



MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, May 8, 2025
3:00 – 5:00 P.M.
Sheriff's Community Room
5200 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz 95062

- I. Call to Order/Introductions
- II. Approval of Agenda/Meeting Minutes
- III. Oral Communications
- IV. Executive Committee – Discussion/Consent
 - Farewell CJC
 - Future hosting of CJC website including past Annual Reports
 - Process for ending CJC – Disposition of Funds
- V. Acceptance of Written Standing Reports
(Brief overview and clarifying questions)

Individual reports include updates from:

 1. Community Corrections Partnership
 2. Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team
 3. North County BASTA
 4. Youth Action Network
- VI. Grant Opportunities and Updates
- VII. Legislative Updates
- VIII. Adjournment

Calendar of 2025 Council Meetings

The full council meets quarterly on the second Thursday of the month from 3:00 to 5:00 pm as follows:

- February 13, 2025
- May 8, 2025

Calendar of 2025 Executive Committee Meetings

The Executive Committee meets quarterly on the third Thursday of the month prior to the full Council meeting from Noon to 1:00 as follows:

- January 16, 2025
- April 17, 2025

Notice regarding Criminal Justice Council: The Criminal Justice Council of Santa Cruz County meets quarterly on the second Thursday of the month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on a schedule determined by the Council. The meetings are held at the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Community Room, 5200 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz, CA 95062.

Agenda and Agenda Packet Materials: The Criminal Justice Council Agenda and the complete agenda packet are available online at <https://santacruzsjc.org/> the Monday prior to the Thursday meeting. Need more information? Contact the CJC Administrative Assistant at cjcsantacruzcounty@gmail.com.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Disability-related aids or services are available to enable persons with a disability to participate in this meeting consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Assisted listening devices are available for individuals with hearing impairments at the meeting locations. Should you require special accommodations to participate in the meeting due to a disability, please contact the Administrative Assistant at least 48-hours in advance of the meeting at cjcsantacruzcounty@gmail.com. To accommodate individuals with environmental sensitivities, attendees are requested to refrain from wearing perfumes and other scented products.

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

PURPOSE:

- Provide a more **effective and efficient** criminal justice system for the citizens of the Cities and County of Santa Cruz.
- Promote **cooperation and coordination** within the criminal justice system.
- Provide **long-range planning** for the criminal justice system in Santa Cruz County.
- Create a **forum for discussion** of and recommendations for **programs and plans for solutions** to criminal justice issues.
- Provide **timely information** on criminal justice matters, act as an **advisory body** to governmental entities in Santa Cruz County, and **monitor and evaluate** projects.
- Promote more **efficient use of local resources** to enhance capacity of criminal justice agencies and assist in **obtaining new or additional revenues** from outside the community.
- Promote the **health and safety** of the community.



Written Report from Standing Committees and Taskforces
Report Date: 5/8/2025

Committee/Taskforce Name: Community Corrections Partnership Meeting (CCP)

Activities since last CJC Meeting aligned with CJC Purpose (provide a more effective and efficient criminal justice system for the citizens of the Cities and County of Santa Cruz; promote cooperation and coordination within the criminal justice system; provide long-range planning for the criminal justice system in Santa Cruz County; create a forum for discussion of and recommendations for programs and plans for solutions to criminal justice issues; provide timely information on criminal justice matters, act as an advisory body to governmental entities in Santa Cruz County, and monitor and evaluate projects; promote more efficient use of local resources to enhance capacity of criminal justice agencies and assist in obtaining new or additional revenues from outside the community; and promote the health and safety of the community):

There are no new updates for the CCP since the last CJC meeting held on February 13, 2025. As the next CCP meeting is scheduled just prior to the May 8, 2025, CJC meeting, a verbal update may be available at that time.

Next CCP meeting: May 5, 2025, 11:00 am (Location TBD)

Funding updates, if any:

Request of CJC, if appropriate:

Anything else you would like to share with the CJC



Written Report from Standing Committees and Taskforces
Report Date: January 31, 2025

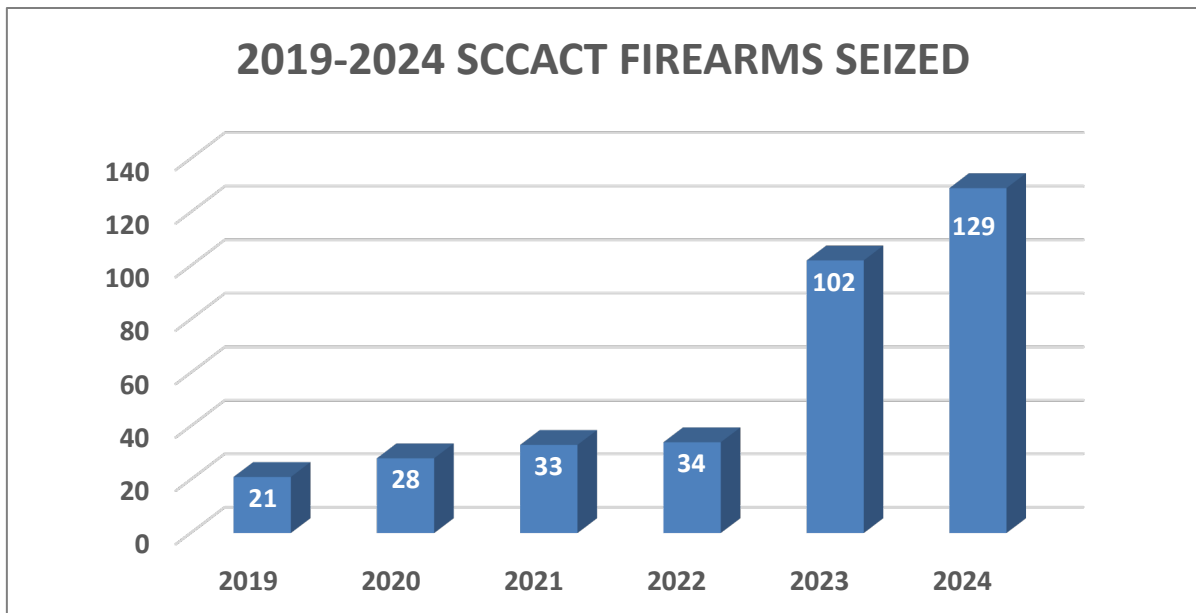
Committee/Taskforce Name: SANTA CRUZ COUNTY ANTI-CRIME TEAM (SCCACT)

Activities since last CJC Meeting aligned with CJC Purpose:

SCCACT continues its commitment to proactively investigating violent crime, weapons, drug and gang related crimes and activity in our community. SCCACT agents effectively partner with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to apprehend subjects involved in criminal activity as well as to take illegal drugs and weapons off the streets in our community and surrounding area.

2024 Year in Review:

In 2024, SCCACT agents successfully recovered **129 firearms**, an unprecedented amount for this team that historically averages 30 firearms per year.



The year also ended with 28 Felony arrests and 4 Misdemeanor arrests along with 46 Search Warrants served and over 70 Agency Assists. Agents also recovered numerous drugs during the year including Meth, Heroin, Cocaine, Xanax pills and Fentanyl pills and powder.

2024 SCCACT Drugs Seized	YTD TOTALS
Methamphetamine <i>(in grams)</i>	33,377.7
Heroin <i>(in grams)</i>	4,037.6
Marijuana <i>(in grams)</i>	338
Cocaine <i>(in grams)</i>	27.3
Fentanyl <i>(in grams)</i>	458.4
Xanax powder <i>(in grams)</i>	82
Xanax pills	5,100
Fentanyl pills	3,100

The success of the team is reflective of the hard work and dedication of each agent and the team's ability and willingness to work collaboratively with other agencies and eagerness to contribute to a positive outcome for the community.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

In early January of this year, as part of an ongoing investigation and in collaboration with CHP and FBI, SCCACT agents participated in an undercover operation resulting in 14 firearms seized and 1,500 Fentanyl pills. This is a result of an investigation that began in the last few months of 2024 involving a local gang member and a Confidential Informant.

REQUEST OF CJC, IF APPROPRIATE:

The CJC's continued support of the Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team and of local law enforcement agencies enhances the ability of the taskforce to continue the important work of providing preventative measures to minimize violent crime and infiltration of narcotics into our community.

Respectfully,



Ed Delfin
Commander
Santa Cruz County Anti-Crime Team



Written Report from Standing Committees and Taskforces

Report Date: May 01, 2025

Committee/Task Force Name: Youth Action Network (formerly Youth Violence Prevention Network)

United Way of Santa Cruz County Activities since last CJC Meeting aligned with CJC Purpose:

Youth-Adult Partnership Survey: We are pleased to report that a total of 101 youth and 66 adults completed the Youth-Adult Partnership Survey. This significant participation is helping strengthen the collaboration between youth and adults in the community. The insights gained from the survey will be shared at the upcoming Youth-Adult Partnership Summit and will inform future strategies for fostering positive youth-adult relationships.

Youth-Adult Partnership Summit - Save the Date: June 18, 2025: We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Youth-Adult Partnership Summit, which will take place on June 18, 2025. This summit is designed to bring together youth, adults, network partners, and organizations to:

- Strengthen youth-adult collaboration through partnership-focused workshops.
- Share tools, frameworks, and best practices for positive youth development.
- Expand youth participation in community decision-making.
- Increase awareness of community organizations and available youth resources.

The summit will provide a valuable space for collaboration, growth, and learning for all involved.



Leaders Unite - Workshop on Policy & Decision-Making: The 2nd Annual Leaders Unite Event took place on March 29, 2025, with 11 youth and 8 local leaders participating in facilitated dialogue sessions. This event was designed to build stronger relationships between youth and adult decision-makers. All youth participants reported feeling more connected to adults, with each rating above neutral on post-event surveys, demonstrating the positive impact of such opportunities for collaboration.

Youth Participatory Action Research with UC Santa Cruz: As part of the Youth Participatory Action Research (Y-PAR) initiative, youth researchers have teamed up with UC Santa Cruz professors and United Way Santa Cruz County to better understand how the Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD) community engages with school funding decisions—specifically through the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). To further this work, we’ve created an anonymous 5-minute survey to learn more about community awareness and involvement in the LCAP process. Your feedback will help us find ways to increase community voice in school funding decisions.

Youth Research Findings: Community Well-Being and Safety 2024-2025

Please see the linked and newly released publication, *Santa Cruz County Youth Participatory Action Research: Community Safety, Well-Being, and Satisfaction*. This project represents a powerful partnership between United Way of Santa Cruz County and UC Santa Cruz, where youth researchers and undergraduate students worked side by side to explore the intersections of mental health, safety, and community conditions.

Through a Youth Participatory Action Research (Y-PAR) approach, youth led the research process, shaping questions, collecting data, and analyzing responses from over 500 county residents. The findings highlight critical links between community safety, access to neighborhood resources, experiences of discrimination, and mental well-being.

This youth-driven research offers actionable insights for schools, local governments, nonprofits, and other partners working to build thriving, equitable communities where young people can succeed. Read the article here: tinyurl.com/YPARCommunitySafetyWellbeing

Youth Community Calendar

This calendar connects youth and community partners across Santa Cruz County, highlighting increased collaboration to support vibrant, youth-centered communities. View the calendar here: tinyurl.com/youthcommunitycalendar



A request of CJC, if appropriate:

- Share and or take the LCAP Survey: linktr.ee/yansantacruzcounty
- Save the Date to attend the YAP Summit on June 18, 2025
- Sign up for our **Community Impact Newsletter**: <https://linktr.ee/YANSantaCruzCounty>
- Share the **Youth Activities Calendar**: <https://tinyurl.com/youthcommunitycalendar>

Respectfully,

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Community Impact Coordinators