Oakland Police Department
Officer Involved Shooting
March 21, 2009

OIS Initial Assessment - as of March 22, 2009
Facts and circumstances may change as more information becomes available
Assistant Sheriff M. R. Hillmann
Killed in the Line of Duty
EOW – March 21, 2009

Sergeant Mark Dunakin
40 years, 18 years OPD
Traffic Motor Officer

Sergeant Ervin Romans
43 years, 13 years OPD
SWAT

Sergeant Daniel Sakai
35 years, 9 years OPD
SWAT

Officer John Hege
41 years

A fifth unidentified OPD Officer
wounded - treated and released from
Highland Hospital
Lovelle Mixon, 26 years, Parolee/San Francisco; Convicted of assault with a deadly weapon stemming from armed robbery in San Francisco; Served six years in Corcoran State prison; Served additional 9 months after violation of parole. Married childhood girlfriend (Amora Langston) while in prison;
Summary...

• **1308 hours**
  - Motor officers initiated a "routine" traffic stop of a 1995 Buick in the 7400 block of MacArthur Boulevard in East Oakland - Adjacent to Eastmont Town Center.

• **1315 hours**
  - Reports of “Officers Down” - Sgt. Dunakin – KIA – shout in neck/Officer Hege – wounded shot in head. (NOTE: Dunakin family lives in Aliso Viejo and was assisted to airport by OCSD personnel)

• **1530 hours**
  - OPD, Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, BART Police and CHP conducted search.
  - Officers received anonymous tip - gunman inside a nearby apartment building - 74th Avenue near Hillside Street.
  - After repeated attempts to communicate with Mixon - OPD SWAT team entered apartment to clear and search - gunman opened fire.
  - Two members of the SWAT team killed - a third officer grazed by a bullet - SWAT Sergeants Sakai/Romans – KIA – assault rifle; SWAT Officer - grazed
• Suspect’s location - Two bedroom apartment (74th Avenue/Hillside Street)
  – 16 year old Reynete Mixon (sister) inside apartment
  – Did not see/hear brother come into apartment
  – Heard loud noises and saw police officers enter location
  – Police used “flash bangs” – shredded pajama bottoms and caused legs to bleed.
  – Reynete Mixon ran out of apartment.
  – Mixon hiding in closet, shot through door with (unknown) “assault rifle”.
  – Shot SWAT officers in rear and during entry – SWAT did extraction of downed officers.
  – Mixon subsequently shot and killed by SWAT
Miscellaneous Facts...

- Traffic Stop (Lovelle Mixon)
  - Stopped and provided possible fraudulent license to motor officer.
  - Waited in car momentarily, got out and walked back to officers.
  - Shot both in head with 9mm handgun – fled area.

- Apartment
  - Utilized assault rifle (possible AK-47) during barricade – shot through walls.
  - Shot and killed two SWAT personnel and a fifth officer shot – through and through wounds.
Tension between police and community elevated due to fatal shooting of unarmed 22 year old Oscar Grant (BART OIS, January 1, 2009).

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Officer Johannes Mehserle – pleaded not guilty to murder.

Preliminary Hearing scheduled – Monday March 23, 2009

Violent protests have erupted on streets of Oakland in weeks following Grant’s death further inflaming tensions
These are not criticisms, these are points to remember...

- No such thing as “Routine”
- Set up “cover” for yourself to re-deploy if necessary
- Don’t take your eyes off vehicle and subjects
- Conduct cursory searches when reasonable - officer safety
- Be mindful of “walk backs” – suspect having a weapon (both motor officers shot near their motorcycles)
- SWAT is just as vulnerable as any other entity within law enforcement
  - High caliber weapons
  - Strategies - Time – Talk – Tear Gas – Tactics
- Stay focused – the only easy day was yesterday!