



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
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MEDIA RELEASE



DATE/TIME: January 1, 2017

TOPIC: New Year's Eve Statistics 2016/17

INFORMATION:

The Santa Cruz Police Department is pleased to announce that 2017 was welcomed in without any major incidents of violence during the festivities downtown. SCPD deployed additional officers throughout the city as well as a significant contingent of officers on foot in the Downtown corridor.

Officers kept busy throughout the city and in the Downtown corridor. Between 5:00 PM on December 31st and 5:00 AM on January 1st, Officers responded to 160 calls for service. This number is nearly equal to last year's 161 calls during that same time.

Crowds gathered at the Town Clock for a city sponsored Countdown Celebration. Like last year, temperatures dipped to approximately 41 degrees around midnight. The event drew a crowd of approximately 2,000 compared to last year's crowd of approximately 3,500 revelers.

Overall, downtown Santa Cruz arrests and citations were down from 2016.

The New Year Eve and January 1st early morning deployment reported the following activity:

Total Arrests: 12 arrests total, mostly consisting of public intoxication.

Last year: 28 arrests total

This is a 57% DECREASE from last year

19 Citations Issued; 11 for Triple Fine Cites.

The majority of these triple fines were for open containers of alcohol.

Last year saw a total of 53 cites with 27 of those being Triple Fines cites.

Overall citations were down 64% from last year, Triple Fines were decreased 59% from last year.

New Year's Eve 2016/2017 turned out to be a peaceful and enjoyable event for the city.

Photos attached.

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Photo 1 NYE 2017 at Town Clock



Photo 2 NYE 2017 at Town Clock

