



POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Santa Cruz Police Department (SCPD) provides protection and law enforcement services to the community. The Police Department's primary objective is to reduce crime as well as the perception of crime and fear through a commitment to community-oriented policing and problem-solving. The department's mission states, "committed to public safety through exemplary service."



Police Efforts Include:

- ✓ Prevention of Crime
- ✓ Detection and Apprehension of Offenders
- ✓ Traffic Enforcement
- ✓ Community Program Services
- ✓ Accident Prevention and Investigation
- ✓ Regulation and Control of Hazardous Conditions
- ✓ Recovery and Return of Lost and Stolen Property

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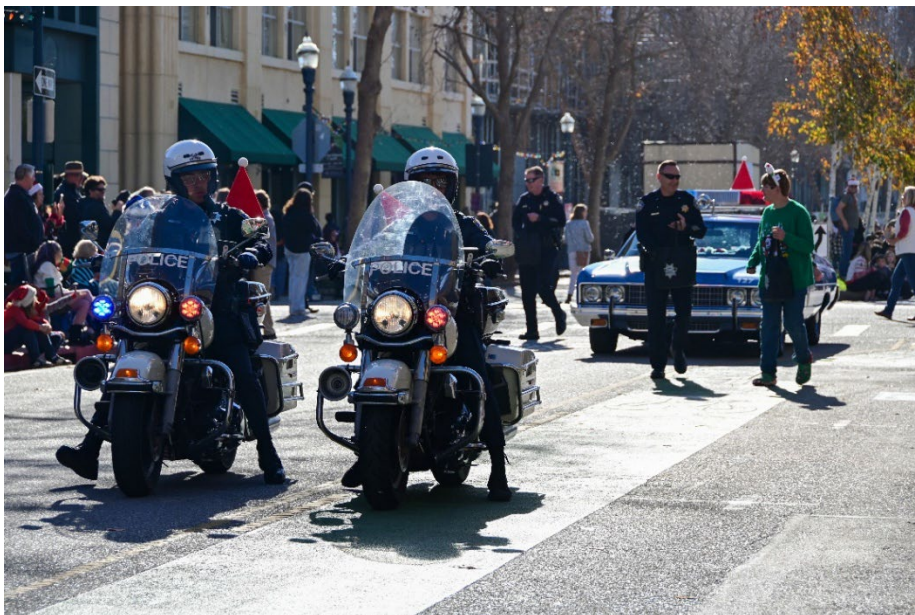
- ☎ 831-420-5800
- 🌐 www.santacruzpolice.com
- 📍 155 Center St., Santa Cruz

Directory:

- ☎ 831-420-5810 - Administration Division
- ☎ 831-420-5820 - Investigations Section
- ☎ 831-420-5850 - Operations Division
- ☎ 831-420-5900 - Property Section
- ☎ 831-420-5870 - Records Section
- ☎ 831-420-5960 - Sergeant's Office

Core Services

- Safeguard the community from crime through prevention, deterrence, and problem solving
- Preserve life, property, and public peace through the appropriate enforcement of laws and ordinances
- Investigate violent crime and property crime, traffic collisions, and assist in the prosecution of offenders in collaboration with the District Attorney
- Provide traffic control at major events and proactively patrol traffic to enforce traffic laws
- Work closely with Santa Cruz City Schools district and provide a School Resource Officer to serve the local middle and high schools
- Manage the crossing guard program, which staffs critical intersections within the City to ensure the safety of children going to and from school
- Conduct gang prevention, intervention, and investigation programs
- Conduct proactive and reactive narcotic investigations
- Provide public counter service, file criminal complaints, and manage evidence
- Process, maintain, and distribute police reports
- Prepare statistical data required by law and respond to report requests and inquiries from citizens and other authorized entities
- Maintain a Community Services Officer (CSO) program to expand community services by absorbing the lower-risk tasks previously assigned to police officers
- Deploy volunteers who assist patrol and CSOs with duties such as parking enforcement, visitation of shut-ins, and foot patrols in downtown and the beaches



FY 2025 Accomplishments

FY 2025 Accomplishments	<i>Fiscal Sustainability & Transparency</i>	<i>Strong Businesses & Vibrant Downtown</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Homelessness Response</i>	<i>Public Safety & Community Well-Being</i>	<i>Natural & Built Infrastructure</i>	<i>Thriving Organization</i>
Developed pathways for advancement and enhanced operational efficiency by creating multiple civilian supervisory-level and analyst positions 🧡					X		X
Implemented new and/or upgraded technology, including automated license plate readers, unmanned aerial vehicles ("drones"), and body-worn and fleet camera upgrades, to enhance officer response, investigative capabilities, and accountability 🧡					X		
Expanded community engagement programs in traffic safety and mental health crisis response 🧡					X		
Continued investments in recruitment and retention strategies, such as personnel health and wellness initiatives, infrastructure enhancements, and a 2.5% out-of-contract officer salary increase 🧡					X		X
Hired additional part-time personnel to support officer recruitment and cold case investigations 🧡					X		X



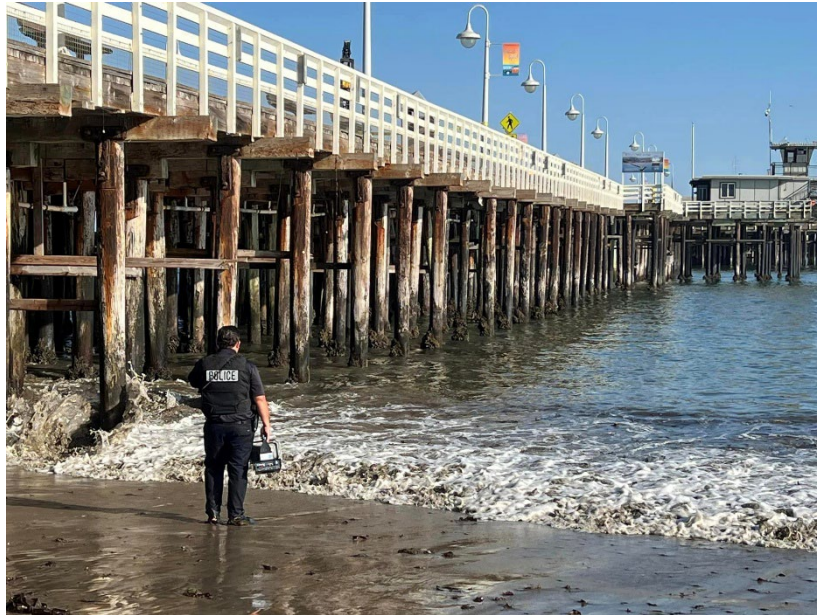
FY 2026 Goals

2026 Goals	<i>Fiscal Sustainability & Transparency</i>	<i>Strong Businesses & Vibrant Downtown</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Homelessness Response</i>	<i>Public Safety & Community Well-Being</i>	<i>Natural & Built Infrastructure</i>	<i>Thriving Organization</i>
Participate in Project ASCEND (Achieving Success through Community, Education, and Nurturing Development), a four-year, grant-funded initiative by the Santa Cruz County Office of Education aimed at supporting at-risk youth aged 12 to 17 who are at risk of becoming justice-involved for misdemeanors 🏛️💖					X		
Continue to enhance and expand the SCPD wellness program to promote the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of department personnel through comprehensive support services, resources, and initiatives 💖					X		X
Expand and upgrade the Police Department's report writing room to increase case report productivity, improve workflow and collaboration, accommodate modern technology, and promote occupational health and safety 💖					X		X



Workload Indicators

Workload Indicators	Strategic Plan Focus Area	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Goal
# of calls for service 🧡	Public Safety and Community Well-Being	87,251	74,556	67,105	62,103	65,000
# of arrests 🧡	Public Safety and Community Well-Being	3,152	2,787	2,820	2,904	3,100
# of citations 🧡	Public Safety and Community Well-Being	4,273	3,838	3,440	2,900	3,500
# of reports written 🧡	Public Safety and Community Well-Being	22,762	21,965	20,033	20,128	21,500



Performance Measures

Performance Measures	Strategic Plan Focus Area	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Goal
Patrol officer retention rate 🧡	Public Safety and Community Well-Being	76%	81%	85%	80%	85%
% of patrol workforce participating in wellness programs	Public Safety and Community Well-Being	N/A	72%	75%	80%	85%
% increase of officer-initiated calls for services 🧡	Public Safety and Community Well-Being	-5%	10%	-12%	-11%	10%

Staffing

Positions	FY 2023 Amended*	FY 2024 Amended*	FY 2025 Amended*	FY 2026 Adopted	FY 2026 Change
Administrative Assistant I/II	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Administrative Assistant III	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	(1.00)
Administrative Services Supervisor	-	-	1.00	1.00	-
Chief of Police	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Community Relations Specialist**	1.00	-	-	-	-
Community Service Officer I	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	-
Deputy Police Chief	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	-
Police Digital Forensic Analyst	-	-	1.00	1.00	-
Police Lieutenant	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	-
Police Officer***	79.00	79.00	79.00	79.00	-
Police Property and Evidence Specialist	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	-
Police Property and Evidence Supervisor	-	-	1.00	1.00	-
Police Records Manager	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Police Records Supervisor	-	-	1.00	1.00	-
Police Records Technician	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	-
Police Sergeant ****	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	-
Principal Management Analyst	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Senior Police Property and Evidence Specialist	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Senior Police Records Technician	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Victim Advocate	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Total	136.00	135.00	139.00	138.00	(1.00)

* "Amended" refers to the FTE count as of the adopted budget of the indicated fiscal year, plus any adjustments authorized by City Council within the course of the year

** 1.00 FTE Community Relations Specialist began reporting to City Manager's Office in FY 2024

***8.00 FTE Police Officers unfunded



Budget Summary - Police

			Fiscal Year 2025			Fiscal Year
		Fiscal Year 2024	Adopted	Amended	Year-End	2026
		Actuals*	Budget*	Budget*	Estimate*	Adopted*
EXPENDITURES BY CHARACTER:						
Personnel Services		23,545,199	24,676,778	25,321,524	25,708,925	24,478,586
Services, Supplies, and Other Charges		9,965,767	9,553,715	10,067,596	9,890,055	11,017,572
Capital Outlay		152,102	-	530,284	-	-
Debt Service		13,428	11,190	11,190	11,190	-
Total Expenditures		33,676,495	34,241,683	35,930,594	35,610,170	35,496,158
EXPENDITURES BY ACTIVITY:						
Police Administration	2101	6,016,570	6,393,872	6,465,852	6,563,255	7,033,502
Police Investigations	2102	4,572,273	4,668,373	5,050,070	4,857,102	4,693,277
Police Patrol	2103	17,109,176	16,517,702	17,493,091	18,024,066	17,182,915
Police Community Services	2104	294,318	966,221	1,176,729	208,740	309,797
Police Traffic	2106	1,714,629	1,437,446	1,437,446	1,690,495	1,661,303
Police Records	2107	3,816,605	4,053,331	4,102,668	4,061,775	4,079,476
Subtotal General Fund		33,523,572	34,036,945	35,725,856	35,405,432	34,960,270
Police Patrol	2103	152,923	204,738	204,738	204,738	535,888
Subtotal Other Funds		152,923	204,738	204,738	204,738	535,888
Total Expenditures		33,676,495	34,241,683	35,930,594	35,610,170	35,496,158
RESOURCES BY FUND:						
General Fund	101	615,864	1,115,003	1,571,267	818,819	785,637
Supplemental Law Enforcement Services	211	308,153	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Traffic Offender	212	37,944	-	-	32,422	35,000
Police Asset Seizure	214	12,312	-	-	271,964	10,000
Public Safety Impact Fee - Police Fund	215	19,206	100,000	100,000	150,000	150,000
Total Resources		993,478	1,415,003	1,871,267	1,473,205	1,180,637

NET GENERAL FUND COST:	(32,683,017)	(32,826,680)	(34,059,327)	(34,136,965)	(34,315,521)
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TOTAL AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL:	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
	135.00	139.00	138.00

*Sums may have discrepancies due to rounding

Organization Chart

