

OUR PARTNERS

- Diversity Center
- Dominican Hospital
- Downtown Association
- Feminist Club of Soquel High School
- Futures Without Violence
- Homeless Services Center
- Mental Health Client Action Network
- Monarch Services
- One Billion Rising Key Leader: Kate Roberts
- Open Streets
- Positive Discipline Community Resources
- Rebele Family Shelter
- Santa Cruz City Schools
- Santa Cruz District Attorney's Victims Assistance
- Santa Cruz County Jail
- Santa Cruz Education Foundation
- Santa Cruz Harbor Districts
- Santa Cruz Neighbors
- Santa Cruz Police Department
- Santa Cruz Trauma Consortium
- Santa Cruz Women Lawyers
- Self Defense & Safety Skills Programs: Leonie Sherman, Mike Esmailzadel, Matt Edwards, Sean Sanford
- Survivors Healing Center
- Teen Reps: Justine Dice, Sierra Trujillo, Kyra Chamberlain, Risa Mykland
- UCSC – Campus Advocacy Resources & Education (CARE) Office, College 9/10, Student Health, Women's Center
- Walnut Avenue Family and Women's Center



Resource Cards



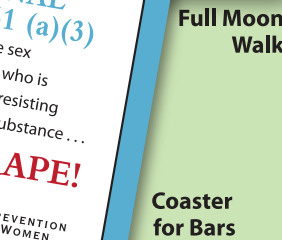
Engaging the Bystander Workshop



Self-Defense



Full Moon Walk



Coaster for Bars



HELP STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

You Can Make a Difference

City of Santa Cruz
Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women

Bookmark and Banner in English and Spanish

¿Le Gustaría Aprender Más?

Llame a la Comisión Para la Prevención de la Violencia Contra la Mujer
831-420-5365
www.cityofsantacruz.com/cpvaw

Recursos Locales:
Monarch Services — Servicios Monarca
(Anteriormente Women's Crisis Support — Defensa de Mujeres)
831-425-4030
Línea Directa (de 24 horas)
1-888-900-4232
www.monarchsc.org
(Asalto Sexual y Violencia Doméstica)

Walnut Avenue Women's Center
831-426-3062
Línea Directa (de 24 horas)
1-866-269-2559
www.wawc.org
(Violencia Doméstica)

911

24 horas Emergencia (policía)
Para más recursos, marque 211.



AYUDA A PONERLE UN ALTO A LA VIOLENCIA CONTRA LA MUJER
Usted Puede Hacer Una Diferencia

Comisión de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz para la Prevención de la Violencia Contra la Mujer

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2014 | 2015 | 2016 REPORT

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COMMISSION FOR THE PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
(CPVAW)



Artwork by Anna Oneglia in honor of CPVAW's 30th Anniversary
Original painting on view in the Santa Cruz City Council Chambers



**COMMISSION
FOR THE
PREVENTION
OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN**

The Commission for the Prevention of Violence Against Women is pleased to present this 2014-2016 Report to the Santa Cruz City Council and our community. The report provides an overview of trends in domestic violence and sexual assault within the City of Santa Cruz. This Commission's work is to generate awareness and to help prevent and respond to violence against women, girls and those who identify as female in our community, through the implementation of prevention programs and informing public policy. To that end, the Annual Report gives an overview of programs, events and projects that CPVAW has participated in or organized with our numerous local community partners. We thank the Santa Cruz City Council members, City staff and our community for your continued support and engagement with our work.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Commissioners, Brooke Newman, Chair

WHO WE ARE

Established in 1981 by Ordinance 81-29, CPVAW consists of seven Santa Cruz City resident volunteers who are appointed by the Santa Cruz City Council. Originally brought forward by community members, then approved by the City Council, the Commission is a City Council Advisory Body.

CURRENT COMMISSIONERS

Brooke Newman | **CHAIR**
Mindy Guzman | **VICE CHAIR**
Marissa Fullum – Campbell
Drew Glover
Kevin Grossman
Beth Thurman
Kathryn Tobisch

CPVAW MEETINGS

CPVAW schedules six meetings per year on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:45 pm. We encourage members of our community and city government to attend CPVAW meetings. Our aim is to foster an open dialogue with our community to share information and concerns, and to work together to develop policies and programs that further our mission of awareness and prevention.

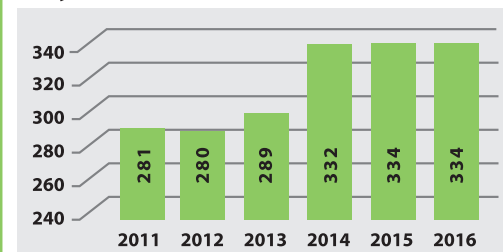
2017 | 2018 MEETINGS SCHEDULE

February 7, 2018
March 7, 2018
May 2, 2018
August 1, 2018
September 5, 2018
November 7, 2018

DATA for City of Santa Cruz

In an effort to provide consistent data on domestic violence and forcible rape incidences in our city, the CPVAW has chosen to provide the Uniform Crime Reporting Data from the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation in our report. CPVAW also has a process that allows the commissioners to review data from our Santa Cruz Police Department to better understand incidents, trends and reported crimes. These dual modes of data review help us to, in part, understand how to better prevent, advocate for, respond to, and educate our community about the issue of violence against women and those who identify as women.

City of Santa Cruz Domestic Violence Trends | 2011 – 2016



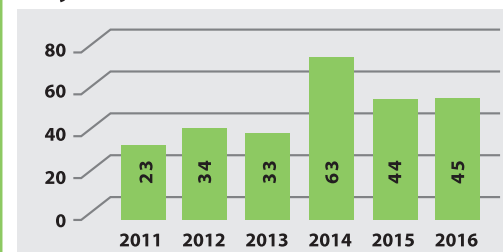
According to CA penal code section 13700-13702, domestic violence means abuse committed against an adult or a minor who is a spouse, former spouse, cohabitant, former cohabitant, or person with whom the suspect has had a child or is having or has had a dating or engagement relationship.

- Reported incidents of domestic violence increased by almost 15% between 2013-14.
- Since the 2013-14 increase, reported

incidents have remained constant between 2014-16.

- Victims continue to be primarily women, with an increase in male reporting – from 17% in 2014 to 21% in 2016 of total Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) DV-related calls.

City of Santa Cruz Sexual Assault Trends | 2011 – 2016



The FBI updated the UCR definition of rape in 2013. This new summary definition of rape is, "Penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim."

- The Santa Cruz Police Department implemented the new definition of rape in 2014.
- This reclassification is consistent with an

increase in reported incidents per the new definition.

- Reported incidents remained constant between 2015-16.

City of Santa Cruz Sexual Assault Report Details | 2014 – 2016

CPVAW collects data on a variety of CA penal codes to better understand the nature of sexual assaults occurring within Santa Cruz, providing deeper context to the UCR data noted in the above forcible rape table. Below are findings from 2014 - 2016 of non-juvenile cases that we think are pertinent for the community to take note:

- 72% of sexual assault reports are made within 24 hours of the incident.
- Only 64% of the reported incidents of rape chose to have a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) exam. It is crucial for those assaulted to have an exam performed within 72 hours of the incident.
- In 40% of the incidences of reported rape or attempted rape, the suspects were acquaintances of the victims. 25% of the suspects had a brief encounter with the victim prior to the incident, while 29% were complete strangers to the victim. The status of 6% of the suspects was unknown to their victims.
- 86% of the victims reporting sexual assault are Santa Cruz City locals.
- Women between the ages of 18-29 make up 45% of the victims reporting sexual assaults.
- Suspects were 59% locals, 32% unknown and 9% visitors to the area.
- Alcohol was involved in 42% of the cases reported between 2014-16. However, there has been a downward trend from 55% in 2014, 41% in 2015 to 28% in 2016.

OVERVIEW of COMMISSION PROGRAMS Throughout the Reporting Period

- Bookmark Distribution** | To local bookstores, libraries and other locations, that read "Help Stop Violence Against Women. You can make a difference." Bookmarks also provide contact information for local resources.
- Coaster Distribution** | In April of each year, over 20 bars accept coasters from CPVAW that emphasize the importance of consent.
- Engaging the Bystander Workshops** | Free two-hour workshops to raise awareness and effectively respond.
- School Safety Skills Classes** | Scheduled at Santa Cruz City Middle and High Schools for girls and boys.
- Tree Remembrances** | To honor victims, survivors, allies, and 30+ years of community support.
- Women and Girls Self-Defense Classes** | Scheduled throughout the year for community members.
- Overview of Commission event participation throughout the reporting period:**
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month** | In October of each year, various events and activities are planned with community partners to raise awareness.
- Full Moon Walks** | Annual walks with community members under a full moon on various routes through our city to share our light with nature's and dispel the darkness.
- National Crime Victims Rights Week** | The annual Crime Victims' Rights March coordinated by the Santa Cruz County District Attorney's office occurs every April.
- One Billion Rising** | An international event to rise up against violence against women/girls throughout the world.
- Open Streets** | A community event that temporarily diverts car traffic and opens the roadways for people to bike, walk and play in a safe, fun and car-free environment.
- Sexual Assault Awareness Month** | In April of each year, various events and activities are planned with community partners to raise awareness.
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month** | In February of each year, various events and activities are planned with community partners to raise awareness.
- The Mask You Live In Screenings** | A documentary aimed to raise awareness about how our culture's narrow definition of masculinity is harming our boys, men and society.
- Victims Rights March of Solidarity** | An annual event led by the District Attorney's office with a goal to increase the public's awareness of the impact that crime has on individuals, their families and our community.
- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes** | A fundraising effort that engages all genders to increase awareness regarding violence against women.
- Walk to Stop the Silence** | Takes place in the City of Watsonville each April with the goal to increase awareness of child sexual abuse in our community and to reach out to those who have been victimized.
- Women's Health and Lifestyle Expo** | An annual event that celebrates women's health in our community, while providing information and resources for all attendees.

HIGHLIGHTS of 2014-2016 COMMISSION ACTIVITY

During this time, some general areas of Commission focus have included:

- The promotion of a safe spaces programs that would help lower the extremely high risk of sexual assaults on homeless women and people who identify as women within the City of Santa Cruz;
- Strengthening existing partnerships and creating new relationships with local community groups;
- And creating new ways to communicate with the public about CPVAW work.

Below is an overview of more specific CPVAW activities:

- Coaching Boys into Men** | CPVAW sponsored a Coaching Boys into Men presentation by the San Francisco based nonprofit, Futures Without Violence, on January 22, 2014 at Loudon Nelson Community Center. Local stakeholders including coaches, teachers, and school board members participated in this violence prevention program designed to inspire athletic coaches to teach their young male athletes about the importance of respect for themselves and others, particularly women and girls.
- Engaging the Bystander** | CPVAW utilizes this free and non-copyrighted workshop designed to educate participants in safe non-heroic proactive responses to potential violence in the community. CPVAW has adapted this program to focus on domestic and sexual violence and provided trainings to local groups, such as Santa Cruz Neighbors.
- Safety in the Stacks** | In response to the loss of federal funding to the Santa Cruz Homeless Services Center in 2015, and the resulting impact on the city's downtown library branch, CPVAW approved funding for the Safety in the Stacks program to provide library aides with basic verbal and physical self-defense training and to prepare them to interact safely and successfully with more difficult library patrons.
- Tannery Safety Classes** | In the aftermath of the tragic Madyson Middleton case, CPVAW and the City Manager's office provided support to the Tannery residents through the provision of series of classes taught by Leonie Sherman. Classes included: Safety Skills for Kids and Allies, Self Defense for Teens and Community Safety Strategies.

NEW INITIATIVES 2017- 2018

The Commission held its annual retreat in April of 2017 to review its past goals, plans, and projects with the intent to develop a reasonable work plan and attainable goals for 2017-18. The Commission has decided to focus its efforts on the following areas: Community Engagement, Youth and Policy with commissioners assigned to undertake specific projects agreed upon by the full commission.

Our Youth ad hoc committee plans to introduce Coaching Boys Into Men (CBIM) to the local community. Coaching Boys Into Men is the only evidence-based prevention program that trains and motivates high school coaches to educate young male athletes how important healthy relationships are and that violence against women can be prevented.

The Policy ad hoc committee is working with our community partners towards the development of an affirmative consent policy in Santa Cruz. We want to ensure the entire community has the same protections as post-secondary students in California, who are currently protected under SB967. Our goals are to: shift our collective perception of what consent is and what it isn't, eliminate victim blaming in cases of sexual assault and rape, and change the ways in which our police department and district attorney's office are able to pursue cases of sexual assault and rape in our community.

Our Community Engagement ad hoc committee is still working on plans for 2017-18.

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A Violence Free World

