

The following chart shows the accomplishments of the TETF (encompassing the last quarter of 2007):

Murder Suspects Arrested	13
Attempted Murder Suspects Arrested	7
Murders interrupted/prevented	3
Guns recovered during enforcement Stops	49
Homicide Cases cleared through arrest	13
Electronic Surveillance (Stingray) arrest	21

Other Performance Data:

Two members of the TETF were involved in vehicle collisions during this year (one ruled preventable and one ruled non-preventable). No members of the Homicide Section were involved in a vehicle collision during the year. No members discharged their firearm during this time period.

Three Internal Affairs Division complaints were filed against a member of the Homicide Section. One of the complaints was handled via informal resolution; the second complaint was closed via administrative closure while the third was handled as a Division Level Investigation (DLI). The DLI case is still under review, and no finding has been made. There were no patterns of “at-risk” behavior by this investigator.

During the year, all members of the Homicide Section have attended at least one of the monthly meetings of Families and Friends of Murdered Victims. Our participation and support for this important community support group has been well received by all of its members. In fact, enrollment in the group has increased significantly with our participation.

Plans and Goals:

We are encouraged by our success in 2007, and it is our goal to make 2008 an even more successful year by increasing our homicide clearance rate and assisting field units with the prevention and reduction of homicides in Oakland. To that end, we plan to interact and exchange ideas with other Homicide Sections in the State of California in the upcoming year. Our goal is to develop new strategies on improving witness cooperation and trust, which will improve our ability to solve homicide cases. Since many of our homicide witnesses are afraid and reluctant to come forward out of fear of retaliation, it is important to learn what other jurisdictions are doing to improve witness cooperation.

Over the last year, the Department has made great strides in improving Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) investigations. The Homicide Section will continue to work with the Internal Affairs Division, the District Attorney’s Office, and City Attorney’s Office to make our process as thorough and comprehensive as possible. During the year, the Homicide Section attended several line-ups to educate officers on the shooting investigation process and update them on current trends and case statuses. Officers were encouraged to ask questions and stop by the Homicide Section to improve communications.