other supporting organizations. While it was a practice in the distant past, we no longer give out smoke alarms to the public outside of this program, or other OFD sponsored public education events.

In the below email, the Special Assistant to the Mayor is requesting that we donate smoke alarms at an event sponsored by "a coalition of artists". This I believe, would not qualify as an OFD sponsored public education event. Further,

the distribution is being made to "Any person who lives or works in a warehouse or DIY space". I'm not sure the OFD would want to provide smoke alarms for distribution to persons living in a potentially illegal occupancy, possibly posing a variety of fire & life safety concerns. While I am sure the City and OFD want to support local community artists, I am concerned that perhaps the distribution of smoke alarms to members of the public in such living situations would offer a somewhat false sense of safety to the tenants and discourage them from seeking OFD assistance in the form of fire code inspections to determine actual living environment fire safety concerns.

As you can see, the event is scheduled for tomorrow (12/17/16) and the Mayor's Office is requesting an immediate response, so please advise if you will be handling this inquiry or how you want it handled.

Thank you,

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Ratricia & Sierra, M. A.

Fire Prevention & Support Services Bureau
Oakland Fire Department
510.238-3851 – main line
510.238.2911 – desk

My grandfather once told me, "There are two kinds of people, those who do the work and those who take the credit. Try to be in the first group; there is less competition there". - Indira Gandhi

From: Hunt, Michael

Sent: Friday, December 16, 2016 1:19 PM

To: Sierra, Patricia < PSierra@oaklandnet.com > Subject: FW: Smalle Batasia B

Subject: FW: Smoke Detector Donation

Importance: High

Hi Patricia.

Please see my note below to Josh Kaplan at C.O.R.E.

When he and I spoke, he mentioned that you may be the best option for finding out whether the Fire Prevention has any available detectors or extinguishers to donate for this event.

Please call if you have any questions, my cell is 510-967-7524 or my desk x7167.

Thanks, let me know at your earliest convenience.

Michael Hunt | Special Assistant | Office of Mayor Libby Schaaf | City of Oakland Office: 510-238-7167 | Cell: 510-967-7524 | Email: mhunt@oaklandnet.com

From: Hunt, Michael

**Sent:** Friday, December 16, 2016 12:54 PM

To: Kaplan, Josh

**Subject:** Smoke Detector Donation

Importance: High

Hey Josh,

On Saturday, December 17 from 9 am to 11 am at 2600 Magnolia Street in Oakland, a coalition of artists will be distributing free fire extinguishers and smoke detectors. Any person who lives or works in a warehouse or DIY space and who that is in need of extinguishers to make their space safe is encouraged to attend.

The mayor's office would like to know whether CORE has any detectors/extinguishers to donate for this event.

In the wake of the Ghost Ship fire, the DIY community has experienced intense scrutiny around the issue of safety. In response, artists and allies have and will continue to rise to the occasion, keeping our communities safe and preserving our function as creative underground community builders.

When you have a moment today, let me know if this is something you all can support us on? Thanks!

Michael Hunt | Special Assistant | Office of Mayor Libby Schaaf | City of Oakland Office: 510-238-7167 | Cell: 510-967-7524 | Email: <a href="mailto:mhunt@oaklandnet.com">mhunt@oaklandnet.com</a>

# Kozak, Rebecca From: Cox, Karen Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 8:42 AM To: Sierra, Patricia Subject: Fwd: Smoke Alarm Installation, Montclair Is this what they are requesting, I have about 4 additional emails after Dec Karen L. Cox **Public Education Coordinator** (510) 238 - 7255 desk (510) 755-5814 Begin forwarded message: From: ' @redcross.org> Date: December 6, 2016 at 8:02:55 PM PST Cc: "kcox@oaklandnet.com" <kcox@oaklandnet.com> Subject: RE: Smoke Alarm Installation, Montclair Hi• I am quite busy supporting the fire response in Oakland, but I haven't forgotten about you! We may need to reschedule, but a member of my team is working on getting a complete team together to visit you on Friday. I hope to get back to you by tomorrow with confirmation, one way or the other. Thanks for your patience. **Disaster Cycle Services**

Alameda & Contra Costa Counties

American Red Cross | Northern California Coastal Region



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Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 5:19 PM	
To: @redcross.org>	
Cc: kcox@oaklandnet.com	
Subject: Re: Smoke Alarm Installation, Montclair	
Hi,	
Just wondering if you've been able to confirm the installation date for	Dec. 9. I'm wondering if
you're busy helping with the aftermath of the warehouse fire in Oaklar	
Thanks,	
On Dec 2, 2016, at 12:01 AM,	· wrote:
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Thanks again for your help.
I think it's best if you call or text me on my cell phone #

On Dec 1, 2016, at 3:06 PM,

wrote:

Hi

Thanks for your replies!

No need to change your maintenance appointment on the 6<sup>th</sup>- I'm working on confirming an installation team for the date of December 9<sup>th</sup>.

I'll be in touch again by the beginning of next week, ideally with a start time and date confirmed. Is there a good phone number where I can reach you?

Thank you,

From: [mailto:

Sent: Friday, November 18, 2016 3:09 PM

To: @redcross.org>

Cc: kcox@oaklandnet.com
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Hi, **200** 

I set up an appointment to fix my Honda's passenger air bags on Tuesday morning, Dec. 6 at 9:30 am in El Cerrito. I can change it if necessary. Please let me know if I need to do that.

Thanks,

On Nov 17, 2016, at 10:25 PM,

> wrote

Hi,

Thank you for contacting me.

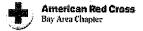
I can meet with you anytime (morning or afternoon) from Tuesday, December 6 through Friday, December 9. I bought 5 new Kidde 10-year battery life smoke alarms, which I am hoping you can install in the best places. If possible, I need someone to remove the bases from 2 smoke alarms that are screwed too high up on a wall for me to reach.

On Nov 17, 2016, at 4:07 PM, @redcross.org wrote:

My name is from the American Red Cross- We work closely with the Oakland Fire Department in our Home Fire Preparedness Campaign program, which provides free smoke alarm installation and fire safety education. Karen Cox asked me to reach out to you for scheduling an appointment at your address of

I understand you will not be available until after December 1st-Would it be possible for an installation team to visit you sometime that first full week of December? (The 5th through 9th) Please provide me with a few dates and times (morning, afternoon) that would work best for you in December, and I will work on putting together a team to come out to your home. They will provide you with fire safety education regarding cooking, electrical and home heating safety, as well as doing an assessment of your home to identify the best places to install new smoke alarms with a 10-year battery life. Best regards,

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From:

Cox, Karen

Sent:

Tuesday, February 07, 2017 8:47 AM

To:

Sierra, Patricia

Subject:

Fwd: January 14th- Home Fire Preparedness

Karen L. Cox Public Education Coordinator (510) 238 - 7255 desk (510) 755-5814

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From: " < @redcross.org>

Date: December 19, 2016 at 3:55:42 PM PST

To: "'kcox@oaklandnet.com'" <kcox@oaklandnet.com>

**Subject: January 14th- Home Fire Preparedness** 

## Karen,

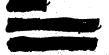
I hope everything is going well.

I'm just reaching out to see how many requests you may have in your queue for households requesting smoke alarms installations- I believe we'd discussed my thinking for a wider net event on January 14<sup>th</sup> to satisfy requests like these, and there's additional interest from some corporate partners who'd like to have their staff volunteer on installation teams.

I'm being asked to give an estimate on how many homes we think we could reach- and I have kept a short list of people we've missed on previous events, along with some phone calls that are in the queue. Any additional names/addresses you can provide would be helpful!

I'll be working up until the 29<sup>th</sup>, so if there's any chance for us to connect before or between the holidays, please feel free to reach out.

Thank you,



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From:

Cox, Karen

Sent:

Tuesday, February 07, 2017 8:45 AM

To:

Sierra, Patricia

Subject:

Fwd: Smoke Detector Request

Karen L. Cox Public Education Coordinator (510) 238 - 7255 desk (510) 755-5814

# Begin forwarded message:

From: "@redcross.org>

**Date:** January 20, 2017 at 4:40:27 PM PST **To:** "Cox, Karen" < <a href="mailto:KCox@oaklandnet.com">KCox@oaklandnet.com</a> **Subject: RE: Smoke Detector Request** 

Will do, Karen- Have a wonderful vacation!

Best,



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From: Cox, Karen [mailto:KCox@oaklandnet.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:30 PM

To: @redcross.org>

Subject: RE: Smoke Detector Request

Hi A

Just let me know how they will be moving forward and do I need to contact Oakland Black Fire Fighters & Bay EMT. I will be on vacation beginning Saturday 1/21 returning 2/1 or later.

Talk to you soon.

Karen L. Cox

**Public Education Coordinator** 

250 Frank Ogawa Plaza

Oakland, CA 94612

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From: I

· [mailto:

@redcross.org]

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Cox, Karen < KCox@oaklandnet.com >
Subject: Re: Smoke Detector Request

Karen,

Sorry for following up so late- I was never able to confirm a Thursday meeting on our end. Since this is a larger effort, I believe our CEO will be speaking with the Chief about the idea and approach for outreach in Fruitvale. There are still some details I need to get caught up on as well.

Best,

Sent from my BlackBerry 10

From: Cox, Karen

Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 7:57 AM

To:

**Subject:** FW: Smoke Detector Request

Hi .

Could you follow up on this referral. Also what day are we meeting to discuss future alarm installation sorry but I've been out of sorts for the past month.

**Thanks** 

Karen L. Cox

**Public Education Coordinator** 

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From: Lightfoot, Charleton

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2017 1:35 PM **To:** Cox, Karen < <u>KCox@oaklandnet.com</u>> **Subject:** Smoke Detector Request

Karen,

I went into this house yesterday as I worked at station 26. There is a 97 year old lady that lives here, and there was no sign of a working smoke detector in this 1200 sq.ft home.

Name:

Address: Quality , Oakland CA

Phone:

Respectfully submitted,

Charleton D. Lightfoot Sr, MPA

**Oakland Fire Department** 

**Engineer of Fire** 

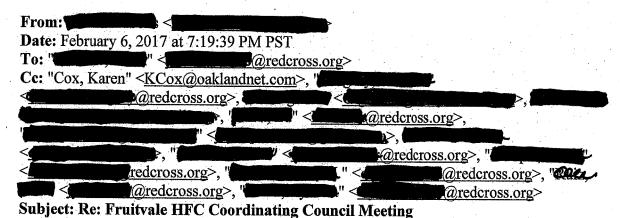
# From: Cox, Karen

Sent: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 8:44 AM
To: Sierra, Patricia

Subject: Fwd: Fruitvale HFC Coordinating Council Meeting

Karen L. Cox Public Education Coordinator (510) 238 - 7255 desk (510) 755-5814

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I'm blocking the entire time slot. Let me know which time is best. I'll see you then.

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Thank you for your response Karen. To All, please select a time slot with your availability for a two hour meeting between 9:30am-1pm on Friday, February 10th.

Best,

Disaster Program Manager Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

On Feb 6, 2017, at 3:17 PM, Cox, Karen < KCox@oaklandnet.com > wrote:

Hi didn't see a time for the meeting on Friday.

Karen L. Cox

Public Education Coordinator 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 238-7255 desk (510) 755-5814 cell

From: ( | mailto: @redcross.org Sent: Monday, February 6, 2017 2:50 PM @redcross.org>; redcross.org>; @redcross.org>; Cox. Karen < KCox@oaklandnet.com> Cc: d @redcross.org>; @redcross.org>; **d** @redcross.org>; @redcross.org> Subject: Fruitvale HFC Coordinating Council Meeting Greetings All, I have reached out most of you regarding the formation of a leadership team to help shepherd the Fruitvale Home Fire Preparedness Campaign. We are in the process of convening a Coordinating Council that would help steer the vision and scope of the Prepare Fruitvale Campaign efforts. We would like to have our first introductory meeting to discuss this council's role and responsibility this Friday, February 10th at the Oakland office. Please let me know if this date and time works. Your leadership and experience as a collective is vital to the direction and depth of impact we may be able to have on reaching as many families as possible in the most relevant and meaningful way. Please note-I may be slow in responding to your message, as I will be away from the office at a work retreat from Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>returning to the office on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. on this email, will be fielding any immediate questions or concerns you may have. This is an exciting and ambitious initiative, I look forward to our work together. Thank You, Disaster Program Manager **Alameda and Contra Costa Counties** Northern California Coastal Region American Red Cross 24 Hour Dispatch (866) 272-2237

From:

@redcross.org>

Sent:

Saturday, December 03, 2016 7:47 AM

To:

Deloach Reed, Teresa

Subject:

Oakland Fire

Teresa,

I know you're team must be so busy right now and I can't imagine the toll a large multi-fatality like this must take. I just wanted to reach out and let you know our team is ready to expand our efforts or be of assistance in any way. Don't hesitate to call



Sent from my iPhone

# Kozak, Rebecca From: Sent: To: Deloach Reed, Teresa; Cc: Subject: Board Update

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had an amazing New Years and have started the year off well. Before I share a few updates I wanted to take a few moments to share a very uplifting fundraising update. I am thrilled to share that our community and donors continued their support through the end of the calendar year and we are currently on pace to meet our mid-year goal of just over \$10M. In addition to several large six figure gifts from Google, Apple, and additional generous foundations; I am also honored to share some truly incredible and humbling news.

As many of you know, Deedee Seymour was a long serving board member, BOG representative, and true Red Cross leader here in the Bay Area. Ms. Seymour passed away earlier this year (this link is to her memoriam posted on RedCross.org) and I know many of you were present for her memorial service. This past week we confirmed a truly significant gift from her estate in the amount of \$11.4 million! Half of this amazing gift has been designated for the Bay Area Chapter and half for the Disaster Relief Fund. Over the coming weeks we will be working to determine the most appropriate way to honor Ms. Seymour and her family and I would ask that if any board members would like to participate in leading that process to please let myself or Samantha know as soon as possible. What a tremendous inspiration and legacy to our mission and her dedication and leadership!

# **Flooding Preparedness**

As you are probably aware many parts of California expected to receive heavy rains and potential flooding. Predictions are comparing potential impacts to the damaging storm of 1997. Our teams have been busy this week preparing resources and setting plans in place to respond should something happen across the chapter and region. Additionally, our government partners have been sharing critical information and resources

(sandbags, etc.) in vulnerable communities. All that work is pointless, however, if we as individuals and families are prepared! The time is NOW to ensure you have at least 72 hours' worth of emergency supplies, have reviewed critical flood risk information (turn around don't drown, etc.), and have a plan with your family should something happen. http://www.recross.org/prepare can make this possible!

# **Local Responses**

Over the past few weeks, our teams have responded to several significant fires. Just in the last few days, local volunteers responded to six home fires in Antioch, Concord, Oakland, San Leandro and this one in Vallejo, assisting a total of 27 adults and 16 children with emotional support and financial assistance for emergency housing, food and clothing needs. <a href="http://kron4.com/2017/01/03/7-adults-8-pets-displaced-in-vallejo-house-fire/">http://kron4.com/2017/01/03/7-adults-8-pets-displaced-in-vallejo-house-fire/</a>

# **GhostShip Fire Update**

As you know, in the initial days following this tragic fire, our Red Cross team provided initial financial support to those impacted from Red Cross Disaster Relief funds. Those funds were used for lodging, clothing, food, and incidentals. At the suggestion of the City of Oakland, the Oakland A's requested the assistance of the Red Cross to provide a financial pass-through for their Oakland Fire Relief Fund to those impacted. To date, \$531,779 has been transferred from this fund and is currently being distributed directly to those impacted. As of December 28th, I am proud to share that the team has successfully distributed more than \$425,000 of this fund and is working closely with those displaced or injured and the families of the deceased to ensure 100% distribution of the remaining funds. In the coming days we will confirm the final distribution of funds with our partners.

Looking forward we are also in the early stages of planning a significant push to provide preparedness education and resources across the Fruitvale neighborhood. We are identifying key partners and resources now and will look to share more very soon!



# **Upcoming Events**

- Alameda and Contra Costa Holiday Party On January 8 @ 2:30pm our volunteers and staff will celebrate together at the Joaquin Miller Community Center (3594 Sanborn Dr, Oakland). We hope to see you there!
- MLK Home Fire Campaign Events On January 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be conducting HFC events in both San Francisco and Oakland and would love to see you there! If you are interested in joining us, please let us know and we will make sure you have all the

Have a great weekend and please let me know if you have any questions.

Northern California Coastal Region American Red Cross

From:

Deloach Reed, Teresa

Sent:

Wednesday, January 04, 2017 8:39 PM

To:

Robinson Pinon, Angela C; Hoffmann, Mark; White, Darin; Eide, Cathey; Gist Skinner,

Trinette; Trujillo, Miguel; McGehee, Stewart

Cc:

Lara, Sonia; Lipp, Robert; Harvey, Carlos; West, Jacquelin; Kozak, Rebecca

Subject: RE: Pro Bono Counseling Services.

Angela

Please forward to the Red Cross

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Robinson Pinon, Angela C

Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 4:36 PM

To: Deloach Reed, Teresa; Hoffmann, Mark; White, Darin; Eide, Cathey; Gist Skinner, Trinette; Trujillo, Miguel; McGehee,

Cc: Lara, Sonia; Lipp, Robert; Harvey, Carlos; West, Jacquelin; Kozak, Rebecca

Subject: FW: Pro Bono Counseling Services

Greetings:

I received this email, and thought that I should share the information provided.

Respectfully,

Angela

From: 31st Avenue Fire - Oakland

Sent: Wednesday, January 04, 2017 4:05 PM

To: 31st Avenue Fire - Oakland <31stAveFire@oaklandnet.com>

Subject: Pro Bono Counseling Services

The Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services (ACBHCS) extends our deepest condolences to the loved ones affected by the 31st Avenue Warehouse Fire in Oakland, CA. In the last several weeks, many providers have reached out to us about their availability to help support families on their difficult journey of healing. Attached is a list of counselors who have informed the ACBHCS that they are offering pro bono counseling services to the loved ones affected by the fire in Oakland. These services are located throughout California including Los Angeles, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Sonoma, and Alameda counties.

This information is being provided solely for informational purposes. The counselors are not employees of ACBHCS, nor has ACBHCS contracted with these individuals to provide such services. ACBHCS makes no representations, warranties, or guarantees about the counselors, their qualifications, or the services that they may provide.

Please reach out to your county's crisis line at any time should you need immediate help.