

Santa Cruz Police Department

Activity Report for Public Safety Committee

May 2017

Monthly Work Volume

	May Year to Date 2016	May Year to Date 2017
Calls for Service	41,895	41,162
Arrests	1,843	1,581
Citations	2,503	1,304
Traffic Citations	1,392	547
Reports Written	13,549	12,428

Part 1 Crimes

Crime Type	May Year to Date 2016	May Year to Date 2017
Homicide	1	0
Rape	16	29
Robbery	44	49
Aggravated Assault	152	89
Burglary	145	183
Larceny	1,165	1,190
Auto Theft	169	175
Arson	2	2
Total	1,694	1,717

Nuisance Crimes

Type	May Year to Date 2016	May Year to Date 2017
Drug Abuse Violations	713	612
Intoxication	459	386
Vandalism	253	202
Aggressive Solicitation	106	38
Bike Theft (Reflected in Larceny Numbers)	130	134
Illegal Camping Citations	470	167
Trespassing Citations	440	409
Conduct on Public Property Citations	382	154
Park After Hour Violations	83	159

Injuring Use of Force

Type	May Year to Date 2016	May Year to Date 2017
OC Spray	2	0
Taser	9	9
Baton	0	0
Canine	0	0
Carotid Control Hold	0	0
Firearm	0	0
Physical	7	5
Kinetic Energy Projectile	0	0

Resisting Arrest

Type	May Year to Date 2016	May Year to Date 2017
Resisting Arrest	78	83

Community Policing Meetings and Events

Type	May Year to Date 2017
Community Partnerships	266
Neighborhood Meetings	192
Community Events/Forums	30

Santa Cruz Police Department Highlights

In April, the Santa Cruz Police Department welcomed members of the National Alliance of Mental Illness of Santa Cruz County alongside law enforcement personnel from multiple agencies to a 3-day Crisis Intervention Training (CIT). The CIT for Law Enforcement concept is based on a successful crisis intervention program that began in Memphis, Tennessee. Officers are trained to de-escalate potentially violent situations and ensure the safety and diversion of the mental health consumer to a treatment center. The training includes identification of types of mental illness, verbal skills for de-escalation of potential violent situations, specifics on suicide intervention, and an overview of the mental health system.

The Community Services Unit also focuses on public education, this month, they invited the community to a presentation on bicycle and traffic safety. The workshop addressed auto, bicycle, and pedestrian right of way issues, through various graphically animated scenarios. Frequently asked questions regarding sidewalk riding, direction of travel, among other topics were also discussed. Due to the positive reviews and feedback from participants, the workshop will be offered again in the near future.

May marked the conclusion for two graduating classes in the Citizen's Police Academy and BASTA programs. SCPD celebrated 31 youths who took on new challenges and adventures this school year in the P.R.I.D.E. course. Personal Responsible Individual Development in Ethics (PRIDE) is a program to support middle school-aged kids. It is designed to help young teens understand the impact of their life choices. Our approach is to engage, mentor and educate students on how to make healthy choices. The Citizen's Police Academy graduations, in both English and Spanish, celebrated participating community members who devoted their time to the 13-week course. Each class was filled with presentations and activities that took participants on a behind-the-scenes look at how the Santa Cruz Police Department and the criminal justice system operate.

Recruitment Update

Recruitment of new officers is one of the greatest challenges police departments face today. Santa Cruz Police Department is no exception, with our many vacancies and upcoming retirements; recruitment is one of our highest priorities. Our recruitment team, made up of five sworn officers representing all rank levels, is focused on developing targeted advertising, attending recruitment events, as well as recruiting lateral and academy candidates. The table below shows the status of our sworn staff, including vacancies, training, leave and overall totals.

Budgeted Sworn	Sworn Vacancies	Field Training	Police Academy	Injured or on Leave	Total Available Sworn
94	5	2	3	3	81

Complaints

The Santa Cruz Police Department takes seriously all complaints regarding the service provided by the Department and the conduct of its members. Personnel complaints are categorized either as Informal Inquiries or Formal Investigations.

Informal Inquiry- A matter in which the Watch Commander is satisfied that appropriate action has been taken by a supervisor of rank greater than the accused member.

Formal Investigation- A matter in which a supervisor determines that further action is warranted. Such complaints may be investigated by a supervisor of rank greater than the accused member or referred to the Professional Standards Unit, depending on the seriousness and complexity of the investigation.

The Chief of Police is notified of all complaints and makes the determination if the complaint is to be handled as in Informal Inquiry or a Formal Complaint.

Type	May Year to Date 2016	May Year to Date 2017
Inquiries	n/a	3
Formal Investigation	n/a	2

BearCat Rescue Vehicle Use

Use of the BearCat rescue vehicle is restricted to those situations when the utility and capability of the vehicle are necessary and when the capabilities of other department vehicles are insufficient for those situations as determined by the Chief of Police or department designee. This includes, but is not limited to public safety emergencies where life threatening conditions exist, the extraction of persons at risk, ballistic or projectile protection, high-risk vehicle stops, high-risk warrant service, active shooters, and unsecured crime scenes.

Date	Use/Response	Case No.	Narrative
3/1/2017	Training		
3/25/2017	Training		
3/29/2017	Training		Training Watsonville Police Department on tactical deployment of BearCat when serving high risk warrants, and officer and civilian rescue drills.
4/12/2017	Training		
4/26/2017	Training		
5/10/2017	Training		
5/12/2017	Training		
5/21/2017	Training		
5/2/2017	Training		

Body Worn Camera Program Update

The Chief's Advisory Committee was tasked to act as the external stakeholder policy review group for the Body Worn Camera Program. In their May meeting, the Committee provided input on video capture, viewing, use, release, storage and process/data audits and controls. Comments and suggestions will be considered as the policy moves into the next phase; body worn camera demo and testing.

Originally, the project directed an RFP process to select a vendor. In light of new information regarding a cooperative purchasing agreement option, a formal RFP process will not be pursued. Instead, we will be "piggy backing" on a nationally vetted purchasing processes to obtain optimum pricing. After several visits to neighboring agencies with body worn camera programs, and various body worn camera vendor presentations to SCPD, Taser/Axon was the best fit for our agency and community. Taser/Axon's camera features and video management solution best accommodate the needs reflected in our draft policy. This solution will significantly reduce the implementation of the program.

On June 13th, the City Council adopted FY18 budget, including the proposed Body Worn Camera Program reflected in the CIP. Next steps are to demo the product to ensure Taser/Axon is the right fit for our officers and community. The six to seven week process will include participation from about 7-10 officers and IT Department staff to evaluate the cameras and video management solution. After July, we will also begin drafting the job description for the Body Worn Camera Administrator. A hire is expected to happen in late fall.

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Body Worn Camera Draft Implementation Timeline												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Exploratory Process												
Vendor Review	X											
Define infrastructure and software needs		X										
Explore data storage needs and costs		X										
Identify additional personnel needs and costs		X										
Policy Development and Community Input												
Form an internal policy development group				X								
Form an external stakeholders policy review and input group				X								
Define policy in the following areas:				X								
Video capture, viewing, use, release, storage, and process/data audits & controls				X								
Council review and budget appropriation				X								
Implementation												
Launch RFP/RFP process												
Form a technology work group to test products												
Infrastructure buildout												
Hire new Body Worn Camera program administrator												
Select vendor and award contract												
Deliver training to all patrol staff												
Communication and Education Strategy												
Disseminate policy to justice stakeholders												
Share information with advocacy groups/community/media												