

A gnarly wind-whipped Pacific storm lashed through the Bay Area on Monday, downing trees, flooding streets, provoking mudslides and generally inconveniencing the commuting workers who are still slogging to their jobs in the middle of this two-week holiday season.

And it's not supposed to get much better as the week goes along.

"It's going to be unsettled for the rest of the week," said meteorologist Bob Benjamin of the National Weather Service, which put out an urban and small-stream flood warning Monday. "There should be scattered showers with periods of heavier rain into the weekend. But we should have periods of sun breaking through."

On Monday, Benjamin said, a high-wind advisory was issued for Monterey and San Benito counties, with "gusts in excess of 60 miles an hour at the Salinas airport." Trees were blown over in



A wet black lab waits on a street in San Anselmo, where a flood alert was sounded early Monday.

Hollister, hitting nearby buildings.

The storm may eventually shift to the south, according to Paul Yeager, a meteorologist with Accu-

Weather.com, but new storms may develop over the next eight to 10 days, one toward the end of the week and another at the beginning

of next week.

In San Francisco on Monday, perhaps the best evidence of the

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1,607 drunken-driving arrests in crackdown

125 law enforcement agencies involved in holiday campaign

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Law officers in the Bay Area have arrested 1,607 people in the first 10 days of the annual holiday crackdown on drunken driving.

Since the campaign began Dec. 17, authorities from 125 law enforcement agencies have investigated 42 alcohol-related injury collisions and three DUI crashes that killed four people in Vacaville, Oakland and Novato.

Officials said Monday that the campaign has been a success so

far, but noted that arrest totals don't necessarily tell the whole story.

"If there's zero arrests, that means that public education is perfect," said Jan Ford, a spokeswoman for the DUI campaign. "If there's a lot of arrests, that means that enforcement is great. It's kind of a weird dichotomy."

Last year, Bay Area police arrested 3,312 people on suspicion of driving under the influence during the holiday campaign, which first began in 1974 when Santa Clara County ran its own program targeting impaired drivers.

As usual, the holidays proved to be especially busy for the officers charged with keeping the roads

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OAKLAND

City to settle sex suit against police officer for \$175,000

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The city of Oakland has agreed to pay \$175,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by a woman who alleged that a police officer coerced her into a sexual relationship over a four-year period.

Officer Sullivan Stallworth repeatedly threatened [redacted] from late 1998 to early 2003 and said he would harm her family "if she did not submit to his advances," claims her lawsuit filed in U.S.

District Court in San Francisco.

"Defendant Stallworth made sexual advances towards the plaintiff — sexual contact with her — despite her pleas that he stop his conduct, and did so under color of law," the suit said.

[redacted] first met the officer in 1998, when he investigated a crime in which she was a victim, said Jim Chanin, one of her attorneys.

"It was outrageous," he said Monday. "This shows the further need for policy reform. I feel it is

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JIM CHANIN, an attorney for plaintiff

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The city admitted no wrongdoing in settling the case last week,

Erica Harrold, spokeswoman for the Oakland city attorney, said Monday.

Stallworth remains on paid administrative leave pending an in-

vestigation by Oakland police internal affairs. His attorney did not return a call to comment.

Earlier this month, the city agreed to pay \$95,000 to Griselia Castaneda, 37, who accused Officer Frank Morrow Jr. of trying to force her to orally copulate with him on a remote Orinda road. Morrow has denied the allegations and has filed a federal civil-rights lawsuit against the city.

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