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Santa Cruz Police July 4, 2024, Overview

SANTA CRUZ, CA – The Santa Cruz Police Department is pleased to report that the city had no significant reported incidents of fire or acts of violence during the July 4th holiday.

The Santa Cruz Police Department was extremely busy and provided 100% full staffing for proactive enforcement of the citywide Safety Enhancement Zone.

Key Statistics for July 4th (24–Hour Period):

- Calls for Service: Santa Cruz Police responded to 300 calls for service.
- Arrests: 12 individuals were arrested for offenses including public intoxication, DUI, assault, and outstanding warrants.
- **Citations:** 20 citations were issued, primarily for fireworks violations, alcohol-related offenses, and traffic violations.

Overall, there were no significant acts of violence to report.

The high volume of visitors to Santa Cruz during the July 4th holiday led to considerable traffic congestion across the city. No major collisions were reported.

Fireworks violations impacted both Eastside and Westside neighborhoods. Officers responded directly to areas where aerial fireworks were seen and reported.

All available Santa Cruz Police and Fire resources were in service throughout our community.