



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: 12:01 a.m. Friday, July 3rd to 11:59 p.m. Sunday, July 5th

LOCATION: CITY OF SANTA CRUZ

TOPIC: 4th July Weekend Fireworks Prohibited -Triple Fines Penalties –Safety Enhancement Zone

INFORMATION:

Fireworks Prohibited – Violators Subject To Triple Fine Penalties – July 3-5, 2015 - Minimum Fine \$532

With thousands expected to visit Santa Cruz over the upcoming Independence Day holiday weekend, the Santa Cruz City Council has taken steps to ensure the City remains safe and clean for everyone. The Santa Cruz City Council has approved a citywide Safety Enhancement Zone from July 3rd to July 5th, 2015.

The Safety Enhancement Zone enacts “Triple Fines” for certain violations of the Municipal Code. With additional court costs, minimum fines will be \$532.

City of Santa Cruz limit map on following page.

The Santa Cruz Police Department will be actively seeking out and enforcing all violations that have been designated for triple fines under the Safety Enhancement Zone. Some of those violations include:

- Fireworks possession
- Possession of Open Containers or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places
- Graffiti
- Noise Violations
- Trespassing
- Conduct on Public Property
- Urinating/Defecating in Public

If you witness illegal fireworks being discharged or any of the violations listed above, the Santa Cruz Police Department strongly encourages you to call 9-1-1 immediately to report the incident. Our patrol teams will be busy, but we will respond to complaints of illegal fireworks. We ask that you are willing to assist us by identifying and signing a complaint against the person(s) responsible. This means the person in possession of the fireworks or the one responsible for putting flame to fuse. We also ask you be willing to testify in court, if necessary. With the increased fire danger this year, we are relying on our partnership with the community to keep us all safe this 4th of July.

For more information, click on the following links:

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/Home/Components/News/News/1925/36>

Thank you and have a safe Independence Day holiday weekend.

For additional information, contact: Joyce Blaschke

Phone: (831) 420-5844

Anonymous tips can also be sent to the police department through our Tip Line (831) 420-5995, or from our Website; www.santacruzpolice.com. Tipsters can also submit an anonymous tip via our smartphone app or from an SMS text. Visit our Website for instructions.

Map of Santa Cruz City Limits

Santa Cruz Citywide Safety Enhancement Zone from July 3rd to July 5th, 2015.

