



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

## **Debrief**

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**DATE: October 4, 2017**

**TOPIC: Debrief BearCat Deployment On October 4, 2017**

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### **INFORMATION:**

#### **SCPD ESU Team And BearCat Deployed To Watsonville In Call For Mutual Aid Support**

On Wednesday, October 4, 2017, in the early morning hours, Markley's Indoor Gun Range in Watsonville was burglarized. Local police believed the suspect(s) was still at large in the gun range building or nearby area.

Watsonville Police Department shut down the surrounding streets. A child care facility with a preschool and employment training center went into lockdown due to the seriousness of the situation.

At approximately, 8:00 am, Watsonville Police Department requested for mutual aid support from Santa Cruz Police Department and other law enforcement agencies in the county. SCPD responded to the mutual aid request. The ESU Team and BearCat arrived on the scene in approximately 30 minutes.

SCPD safely transported Watsonville Police SWAT members in the BearCat to an entrance of the gun range building. The armored vehicle sheltered officers should they be potentially caught in the line of fire.

Over the course of 8 hours, police entered the business and cleared the building. SCPD ESU Team supported the search and remained on scene to protect tactical officers and the community. Police entirely cleared the building and surrounding area at around 4:30 p.m. No suspects located. No shots fired.

#### **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 attributes of other department vehicles are insufficient for those cases as determined by the Chief of Police or department designee. Such situations include, but are 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.