



**Santa Clara Police Department**

**Sergeant RJ Otico**

**NURC Meeting**

**March 2, 2026**



# MISSION STATEMENT

*"The Mission of the Santa Clara Police Department is to always provide quality police service to the public. Working together, and in partnership with the community, we will identify and resolve problems utilizing all available resources. We will perform this service professionally and with integrity."*



# COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM

## ROLE & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Nuisance & Quality of Life Issues
- Santa Clara University
- **NURC**
- Mental Health & Crisis Response
- Community Engagement
- Vice
- Criminal Abatements
- Homelessness
- Grant Operations
  - ABC
  - Tobacco

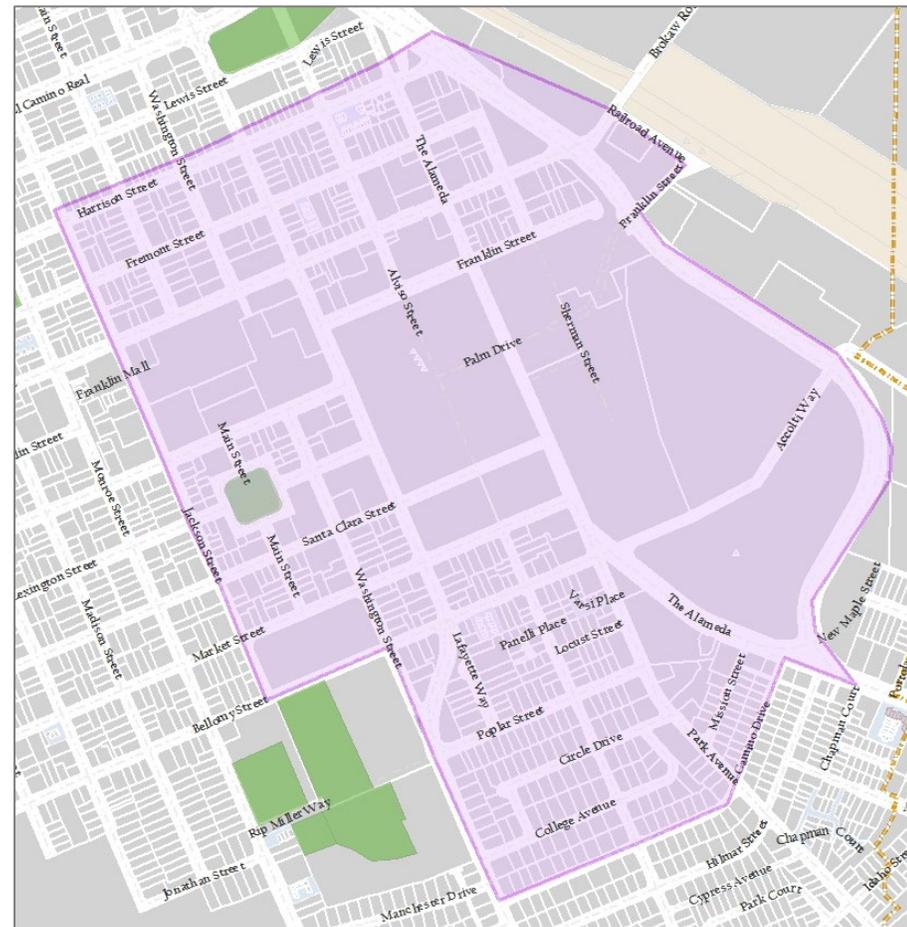


## TEAM MEMBERS

- 1 Sergeant
- 4 Officers
- 1 Mental Health Clinician
- 1 Community Service Officer



# SCU Footprint





# ISSUES & CONCERNS

- Parking
- Traffic
- Noise – loud music, people yelling, general disturbance of peace
- Drinking alcohol in public and underage drinking



# **PARKING/TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT**

- **Proactive** – actively seek to identify violations and take enforcement action.
- **Reactive** – acting in response to complaint.
- Call SCPD's non-emergency line 408-615-5580



# NOISE COMPLAINTS

- CRT Officers are using a progressive enforcement model.
  - Educate: OCHO, Walk-about, move-in, house meetings, follow-up
  - Enforcement
- 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...



# 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



# 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



# 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

Summary Narrative [EXPAND](#) [EDIT](#)

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

Narrative [EXPAND](#) [EDIT](#)

Upon arrival at the property at around 2300 hours, there were approximately 100 individuals inside and approximately 25 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.



# 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 Name*

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*Officer Signature*

Police Officer

*Title of Officer*

408-615-4742

*Phone Number*

2-XX-2022

*Date Issued / Posted*

2202XXXXXX

*Case Number*

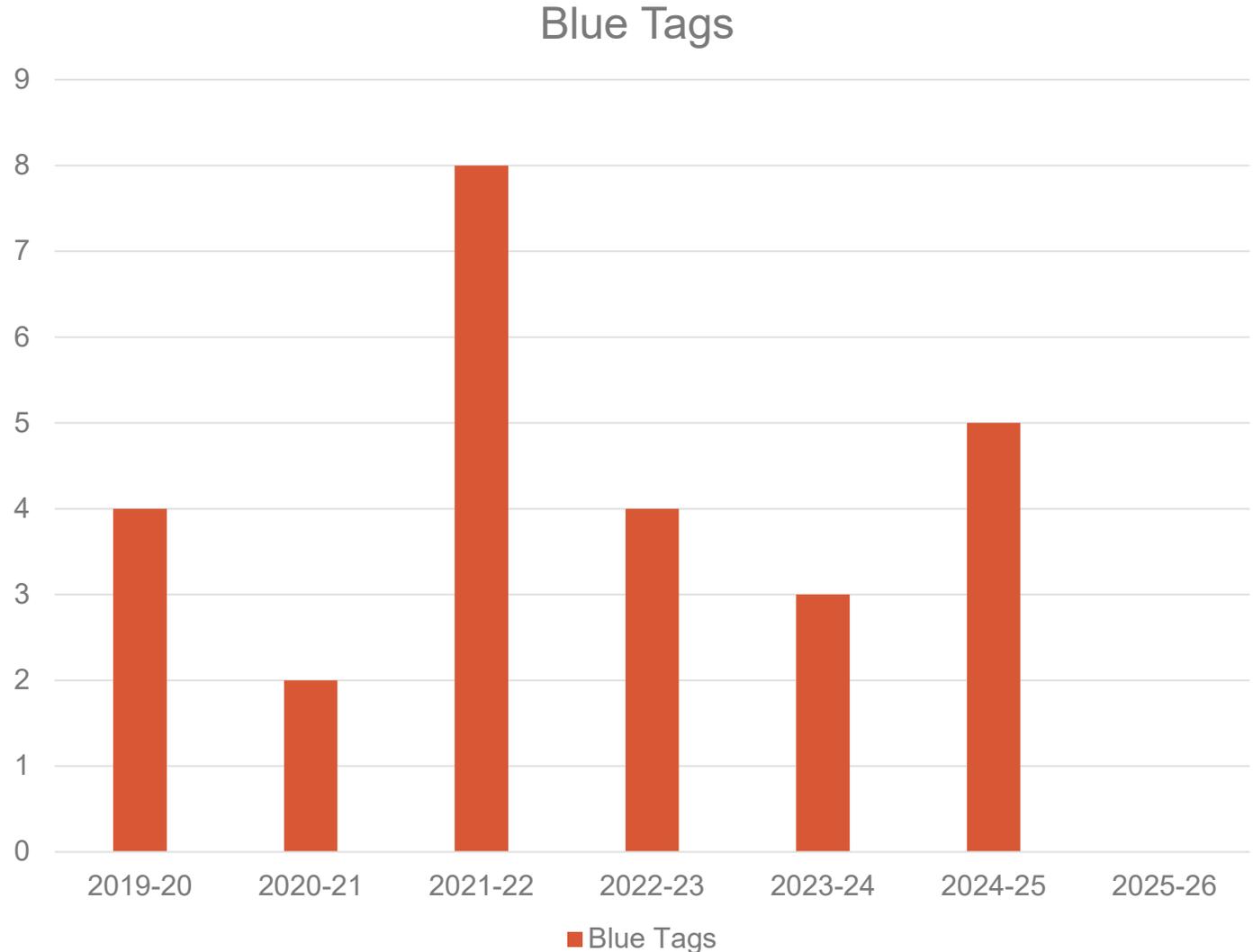


*The residents/tenants of the listed property shall be responsible for ensuring that this notice shall NOT be removed or defaced for three months from the time of posting.*



# 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 0 blue tags are active, with multiple other houses on the verge of being blue-tagged (meetings conducted with all)





# SCU Zone Statistics

## SPECIAL RESPONSE NOTICES:

- *9/1/2023 through 2/2/2024- 77*
- *9/1/2024 through 2/24/2025 = 88*
- ***9/1/2025 through 2/25/2026 = 67***

## ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS (after Special Response Analysis):

- *9/1/2023 through 2/2/2024 = 46*
- *9/1/2024 through 2/24/2025 = 50*
- ***9/1/2025 through 2/25/2026 = 30***



# Citation Statistics

## As of 2/2/25:

- *\$29,500 in fines*
- *\$590 per citation*

## As of 2/25/26:

- *\$11,850 in fines*
- *\$395 per citation*

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



# **ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS**

- **Team 200**
  - Dedicated to SCU footprint
- **ABC**
  - Minor decoy operations
  - Shoulder tap
  - General Enforcement



# ENFORCEMENT

- Officer enforce the law objectively and professionally, without bias or favoritism. Officers treat all individuals with respect and make decisions based on facts, evidence, and established laws—not personal opinions, relationships, or external pressures. Enforcement actions are applied uniformly, ensuring similar situations are handled in similar ways.



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