



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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NEW YEAR'S EVE STATISTICS

The Santa Cruz Police Department used its entire staff of Police Officers and Community Service Officers to handle the anticipated crowds downtown and additional calls for service in the remainder of the city throughout New Year's Eve.

Crowds gathered for the City sponsored Countdown Celebration at the Town Clock where temperatures dipped to approximately 41 degrees. The Police Department estimated the crowd size at 7,000, down slightly from the 2011 estimate of 9,000.

Officers stayed busy throughout the downtown ensuring a safe New Year's Eve celebration for all.

Officers in the downtown made a total of 22 arrests: 21 of those arrests were for public intoxication. One arrest was for possession of narcotics. Officers issued a total of 31 citations: 24 of those citations were "Triple Fines" for alcohol possession, pursuant to the Safety Enhancement Zone.

Although the crowd size was smaller, arrest stats were up slightly from 2011. In 2011, Officers made 15 arrests and issued 24 citations.

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