



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: 12:01 a.m. Sunday, July 3rd to 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, July 5th 2016

LOCATION: CITY OF SANTA CRUZ

TOPIC: Fireworks Prohibited 4th of July Weekend - City Wide Safety Enhancement Zone – Triple Fine Penalties

INFORMATION:

Fireworks Prohibited – Violators Subject To Triple Fine Penalties – July 3-5, 2016

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, 2016. This includes expanding the “Triple Fine Zone” to all of the City of Santa Cruz to protect urban interface areas with dry vegetation. **Santa Cruz City map on following page.**

The Safety Enhancement Zone enacts “Triple Fines” for violations of the Municipal Code. For example, the base fine for fireworks is \$110 x3 triple fine = \$330 + court fees as high as \$1,305.00.

Every available SCPD Officer will be on duty throughout the weekend to insure that residents and visitors enjoy a safe holiday experience.

The Santa Cruz Police Department will be proactively enforcing all violations that have been designated for triple fines under the Safety Enhancement Zone, including the following violations of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code:

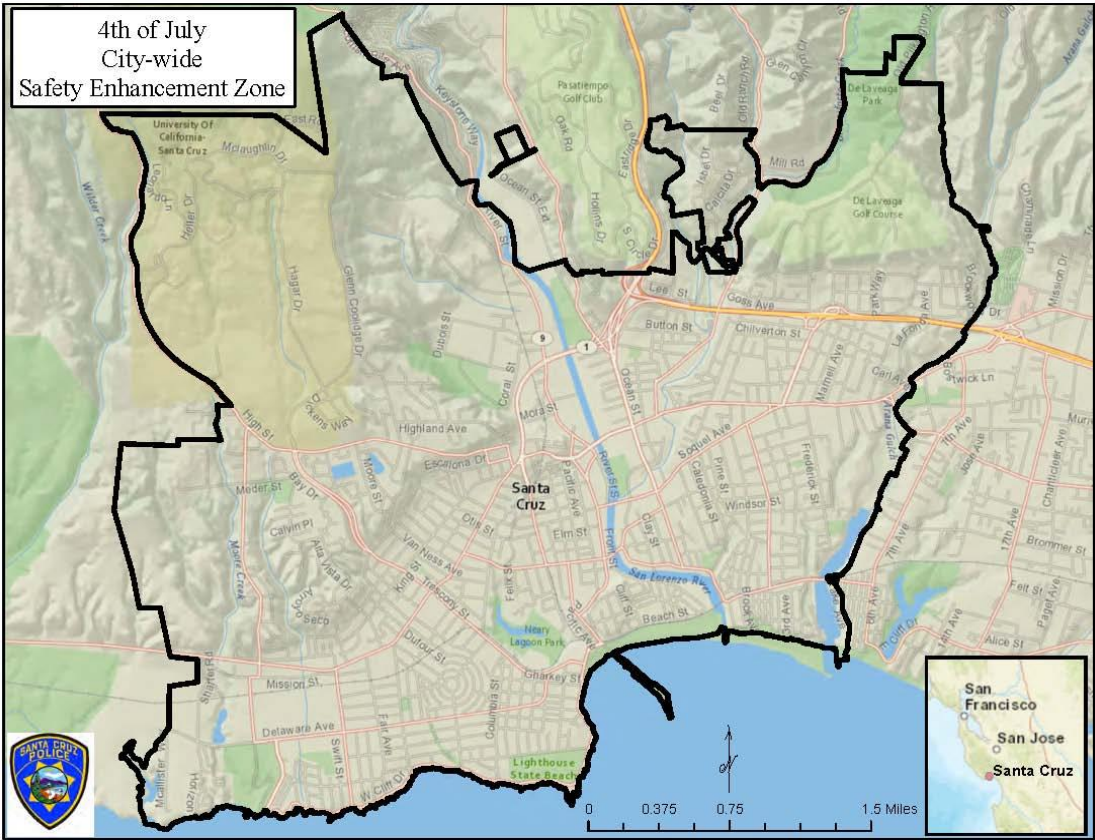
- Fireworks
- Possession of Open Containers or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places
- Discharge of Firearms
- Graffiti
- Defacing Sidewalks
- Noise Violations
- Trespassing
- Conduct on Public Property
- Urinating/Defecating in Public

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 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.



YOU LIGHT IT.
WE'LL WRITE IT.

\$1,305.00* FINE

** with court fees*

NO FIREWORKS OF ANY KIND IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ.

