



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE/TIME:** October 24, 2017

**LOCATION:** Downtown City Of Santa Cruz

**TOPIC:** Halloween 2017 Safety Enhancement Zone Designation & Street Closures

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### **INFORMATION:**

#### **Santa Cruz Police Department Completes Preparations For Halloween Night 2017**

SANTA CRUZ, CA --To encourage respectful behavior, the Santa Cruz Police Department has enacted a Safety Enhancement Zone designation in the Downtown corridor for Halloween 2017. The Safety Enhancement Zone begins at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and runs through 5:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Safety Enhancement Zone includes TRIPLE FINES for certain Municipal Code violations committed in the zone during the designated times. Examples of fines are included in the attached flyer.

In addition to the Triple Fines, the Safety Enhancement Zone will also dictate road closures and No Parking zones. Road closures and No Parking locations and times are included on the following pages.

Annually, Halloween draws large crowds to the downtown during the evening and late night. The police department will utilize over 100 uniformed police officers from the Santa Cruz Police Department and neighboring agencies to staff the event. Officers will be using a proactive strategy to minimize problems and reduce the opportunity for alcohol fueled problems and inappropriate behavior throughout the night.

Last year the police department responded to 397 calls for service, issued 24 Triple Fine citations and made 20 arrests during the Halloween evening. The crowd size was estimated at 10,000.

In addition to more officers, there will be increased lighting and portable restrooms throughout the downtown corridor.

**See page 2 for Street Closure and No Parking Information  
Map of the Safety Enhancement Zone attached as pdf  
Attached Halloween Video PSA**

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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.

**Listed below are the road closures and the times that they will be in effect:**

No Parking/Tow Away zone from 10:00 a.m. October 31<sup>st</sup> to 10:00 a.m. November 1<sup>st</sup> on the following streets:

- Pacific Avenue between Laurel Street and Water Street.
- Cooper Street between Pacific Avenue and Front Street.
- Cathcart Street between Cedar and Front Street
- Soquel Avenue between Pacific Avenue and Frazier Louis Lane.

No Parking/Tow Away zone from 5:00 p.m. October 31<sup>st</sup> to 3:00 a.m. November 1<sup>st</sup>, on the following streets:

- Front Street between Soquel Avenue and Laurel Street.
- River Street between South River Street and Front Street
- Front Street between River Street and Soquel Avenue
- Front Street between Water Street and River Street.
- Locust Street between Pacific Avenue and Cedar Street.
- Walnut Avenue between Pacific Avenue and Cedar Street Parking Garage.
- Cathcart Street between Pacific Avenue and Front Street.
- Church Street between Pacific Avenue and Double Decker Parking Garage

Temporary road closures from 5:00 p.m. October 31<sup>st</sup> to 03:00 a.m. November 1<sup>st</sup>, on the following streets:

- Walnut Avenue between Pacific Avenue and Cedar Street.
- Maple Street between Pacific Avenue and Cedar Street.
- Locust Street between Pacific Avenue and Cedar Street.
- Soquel Avenue between Pacific Avenue and Front Street.
- Front Street between Soquel Avenue and Laurel Street.
- Front Street between Water Street and River Street.
- Church Street between Pacific Avenue and Double Decker Parking Garage.

Temporary road closures from 10:00 a.m. October 31<sup>st</sup> to 10:00 a.m. November 1<sup>st</sup>, on the following streets:

- Pacific Avenue between Laurel St Street and Water Street.
- Cathcart Street between Cedar Street and Front Street.
- Cooper Street between Pacific Avenue and Front Street.
- Lincoln Street between Pacific Avenue and Cedar Street.
- Elm Street between Pacific Avenue and Cedar St

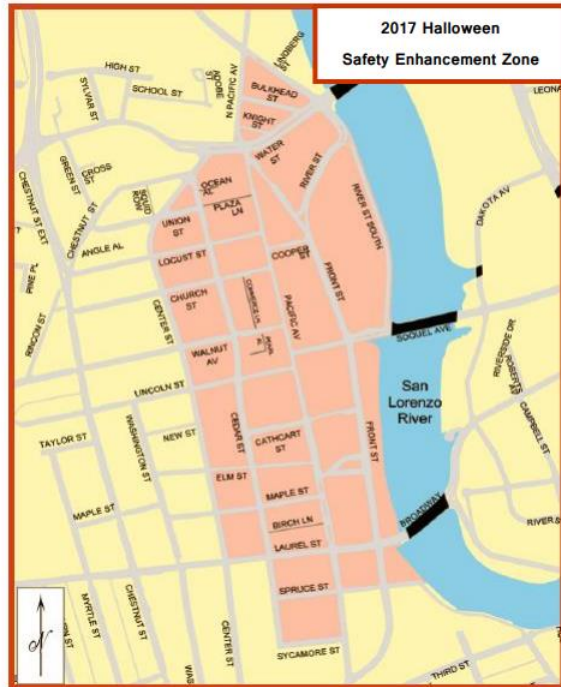
The temporary rerouting of Birch Lane from an eastbound one-way roadway to a westbound one-way roadway will occur from 5:00 p.m. till 3:00 a.m. Signage will be posted at each entrance to indicate the proper traffic flow.

# SAFETY ENHANCEMENT ZONE: TRIPLE FINE AREA

EFFECTIVE:

**5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> to 5:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

From 5:00 p.m. on October 31<sup>th</sup> to 5:00 a.m. on November 1<sup>st</sup>, certain violations of the Santa Cruz Municipal Code (SCMC) will be subject to triple fines. With court costs, you could end up paying:



- Open Container/Consumption of Alcohol Beverages in Public Places = \$480
  - Urinating or Defecating in Public = \$576
  - Littering = \$288
  - Graffiti = \$576
  - Trespassing = \$576
  - Defacing Sidewalks = \$576
  - Discharge of Firearms = \$1,440
  - Noise Control = \$576
  - Abuse or Mutilation of Trees, Plants, and Lawns = \$1,056
  - Trespassing on Public Transit Facilities = \$480
  - Traffic Regulation Disobedience = \$192–\$960
  - Traffic Control Device Disobedience = \$288
  - Improper Vehicle Parking, Standing, and Stopping = \$576
- ... Along with any other violations of SCMC Chapters 6.12, 6.75, 9.12, 9.20, 9.28, 9.36, 9.50, 9.60, 9.62, 10.12, 10.16, and 10.40

## ZONA DE INTENSIFICACION DE SEGURIDAD: AREA DE MULTA TRIPLE

**Efectivo a las 5 p.m. el Martes, 31 de Octubre hasta las 5 a.m. Miércoles, 1 de Noviembre**

Comenzando a las 5 p.m. 31 de Octubre hasta las 5 a.m. 1 de Noviembre, ciertas violaciones del Código Municipal de Santa Cruz (SCMC) estarán sujetas a multas triples. Con los costos de corte, usted pudiera terminar pagando:

- Tirar Basura en Áreas Publicas = \$288
  - Graffiti = \$576
  - Traspasar = \$576
  - Daño a la Acera = \$576
  - Disparar Armas de Fuego = \$1,440
  - Control de Ruido = \$576
  - Orinar en Áreas Publicas = \$576
  - Recipiente Abierto/Consumo de Bebidas Alcohólicas en Áreas Publicas = \$480
  - Traspasar Instalaciones de Transito Publico = \$480
  - Desobediencia a los Aparatos de Control de Trafico = \$288
  - Estacionamiento o Detenimiento Inapropiado de Vehículos = \$576
  - Abuso o Mutilación de Árboles, Plantas, y/o Césped = \$1,056
  - Desobediencia a las Regulaciones De Trafico = \$192–\$960
- ...así como otras violaciones del SCMC Capítulos 6.12, 6.75, 9.12, 9.20, 9.28, 9.36, 9.50, 9.60, 9.62, 10.12, 10.16, y 10.40



**This Halloween...PLAY SMART and STAY SOBER.**