



# County of Santa Cruz

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## Sheriff's Media Release

Date of Release: Monday June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Date of Event: Friday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Type of Event : Public Safety Plan - Fourth of July 2014

### Description of Incident:

The Sheriff's Office asks that all visitors and residents to respect our neighborhoods and beaches during the upcoming July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend.

The Sheriff's Office, CHP, Cal Fire and State Parks are preparing a comprehensive plan of enforcement for the unincorporated areas for Friday, July 4, 2014 and the days surrounding the holiday. In part, this is a response to a long history of large crowds as well as community input regarding assaults, gang related problems, public intoxication, property damage, disturbance of the peace, fireworks and severe fire danger.

The Sheriff's Office, with the assistance of other agencies such as California State Parks, California Highway Patrol, Cal Fire and local fire agencies will be actively enforcing laws to insure that residents and visitors enjoy a safe holiday experience. In addition to extra staffing for the neighborhoods, and extra patrol officers, officers will be conducting enforcement along North Coast Beaches, Live Oak Beaches, Aptos and Watsonville Beaches, from the border of Monterey County to the border of San Mateo County.

Possession of open containers of alcohol and consumption of alcoholic beverages in public areas that include all beaches is unlawful. In all unincorporated areas of the County possession of **any** fireworks including those designated as SAFE and SANE are unlawful.

A County Ordinance for penalty enhancements during holiday periods makes it a **\$1,000.00** fine for persons cited for fireworks violations, possessing open containers of alcohol in public, consuming alcoholic beverages in public and noise violations between July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, glass containers, wood pallets, or wood containing nails, unleashed pets and vehicles are prohibited on public beaches.

Parking in many areas including North Coast is restricted after 10 pm. There is no overnight camping in non-designated campgrounds and no overnight camping in the street.

### Road Closures

Road closures and a traffic plan with detours will be in effect on Friday, the Fourth of July. Refer to attached list for the specific road closures.

Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office P.I.O. Sergeant Mitch Medina will be available throughout the Fourth of July (8 am to 8 pm) for press inquiries at 831-212-1608.

The City of Scotts Valley will be hosting the only organized fireworks show in their City. Information regarding this event may be obtained at:

<http://www.scottsvalley.org/July4.html>

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Date/Time of Media Release:

## 4TH OF JULY ROAD CLOSURES AND BEACH ACCESS

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- \* 1. 7th Avenue and Brommer Street - road closure barricades preventing southbound traffic on 7th Avenue, with an officer directing traffic eastbound onto Brommer Street.
- \* 2. 7th Avenue and Capitola Road - warning sign indicating "Road Closed Ahead" (at 7th Avenue and Brommer Street.)
- \* 3. 7th Avenue and Eaton Street - road closure barricades preventing southbound traffic on 7th Avenue, with an officer directing traffic northbound onto 7th Avenue. Eaton Street at 7th Avenue eastbound traffic closed.
- \* 4. Eaton Street and Lake Avenue - road closure barricades preventing southbound traffic on Lake Avenue, with an officer directing traffic eastbound toward 7th Avenue.
- \* 5. East Cliff Drive and Prospect Street - road closure barricades preventing access to 12th and 13th Avenues.
- \*5A. East Cliff Drive at 12th Avenue road closure barricades preventing access.
- \*5B. East Cliff Drive at 13th Avenue road closure barricades preventing access.
- \*6. East Cliff Drive and 14th Avenue - road closure barricades preventing access.
- \*7. East Cliff Drive and 14th Avenue - road closure barricades preventing access.
- \*7A. Merrill Street at 17th Avenue warning sign road closed ahead, also at 17th Avenue and Merrill Street warning sign road closed ahead.
- \*8. 17th Avenue and Brommer Street - road closure barricades preventing southbound traffic on 17th Avenue, with an officer directing traffic both eastbound and westbound onto Brommer Street.
- \*9. 17th Avenue and Capitola Road - warning sign indicating Road Closed Ahead at 17th Avenue and Brommer Street.
- \*10. 17th Avenue and East Cliff Drive - road closure barricades preventing south and westbound traffic on East Cliff Drive, with an officer directing traffic onto eastbound Portola Drive.
- \*11. Rio del Mar Blvd and Clubhouse Drive - officer directing traffic exiting the beach area toward Highway 1, between 10 pm and midnight.
- \*11A. Rio del Mar Blvd at Sumner Avenue road closed southwest traffic - 2:20 pm to midnight.
- \*12. Spreckels Drive and Seacliff Drive - officer directing traffic exiting area toward Highway 1, between 10 pm and midnight. Road closed to traffic, with detour sign directing back to Soquel Drive / Hwy 1.
- \*13A. Broadway at Santa Cruz Avenue closed from 2:20 pm to midnight.
- \*13B. El Camino del Mar at Santa Cruz Avenue closed from 2:20 pm to midnight.
- \*13C. Seacliff Drive at Santa Cruz Avenue closed from 2:20 pm to midnight.

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- 13D. Seacliff Drive - No parking signs/barricades on cliff side from house address 171 to Santa Cruz Avenue.
  - \*14. Beach Drive at Esplanade – closed between 10:00am to midnight. Open to residents and guests only.
  - \*14A. Esplanade parking lot – limited parking. Parking spaces along beach side blocked off for emergency vehicle access.
  - \*15. Playa Blvd at San Andreas Road closed between 2:00 pm and midnight. Open to residents and guests only.
  - \*15A. Estrella Avenue at San Andreas Road closed between 2:00 pm and midnight. Open to residents and guests only.
  - \*15B. Marea Avenue at San Andreas Road closed between 2:00 pm and midnight. Open to residents and guests only.
  - \*16. La Salva Beach area - Margarita at "Y" intersection – closed between 2:00 pm and midnight. Open to residents and guests only.
  - \*16A. Margarita Drive at San Andreas Road.
  - \*17. Davenport Landing Road – road closure barricade at south end.
  - \*17A. Davenport Landing Road at north end, just in 100 feet, close road off with large wood barricade the day before (nailed to ac.)
  - \*17B. Davenport Landing Road at narrow part of road just north of the beach parking area, close off with large wood barricade the day before (nailed to ac.)
  18. Oceanview – Barricades with No parking/tow away zone date and times signs. 1:00 am to 11:00 pm July 4.
  19. East Cliff Drive between SC Harbor and Setzers Point (along Twin Lakes Beach) - No Parking signs three days before State Parks fencing is installed.
  20. Moran Lake on beach side - install 260 feet construction fencing. Also, place sign at entrance to parking lot on July 2 stating that the parking will be closed July 4th.
  21. Corcoran Beach on beach side - install 560 feet construction fencing.
  22. Moran Lake - at corner of parking lot and East Cliff Drive light tower unit - put out and pick up on the 4th. Instruct Sheriff's officers how to operate.
  23. Message Boards (ONLY IF APPROVED) One at Hwy 17 at Sims Road on-ramp minimum of three days before and one at Hwy 129 and Lakeview Road - Stating "\$1,000 fine for illegal fireworks - Santa Cruz Co. unincorp."
  24. Aptos Sheriff's Center - drop off 20 cones and 26 Barricades (at back door).
  25. Sunny Cove - No Parking signs along beach side of road.
  - \*26. 7th Avenue on south side of Eaton Street in parking area, Large 36" x 36" sign reading "Fireworks Prohibited in Unincorporated areas of the County."
  - \*27. State Park Drive on south side of RR tracks, just past Sea Ridge Drive, large 36" x 36" sign reading "Fireworks Prohibited in Unincorporated areas of the County."
  28. Bonny Doon Beach Parking lot - No Parking signs if requested by Sheriff's Office.