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No “Sideshow” activity in the City of Oakland during the Fourth of July weekend

(Oakland, CA) Due to the outstanding efforts of the Oakland Police Department combined with the California Highway Patrol, there was no “Sideshow” activity in the City of Oakland during the Fourth of July weekend. The Oakland Police Department, with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol, conducted a nighttime cruising “Sideshow” abatement operation. The focus of the operation was zero-tolerance enforcement of DUI, reckless driving, exhibitions of speed, and unlicensed operation.

Oakland Police Chief Richard Word says he is frustrated by the years long problem and is committed to finding a solution. “We intend to keep the pressure on those who engage in illegal sideshow activity through redeployment of officers, not on an overtime basis.”

During the weekend operation, officers made 15 DUI arrests, 13 misdemeanor arrests, and 6 felony arrests which included the recovery of a pistol-grip shotgun and a .45 caliber pistol taken from a potential robbery team. Officers also towed 73 vehicles and gave 158 citations.

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