

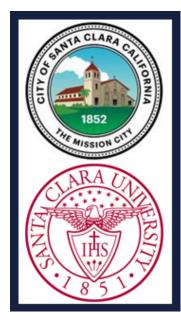
Neighborhood University Relations Committee (NURC)

May 5, 2025



# Agenda

- **1. Planning Division Update.** Presentation by Community Development Department on enforcement activity
- 2. Santa Clara University Update. Presentation by Santa Clara University
- **3. Santa Clara Police Update.** Presentation by the Police Department
- 4. Update on the Restructure Process for the NURC





### **Code Enforcement Activity**



### **University Area Enforcement Code Violations Procedure**

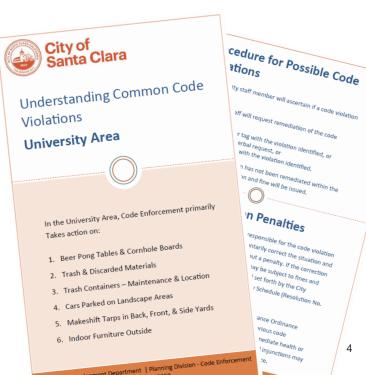
#### Procedure for Possible Code Violations

<u>Step 1:</u> A City staff member will ascertain if a code violation exists.

<u>Step 2:</u> City Staff will request remediation of the code violation, by;

- leaving a door tag with the violation identified, or
- an in person verbal request, or
- a mailed letter with the violation identified.

<u>Step 3:</u> If the violation has not been remediated within the given timeline, a Citation and fine will be issued.





### **University Area Enforcement** Working Together for Compliance

<u>Community</u> <u>Development</u>

Confirm a violation exists

∎ <u>Environmental</u> <u>Programs</u>



Issue a notice of violation



Conduct a re-inspection. Take the appropriate enforcement action if not abated.



### University Area Enforcement Violations

• Since the last NURC Meeting:

Community Development

- 41 violation notices issued
- 4 citations were issued

**Environmental Programs** 

- 4 violation notices issued
- o citations were issued







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Matt McCarty hits from the bunker on the second hole during the final round at the Masters golf tournament, Sunday, April 13, 2025, in Augusta, Ga. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)



### **End of Academic Year Info**

### SCU Finals Week:

M-Th: June 9-12, 2025

### **Undergraduate Move-Out:**

Undergraduate residence halls close on Thursday June 13th, 2024 at 9:00PM

### **Commencement Events:**

Events happening Friday, June 13th (afternoon), and Saturday, June 14th (all day)





### **Move Out & Trash Collection**

### City of Santa Clara 2025 Annual Cleanup Campaign:

- April 28th for University Area

### **Residence Halls**

- Zero Waste Trash Diversion
  - Clothing, food & toiletries, recycling, room decor & supplies, and schools supplies
- 40 yard dumpsters at several locations across campus

### **End-of-Year University Area Trash Pickup**

- Either June 16 & 23 or June 19 & 26



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### 2025 Lam Research Heart & Soles Run

Saturday, May 10, 8am

5K, 10K, Kids Run, Virtual Race

SCU serves as both the start and finish locations





### **SCU Fall Quarter Dates**



### **Summer New Student Orientation:**

 5 In-Person sessions throughout July (Overnight)

### Fall 2025 Important Dates:

- Friday September 19th: 1st year student move-in
- September 20th-21st: Welcome Weekend & Returning student move in





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Sean Collins, Associate Vice President for University Operations <u>spcollins@scu.edu</u>, 408-554-5078



### **Santa Clara Police Department**

### **Sergeant RJ Otico**

# **NURC Meeting**

February 24, 2025



# SITREP

- <u>Troublesome behavior from SCU students.</u>
  - Urinating in public
  - Thefts (Safeway, 10851, etc.)
  - Alcoholic beverages thrown at officers
  - Pedestrian safety
  - Disrespect (fleeing from Police, laughing about criminal behavior, etc.)





# **Proactive Steps Taken**

- <u>08-20-24</u>: SCU Task Force meeting (SCPD, SCU, Code Enforcement, & others)
- <u>08-21-24</u>: Meeting with SCU Staff regarding the upcoming school year.
- <u>09-18-24</u>: Meeting with SCU Neighborhood Ambassadors
- <u>09-24-24</u>: SCU Task Force meeting (SCPD, SCU, Code Enforcement, & others)
- <u>09-25-24</u>: Meeting with property owners / managers
- <u>09-28-24</u>: SCU Walkabout SCPD, SCU Office of Student Life, Code Enforcement, Fire Dept. Door-to-door education (200+ students contacted)
- Multiple Team 200 patrols to begin the school year, intelligence-driven
- Informational emails and welcome video for incoming students
- ABC Grant special operations (Impact inspections, shoulder taps, minor decoys, etc.)
- OCHO Presentations throughout February, 2025



# **SCU Footprint**





# Strict Enforcement Model

### **PD** takes a tough stance on noise complaints

CRT Officers are using a progressive enforcement model. Various first • offenses can potentially result in warnings (educational element), but citations are also being issued on first offenses when noise is late or

excessive.

<b>Special Response Ordinar</b>	ice (penalty amounts for violations deemed an	infraction)
Section 9.05.020 (a)	First Response	
Section 9.05.020 (f)(1)(A)	2nd Response within 72 hours	\$500.00
Section 9.05.020 (f)(1)(B)	2nd Response, after 72 hrs, within 30 days	\$250.00
Section 9.05.020 (f)(1)(C)	2nd Response, after 30 days, within one year	\$150.00
Section 9.05.020 (f)(1)(D)	3rd Response within one year	\$300.00
Section 9.05.020 (f)(1)(E)	4th Response within one year	\$600.00
Section 9.05.020 (f)(1)(F)	5th Response within one year	\$900.00
Section 9.05.020 (f)(1)(G)	Over 5 Responses within one year	\$1000.00

#### Santa Clara City Code

The fees above apply to Administrative Citations only for the sections noted. The City may enforce a violation(s) of City Code as a criminal, civil, or administrative action. The gathering abated may also be subsequently evaluated for enforcement of other City Code violations, including but not limited to

SCCC 9.05.010: loud and unreasonable noise 10PM to 7AM

SCCC 9.05.025: public nuisance - disturbance

SCCC 9.05.110: person(s) under the age of 21 in possession of alcoholic beverage(s)

This is intended to be an informational reference guide and notice. Refer to the actual City Code for complete text of the referenced sections, and additional sections, including but not limited to: SCCC Chapter 9.05.

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# **Enforcement Example**

- Citizen Complaint via police dispatch
- Officers respond and determine if violation occurred- if no violation, warning/education only
- If violation- "First Response" issued to tenants
- Police report is written documenting incident
- CRT reviews case and determines if fine is warranted



# **Common Violations**

- SCMC 9.05.010(C)- Disturbing the peace (10 PM-7AM)
  - -1<sup>st</sup> violation- \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> violation- \$300...
- SCMC 9.05.060(B)(1)- Amplified music without a permit
  - -1<sup>st</sup> violation- \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> violation- \$300...



#### Summary Narrative

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On 1/24/2025, at around 2239 hours, SCPD Officers responded to St. in Santa Clara regarding an SCU party complaint. Officers issued a first response, and the party was shut down. BWC footage available.

Narrative

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Upon arrival at the property at around 2300 hours, there were approximately 100 individuals inside and approximately <u>25</u> individuals outside the residence. LOUD MUSIC and LOUD VOICES could be heard from a distance of approximately 1 city block(s) away. The nearest residence was LESS THAN 250 feet away.

There WAS alcohol present on the premises. Minors WERE NOT in possession of alcohol. Party hosts were COOPERATIVE.

The party WAS shut down while officers were present. Upon leaving the scene the party/residence WAS quiet.

Unknown # individuals remained.

# **First Response**

### **Analysis From CRT**

- Time of day
- Number of subjects
- Distance of amplified noise
- Minors/alcohol present
- Cooperation
- Number of responses per school year



# **Strict Enforcement Model**

**Property Owners Collaboration** 

- Regular follow-up meetings conducted to foster a good working relationship/information flow with property owners/managers.
- Property owners taking action in collaboration with CRT. "House meetings" are a good example of this (roughly **8** such meetings already this school year), as is the path to enforcement action (citations) and "blue tags"...



# **Blue Tags**

- When a property has been identified as a "Nuisance" it can be blue tagged
- Each subsequent police or fire response is \$1000 minimum
- Blue tag must remain posted on residence for 90 days

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC NUISANCE

PURSUANT TO SANTA CLARA CITY CODE CHAPTER 9.05, THE NEXT DISTURBANCE AT THE PREMISES WILL RESULT IN MONETARY PENALTIES IMPOSED UPON ALL PARTICIPANTS AND SPONSORS OF THE EVENT, AND ALL PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE PREMISES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on 2-XX-2022, at 2:00 PM, the Santa Clara Police Department found that a public nuisance caused by a disturbance of the public peace and/or threat to public safety occurred at the premises located at 1234 Main Street in Santa Clara, CA.

If there is a subsequent event on these premises that constitutes such a public nuisance and necessitates the intervention of the Police Department or Fire Department on or before 2-XX-2023, every participant in and sponsor of such event shall be jointly and severally liable for the monetary penalties connected with this response (any subsequent event at the same premises, which necessitates City intervention, shall result in a fee of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)). If there is a subsequent event on these premises that constitutes such a public nuisance and necessitates the intervention of the Police Department or Fire Department within one (1) year from the date of this notice, the occupants and owner of the premises shall be jointly and severally liable for the costs connected with any subsequent response.

Randy Van Diemen

Officer Signature

Police Officer Title of Officer

Officer Name

408-615-4742 Phone Number

<u>2-XX-2022</u> Date Issued / Posted 2202XXXXXXX Case Number

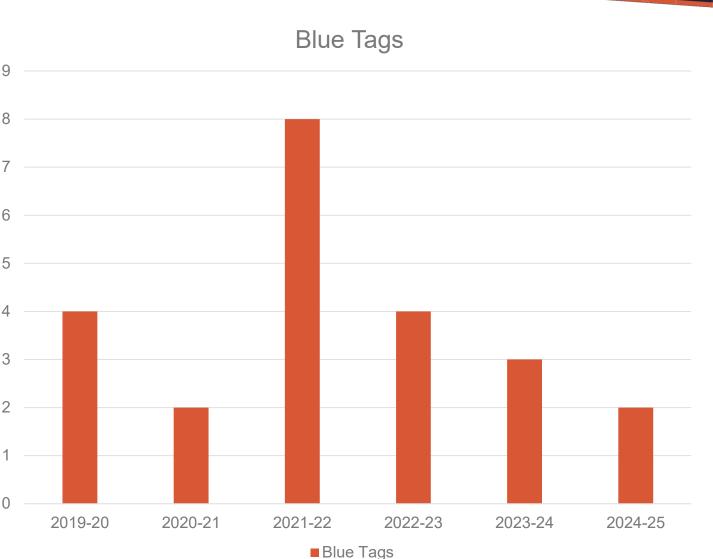


The residents/tenants of the listed property shall be responsible for ensuring that this notice shall NOT be removed or defaced for three months from the time of posting.



# **Blue Tags**

- Blue-tags used more frequently as a tool to combat nuisances.
- NOTE: SCPD has adjusted the blue tag approach to carry over from the previous year.
- Currently 2 blue tags are active, with multiple other houses (6) on the verge of being blue-tagged (meetings conducted with all)





# **SCU Zone Statistics**

#### **SPECIAL RESPONSE NOTICES:**

- 9/1/2023 through 5/1/2024-111
- 9/1/2024 through 5/1/2025 = 104

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS (after Special Response Analysis):**

- *9/1/2023 through 5/1/2024* = 69
- 9/1/2024 through 5/1/2025 = 65



# **Citation Statistics**

## <u>As of 5/1/24:</u>

• \$43,750 in fines

## <u>As of 5/1/25:</u> • <mark>\$38,550 in fines</mark>

• *\$634.00 per citation* 

• *\$602.00 per citation* 

The goal is not to produce money, but to change behavior and bring peace to the neighborhood



# **Working with Students**

- Conversations with students to educate on driving factors for behavior and police response
- Actions taken by SCPD to promote health and safety of students
  - Prowlers / stalkers
  - Fentanyl dangers
  - Proactively addressing "bad actors" (internal and external)
- Building relationships with student organizations (ex: First Responders Night with ASG)
- Police participation in SCU activities to build rapport and trust
- Firm, but fair approach



# **Questions?**