



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

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**DATE:** June 26, 2019

**LOCATION:** City of Santa Cruz

**TOPIC:** Citywide July 4th Safety Enhancement Zone - Fireworks Prohibited -Triple Fines Penalties

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### **INFORMATION:**

#### **July 4th Citywide Safety Enhancement Zone - All Fireworks Prohibited Violations Subject To Triple Fine Penalties Midnight July 4th through 3:00 a.m. July 5th**

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. Council has approved a citywide Safety Enhancement Zone from July 4 to July 5th, 2019. 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.

Santa Cruz Police and Fire Inspectors 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 assigned 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, the Santa Cruz Police encourages you to call the non-emergency line 831-471-1131 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. Assistance means identifying the person in possession of the fireworks or the one responsible for putting flame to fuse. We also ask that 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 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. Wednesday, July 4th through 3:00 a.m. Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**



**YOU LIGHT IT.**  
**WE'LL WRITE IT.**

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**\$1,305.00\* FINE**  
\*with court fees

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are Illegal  
Citywide**



Santa Cruz Police and Fire Department will be patrolling throughout neighborhoods over the July Fourth holiday to crack down on the possession and firing of illegal fireworks.  
To report fireworks, use the non-emergency line 831-471-1131.

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

**Phone: (831) 420-5844**

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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](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.



# **DON'T** **BLOW IT.**

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