



**SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**TOPIC: Santa Cruz Police Launches Monthly Activity Report**

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### **INFORMATION:**

The Santa Cruz Police Department is pleased to be publishing a new Monthly Activity Report.

The Monthly Activity Report delivers information about police department activities. It provides crime statistics, work volumes, Part 1 and nuisance crime, use of force stats and crime trends. The report highlights a snapshot of the typical cases handled by Santa Cruz Police Officers.

Chief Kevin Vogel stated that “by providing this monthly report to our community it will provide a better understanding of the public safety issues in our City as well as the outstanding work that our men and women do on a daily basis.”

In addition to our Patrol workload, the Santa Cruz Police Department continues to support neighborhoods, community groups and business associations by engaging them in ways to protect themselves and their property. Community policing highlights are included in the monthly activity report.

The [Monthly Activity Reports](#) will be posted on SCPD’s web page and social media sites.

As part of our ongoing commitment to transparency and accountability, the Santa Cruz Police Department also has in-depth [Uniform Crime Report](#) (UCR) data from 2006 to present available on our website [www.santacruzpolice.com](http://www.santacruzpolice.com).

### **ABOUT SCPD**

The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) is committed to working in partnership with the community to enhance public safety, prevent crime, enforce laws and protect the rights of all people through innovative problem-solving approaches. A progressive, professional organization, SCPD officers are dedicated to conducting themselves with the highest ethical standards and the department is accountable to the community. SCPD has 94 sworn officers and 29 civilian staff to protect and serve Santa Cruz’s 64,000 residents and millions of annual visitors. Learn more at [www.santacruzpolice.com](http://www.santacruzpolice.com), <http://santacruzpolice.blogspot.com>, or via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#)

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

### *Injuring Use of Force*

Type	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
OC Spray	1	0	2	0
Taser	1	0	2	2
Baton	0	0	0	0
Canine	0	0	0	0
Carotid Control Hold	0	0	0	0
Firearm	0	0	0	0
Physical	0	0	3	1
Kinetic Energy Projectile	0	0	0	0

### *Resisting Arrest*

Type	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
Resisting Arrest	16	12	35	28

### *Community Policing Meetings and Events*

Type	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2017
Community Partnerships	42	74
Neighborhood Meetings	39	62
Community Events/Forums	2	5

### *Santa Cruz Police Department Highlights*

The Santa Cruz Police Department welcomed three police officers to the team, all local residents of our community! The officers graduated a 22-week long Police Academy and must now successfully complete an 18-week Field Training Program before they are assigned to their new patrol beats. Also new to our Department are two Community Service Officers, they will also enter into our in-house Field Training Program. We hope to fill the remaining vacancies in the Department and continue to deliver a high level of service to our community.

As the Department welcomes new officers, we also prepare to say good-bye to our Chief of Police Kevin Vogel, who announced his retirement effective June 2, 2017. In reflecting on his career, the Chief stated that "it has been a tremendous honor to work alongside the dedicated men and women in the Police Department, and to serve the Santa Cruz Community. I will miss each and every employee." The Chief was instrumental in deploying innovative technology such as the first police department mobile app in the country, as well as Predictive Policing, named one of the 50 best inventions of 2011 by Time Magazine. Following his departure, the Chief will shift his focus to spending more time with his family, traveling, and completing many unfinished home projects. Good luck Chief, we'll miss you!

In partnership with the Veterans Resource Center (VRC), the Department launched a pilot project to connect Veterans to housing and support services. Officers will transport Veterans to the VRC where they will be connected to qualifying housing, health, training and counseling services.

# Santa Cruz Police Department

## Monthly Activity Report: February 2017

### Monthly Work Volume

	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
<b>Calls for Service</b>	8,305	7,428	16,086	15,245
<b>Arrests</b>	378	292	704	586
<b>Citations</b>	589	228	919	553
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	226	96	402	185
<b>Reports Written</b>	1,808	1,537	2,703	2,329

### Part 1 Crimes

Crime Type	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
<b>Homicide</b>	0	0	1	0
<b>Rape</b>	3	3	4	7
<b>Robbery</b>	17	9	24	18
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	29	13	78	27
<b>Burglary</b>	26	32	84	74
<b>Larceny</b>	159	199	427	420
<b>Auto Theft</b>	26	28	57	65
<b>Arson</b>	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	260	284	675	612

### Nuisance Crimes

Type	Feb 2016	Feb 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
<b>Drug Abuse Violations</b>	142	123	259	220
<b>Intoxication</b>	89	68	165	149
<b>Vandalism</b>	51	30	117	66
<b>Aggressive Solicitation</b>	27	3	38	14
<b>Bike Theft (Reflected in Larceny Numbers)</b>	20	14	39	37
<b>Illegal Camping Citations</b>	120	51	163	96
<b>Trespassing Citations</b>	84	98	159	214
<b>Conduct on Public Property Citations</b>	89	28	145	71
<b>Park After Hour Violations</b>	27	14	44	26

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## Monthly Activity Report: January 2017

### Monthly Work Volume

	Jan 2016	Jan 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
<b>Calls for Service</b>	7,781	7,817	7,781	7,817
<b>Arrests</b>	326	294	326	294
<b>Citations</b>	330	325	330	325
<b>Traffic Citations</b>	176	89	176	89
<b>Reports Written</b>	895	792	895	792

### Part 1 Crimes

Crime Type	Jan 2016	Jan 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
<b>Homicide</b>	1	0	1	0
<b>Rape</b>	1	4	1	4
<b>Robbery</b>	7	9	7	9
<b>Aggravated Assault</b>	49	14	49	14
<b>Burglary</b>	58	42	58	42
<b>Larceny</b>	268	221	268	221
<b>Auto Theft</b>	31	37	31	37
<b>Arson</b>	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	415	328	415	328

### Nuisance Crimes

Type	Jan 2016	Jan 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
<b>Drug Abuse Violations</b>	117	97	117	97
<b>Intoxication</b>	76	81	76	81
<b>Vandalism</b>	66	36	66	36
<b>Aggressive Solicitation</b>	11	11	11	11
<b>Bike Theft (Included in Larceny Numbers)</b>	19	23	19	23
<b>Illegal Camping Citations</b>	43	45	43	45
<b>Trespassing Citations</b>	75	116	75	116
<b>Conduct on Public Property Citations</b>	56	43	56	43
<b>Park After Hour Violations</b>	17	12	17	12



### *Injuring Use of Force*

Type	Jan 2016	Jan 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
OC Spray	1	0	1	0
Taser	1	2	1	2
Baton	0	0	0	0
Canine	0	0	0	0
Carotid Control Hold	0	0	0	0
Firearm	0	0	0	0
Physical	3	1	3	1
Kinetic Energy Projectile	0	0	0	0

### *Resisting Arrest*

Type	Jan 2016	Jan 2017	Year to Date 2016	Year to Date 2017
Resisting Arrest	19	16	19	16

### *Community Policing Meetings and Events*

Type	Jan 2017	Year to Date 2017
Community Partnerships	32	32
Neighborhood Meetings	23	23
Community Events/Forums	3	3

### *Santa Cruz Police Department Highlights*

The Santa Cruz Police Department is pleased to announce its two new K9 teams, Officer Hansen and his partner Cash, and Officer Hernandez and his partner Luna. Both dogs recently graduated from their month-long K9 Handler Patrol Course and began patrolling the streets in December. Training included: Area and building searches, handler protection and apprehension, articles searches and tracking, as well as narcotic detection.

The Department recently launched a new webpage dedicated to cold cases, the first of its kind countywide. Leveraging social media communication, the website hopes to reach a greater audience that may have information and new leads to the highlighted cases. A cold case can be reopened if a relevant inquiry identifies new suspects or strengthens the case against known subjects. Advances in DNA technology and other forensic techniques have enabled law enforcement agencies to reopen and solve many cold cases.

Also on our website, the Department's policy manual is now accessible in its entirety. We embrace a culture of transparency and accountability in order to build public trust and legitimacy. Sharing our policies and practices helps the community better understand decision making.

Finally, our Chief of Police attended the Women's March planning meeting to speak on civil rights and public safety. The goal was to ensure the First Amendment Rights of those who wished to participate peacefully in any event on public property, are preserved and protected. An estimated 10,000 people marched, with no reported incidents of violence or vandalism.