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## 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2017

As America celebrates 241 years of Independence, we encourage everyone in Santa Cruz County to enjoy this holiday responsibly with respect for all. We believe that celebrating our Freedom and Independence does not justify breaking the law. The Sheriff and his executive staff will be working right alongside 70 deputies patrolling our community to ensure everyone has a great day.

On the Fourth, we will have firework suppression teams watching for violations of the county fireworks ordinance and taking enforcement action. Do not let a costly citation ruin your holiday.

As a reminder:

- Fireworks of any kind are not allowed in unincorporated Santa Cruz County; such as County beaches, North Coast, Davenport, Bonny Doon, San Lorenzo Valley, Live Oak, Soquel, Aptos, Corralitos, and Freedom.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on County beaches or in public outside commercial establishments or residences.
- If you see what looks like a homemade explosive, stay back, call 911, and wait for law enforcement.
- Heard only illegal fireworks are a nuisance and we will be proactively looking for violations. Please reserve 911 and our Dispatch center (831-471-1121) for issues related to public safety.
- Please pack your trash! We don't want garbage on our beaches.

Help us make this 4<sup>th</sup> of July a safe celebration for all and have a wonderful time with your loved ones.

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