

## MACRO Updates from January 23 to January 29, 2022

### **Staffing**

- The MACRO team began second round interviews for the 30 Community Intervention Specialist (CIS) and Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) openings on Thursday January 27, 2022.
  - Seventeen second round interviews were conducted by the end of the week.
- Thirty-five second round MACRO Field Crew interviews will continue into the following week and commence on Thursday, February 3, 2022, totaling 52 second round interviews.

### **Facilities & Equipment**

- The MACRO Leadership neared making final decisions to purchase the MACRO street vehicles. The vehicle costs are some of the largest infrastructure expenses for the program. The Oakland Fire Chief and Oakland City Administrator provided input this week and the MACRO team plans to finalize purchasing in the next couple weeks.

### **Communications**

- MACRO Leadership had a meeting with Brut Media to discuss background on the program and providing recent updates. The information shared can be found in these weekly updates.
- MACRO Leadership attended a communications meeting to further their understanding of the first responder and emergency communications used among public safety apparatuses regionally.

### **Training**

- The MACRO Program Manager attended Alameda County's Health Care for the Homeless De-escalation training on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. The training covered how to manage first responder responses to people in crisis to prevent those situations from getting worse, including how escalated minds operate, interpreting nonverbal cues in a crisis, de-escalation language, limit setting, managing fear, and what occurs behind escalating behavior. This training is an example of the training the MACRO team will undergo.
- The Medical Services Division held an overview meeting to loop in OFD's newest budget officer, as she will be assisting with the MACRO budgetary items and other MSD programs.

### **Advisory Board**

- The MACRO Team has extended the Advisory Board application to Wednesday, February 2, 2022. They continue to work with The Jeweled Legacy Group on aggregating and reviewing the submissions.
- Currently, 15 community members have applied to the advisory board.
- Please share the link and encourage with anyone who would be interested in participating to apply. The decision to extend the application period was to ensure that the MACRO program has adequate representation from residents within the MACRO pilot demonstration areas.
  - Application link: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MACRO\\_Advisory\\_Board](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MACRO_Advisory_Board)

## **Equipment**

- The MACRO Program received its specialized radios that the field crew will be using on the street. These radios are much like those used by other local first responders to maintain essential communications with dispatch, potential partnering municipalities, nearby ambulances, and during situations that require warm handoffs with local city partners.