



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Santa Cruz Police Department's Highly Visible and Proactive Presence Contributed to Zero Significant Incidents of Violence Downtown on Halloween

Santa Cruz, CA — The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) is pleased to announce that Halloween 2022 transpired without any significant incidents of violence downtown. Santa Cruz Police Officers kept busy over the 24 hours of Halloween through the night and into the early morning hours of November 1st.

SCPD deployed patrol officers throughout city neighborhoods and a contingent of officers on foot in the Downtown corridor. At the peak, SCPD estimated the crowd size to be 10,000.

The Downtown Deployment reported the following activity for Halloween Night 2022:

25 Triple Fine Citations were Issued for various alcohol violations, smoking, and littering.

5 Arrests

- One misdemeanor warrant arrest
- One public intoxication arrest
- Two felony warrant arrests
- One felony arrest for possession of a dangerous weapon

By comparison to 2021, the estimated crowd size was up, and citations and arrests were down in 2022. Officers maintained a visible presence early on, contributing to a safe and successful evening.

We want to thank our partner law enforcement agencies, California Highway Patrol and UCSC PD, who dedicated personnel and resources to assist the City of Santa Cruz throughout the night. Additionally, SCPD expresses our thanks to City staff from Public Works, Parking, and Parks and Recreation departments for their hard work downtown.

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