

City Newsletter



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Police Activities

The Santa Cruz Police Department participated in the National Police Week Program during May 9 to 15, along with other county police agencies. The Department held an open house in which various items of police equipment and police training material were displayed. Over 500 people visited the open house during the 8-hour period and many expressed appreciation at being able to see departmental work space and equipment, and have police procedures and work explained to them.

The Memorial Day Holiday, a three day holiday this year, produced a very heavy crowd of visitors, generating a tremendous amount of traffic and a clogged beach area. Special police patrols and traffic details worked until late Sunday afternoon to keep traffic moving and the beach under control.

The department's activities in the field of public speaking and classroom lecturing reached a high mark during the month of May. Activities in this general area included a talk to a class of mentally retarded children regarding laws pertaining to youth and their obligation to society - a talk to the Capitola Police Department regarding firearm safety in police use - a talk to Branciforte Elementary School class regarding the dangers of drug use and alcoholism - a talk to a Santa Cruz High School class on alcoholism and general laws pertaining to liquor - a talk and tour of high school students - another lecture and tour of the department facilities by a boy scout troop - two class tours and lectures with visual aids to numerous 7th and 8th grade classes in Branciforte Junior High School on the dangers of narcotic and dangerous drug use.

The Police Department has joined the Central Coast Counties Pistol League, a newly formed organization that will find central coastal area law enforcement agencies competing with each other in the police practical pistol course. Trophies will be awarded semi-monthly to the top two teams. The police practical pistol course is the standard training course used nationally to train police officers in various types of combat firing.

Beach Area Cleanup

Thirty new green trash containers were placed on light poles along Beach Street and other streets in the beach area in an effort to reduce the amount of litter and trash thrown on city streets by visiting tourists. These trash containers are the same type installed along Pacific Avenue and they are emptied from the bottom of the container by City Public Works Department personnel on Monday morning. The containers were placed at each intersection and mid-block along Beach Street, Riverside Avenue and at some other important locations near the beach.