

Santa Cruz Police Department

Activity Report for Public Safety Committee

January - December 2022

Work Volume

Indicators	2019	2020	2021	2022
Calls for Service	96,576	93,623	88,822	82,248
Arrests	4,121	3,395	3,188	2,927
Citations (All)	5,772	3,608	3,102	3,051
Traffic Citations	2,070	1,483	1,544	1,881
Reports Written	15,067	22,406	23,360	22,028

Part 1 Crimes

Crime Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Homicide	0	3	3	1
Rape	29	33	26	38
Robbery	88	76	102	122
Aggravated Assault	272	198	282	286
Burglary	348	267	246	253
Larceny	2,363	1,734	1,615	1781
Auto Theft	221	236	209	191
Arson	34	45	38	41

Nuisance Crime Arrests and Citations

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Drug Abuse Violations	1,526	1,769	1,556	1262
Intoxication	951	512	382	124
Vandalism	538	488	479	486
Aggressive Solicitation	6	7	2	-
Bike Theft (Reflected in Larceny Numbers)	198	182	143	236
Illegal Camping Citations	-	-	2	-
Trespassing Citations	919	552	112	241
Conduct on Public Property Citations	338	318	86	4
Park After Hour Violations	23	90	128	2

Injuring Use of Force

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
OC Spray	0	0	0	0
Taser	12	5	10	12
Baton	0	0	1	0
Canine	0	0	0	0
Carotid Control Hold	0	0	0	0
Firearm	0	0	0	0
Physical	11	1	22	6
Kinetic Energy Projectile	1	2	0	0

Resisting Arrest

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022
Resisting Arrest	182	153	122	170

Recruitment Update

Recruitment of new officers continues to be one of the greatest challenges police departments face today. Santa Cruz Police Department is no exception, with our many upcoming retirements and recruitment challenges in a competitive job market. Our recruitment team 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/On Leave	Total Sworn
94	12	5	7	9	82

Complaints

The Santa Cruz Police Department takes seriously all complaints regarding the service provided by the Department and the conduct of its members.

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	2019	2020	2021	2022
Formal Investigation	11	13	14	19

BearCat Rescue Vehicle Use

Use of the BearCat, also known as armored recovery vehicle (ARV), 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.

2022 BearCat (ARV) Usage

Date	Purpose	Case #	Synopsis
1/25/2022	Assist SVPD	N/A	CHP initiated a pursuit that entered into the city limits of Scotts Valley. During the pursuit, the fleeing vehicle discharged a firearm at least twice toward the pursuing officers. CHP terminated the pursuit. The suspect vehicle drove to a residence on Tabor Drive. The terrain placed officers at a tactical disadvantage and increased risk to officer safety. The ARV was requested to assist CHP in clearing the suspect car.
2/25/2022	Assist Salinas PD	N/A	The Salinas Police department requested any available officers to respond to their city. They had an officer who was shot, and the suspect was still outstanding. Based on this information, the ARV and available ESU officers were sent code 3 to assist.
4/12/2022	Warrant Service	22S-02124	Used to transport the ESU team to serve a search and arrest warrant pursuant to a murder investigation.
4/14/2022	Refueling	N/A	Refueling the ARV.
5/5/2022	Training	N/A	Demonstration for the Citizen's Police Academy.
5/12/2022	Assist SO	N/A	ARV was used during the execution of a search warrant. The subject listed in the warrant had multiple calls for service regarding the possession of/use of firearms at the residence. The subject was a prohibited person and of deteriorating mental health.
6/7/2022	Assist WPD	N/A	ARV was used to provide cover for patrol that was on scene in front of the primary location of a barricaded subject. Once Watsonville's tactical team (SRT) arrived on scene, the ARV was used for cover and approaching the primary residence and recovering firearms that were adjacent to the resident. The ARV was then positioned in front of the primary residence.
7/12/2022	Assist WPD	N/A	High-risk warrant service.
8/2/2022	Refueling	N/A	Refueling the ARV.

9/4/2022	Assist SO	N/A	The ARV was requested by Santa Cruz County Sheriff's SWAT team to facilitate the service of a high-risk search warrant.
9/6/22	Refueling	N/A	Refueling the ARV.
10/27/22	School Shooting Threat	22S-06181	ARV was used during a report of an active shooting on campus with "multiple gunshot victims." ARV responded to safely secure the scene and was available to provide cover and respond to victims.
11/16/22	Training	N/A	ARV orientation and training for new officers.
12/21/22	Refueling	N/A	Refueling the ARV.