



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: November 1, 2015

TOPIC: 2015 Santa Cruz Halloween Stats

INFORMATION:

An estimated 18,000 to 20,000 people converged on downtown Santa Cruz to celebrate Halloween last night. This event has become the largest single informal gathering in the city. Throughout the Halloween day and evening, the Santa Cruz Police Department deployed over 175 uniformed personnel to patrol the downtown and remainder of city streets. From 8:00 AM on October 31st through 8:00 AM on November 1st, we handled **423 calls for service**.

Overall downtown Santa Cruz, arrests were down and citations were up from 2014. The following provides an overview of the night's statistic.

The Downtown Deployment reported the following activity:

27 Arrests

20 for public intoxication

73 Citations Issued

40 were for Triple Fine violations. Of the Triple Fine citations, 33 were for open containers of alcohol.

Overall, the crowd demeanor was relatively calm and celebratory. Police presence included additional officers from all Santa Cruz County law enforcement agencies as well as the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office gang team. Furthermore, we had additional California Highway Patrol officer from out of county and the services of the CHP helicopter. We would like to thank all of the agencies who dedicated personnel and resources to assist the City of Santa Cruz throughout the night.

Proactive patrols included contact and close monitoring of several known gang members throughout the event. In addition to the downtown patrols, officers were added to patrols throughout the remainder of the city to address neighborhood safety and complaints of large parties. We were pleased to see the hard work paid off and there were no significant incidents of violence.

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