



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

MEDIA RELEASE



DATE: June 26, 2017

LOCATION: City of Santa Cruz

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

INFORMATION:

July 4th Citywide Safety Enhancement Zone - All Fireworks Prohibited Violations Subject To Triple Fine Penalties

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 4 to July 5th, 2017. The safety enhancement designation, which includes tripling the fees for violations of the City's municipal code such as the illegal discharge of fireworks, littering and public consumption of alcohol.

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Santa Cruz Police will be out in force the days leading up to and on July 4th to ensure that community members and visitors enjoy a safe holiday experience.

Every available officer will be proactively enforcing all violations designated for triple fines under the Safety Enhancement Zone. Some of those designated triple fines, violations include:

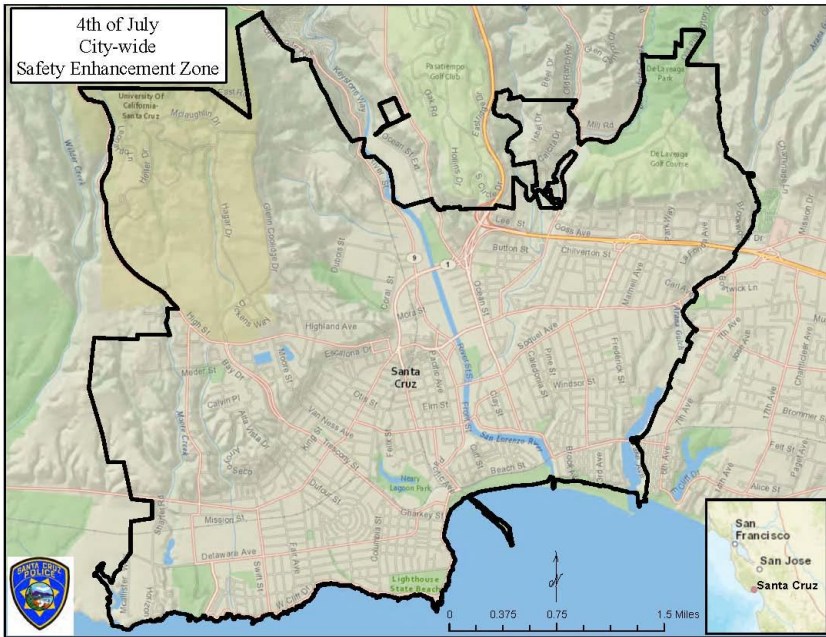
- Fireworks possession
- Possession of Open Containers or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Places
- Graffiti
- Noise Violations
- Trespassing
- Conduct on Public Property
- Urinating/Defecating in Public

Santa Cruz Police and Fire Department would like to remind residents and visitors that all fireworks, including those marked "Safe and Sane," are ILLEGAL in the City of Santa Cruz.

If you witness the discharge of illegal fireworks or any of the violations listed above, the Santa Cruz Police The 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 in 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 to 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 those who would like to enjoy fireworks, please plan to attend a safe and professionally controlled firework show to ensure the safety of your family, friends, and property.


Map of Santa Cruz City Limits - Citywide Safety Enhancement Zone
12:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 4th through 3:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 5th



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.



For additional information, contact: **Joyce Blaschke**

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