

Public Safety

DISCOVER CAPITOLA

February 24, 2026



Discover Capitola Sessions



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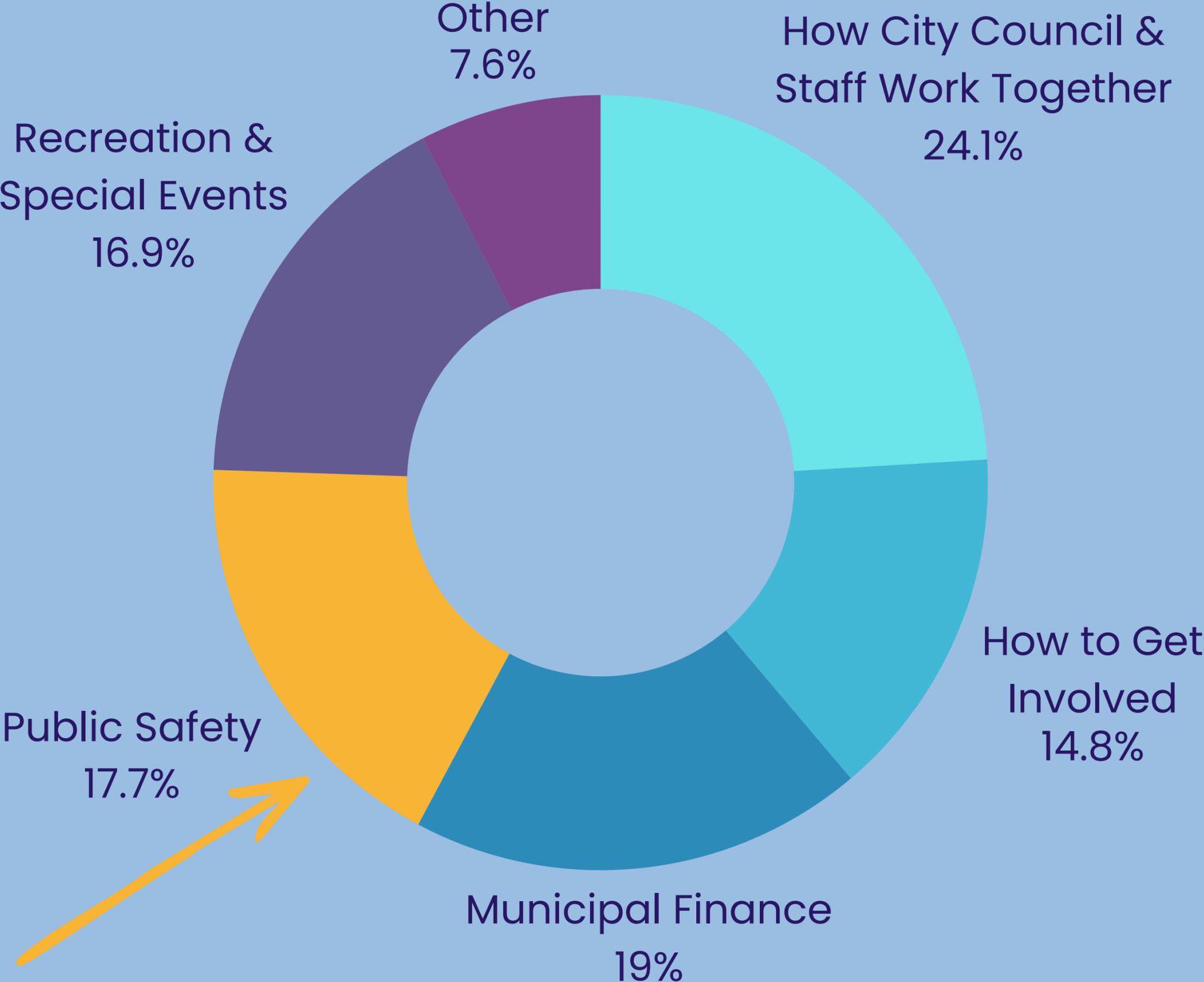
Soquel Creek Water District

A public engagement opportunity

Agenda

- 1 Chief Introductions
- 2 Capitola Police Department
- 3 Central Fire District
- 4 Tours of Facilities
- 5 Question & Answer Period

What You Want to Know





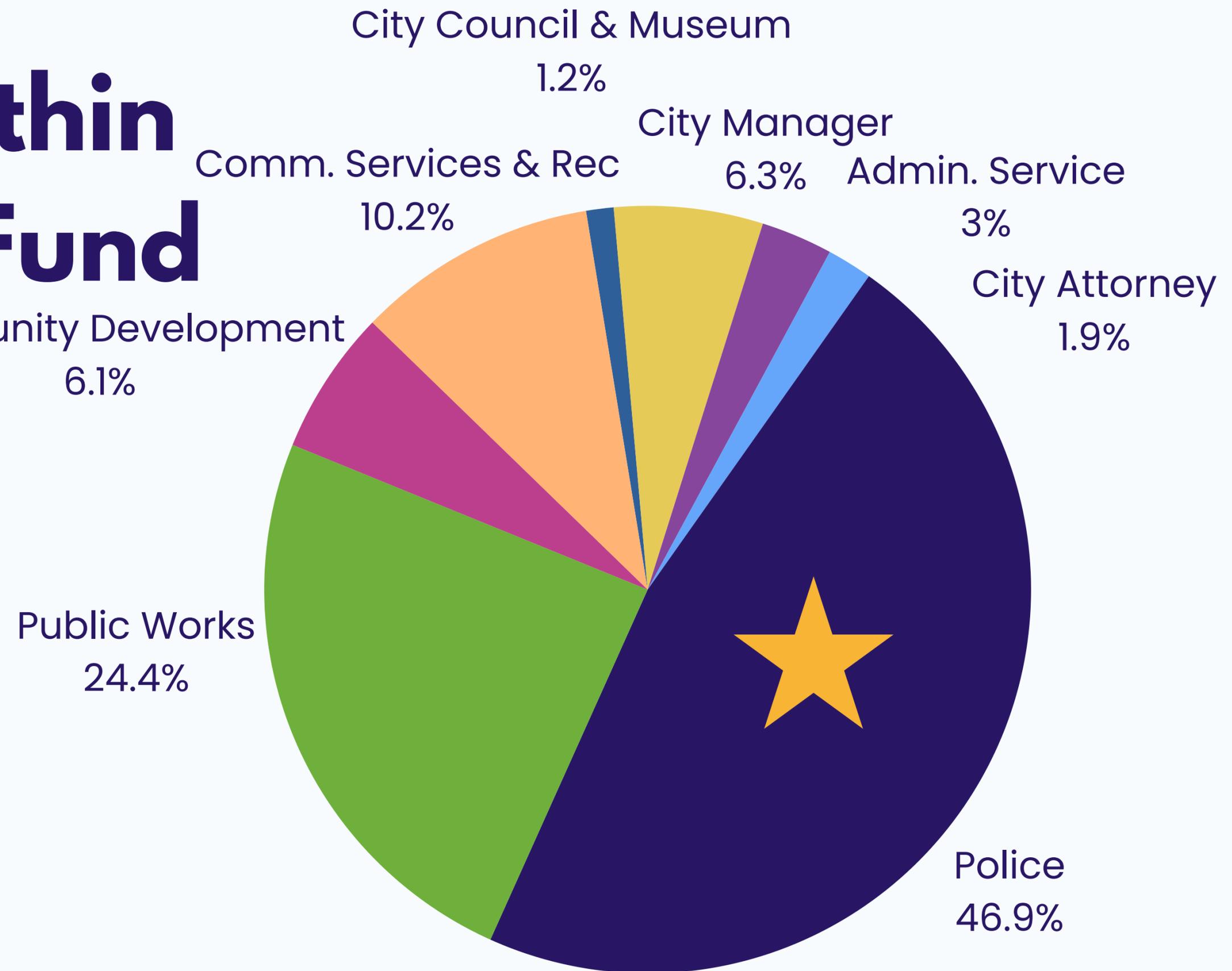
Capitola PD



We Protect Capitola!

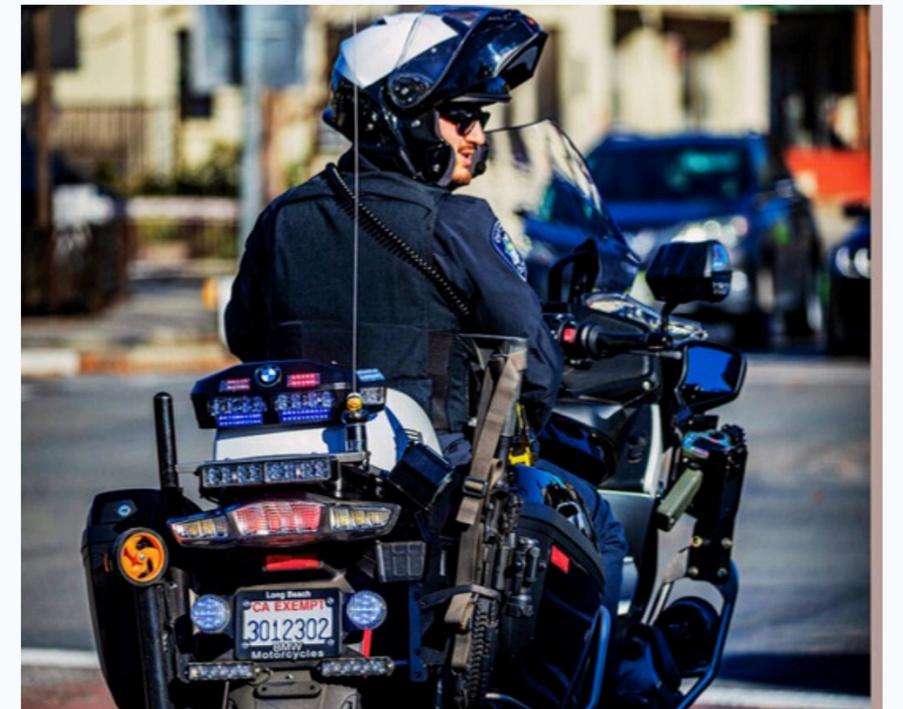
- 22 Sworn
- 31 Full-Time Staff
- Serves the City of Capitola & *regionally, in partnership*
- Professional police force dedicated to high character, fairness, compassion & the non-biased delivery of police services.

Police Within General Fund Budget



Community Policing Goals

- Sustainable staffing
- Long-term technology planning
- Regional partnerships
- New Brighton Middle School collaboration & youth engagement



Technology in Policing

- Body-worn cameras
- Drone program
- Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)



SLV Store

E-Bike Safety

State law limits Capitola's ability to develop specific laws for bikes, which are classified as motor vehicles

- City has asked elected officials in Sacramento to write statewide rules to protect youth and improve education

Focus on annual education & outreach to both youth & adults:

- Partnership with local schools & community groups
- Will deploy targeted enforcement for unsafe or unlawful riding behaviors

Plan to develop a website with:

- Links to educational resources
- Accidents & enforcement data





Central Fire District

We Provide Emergency Response!

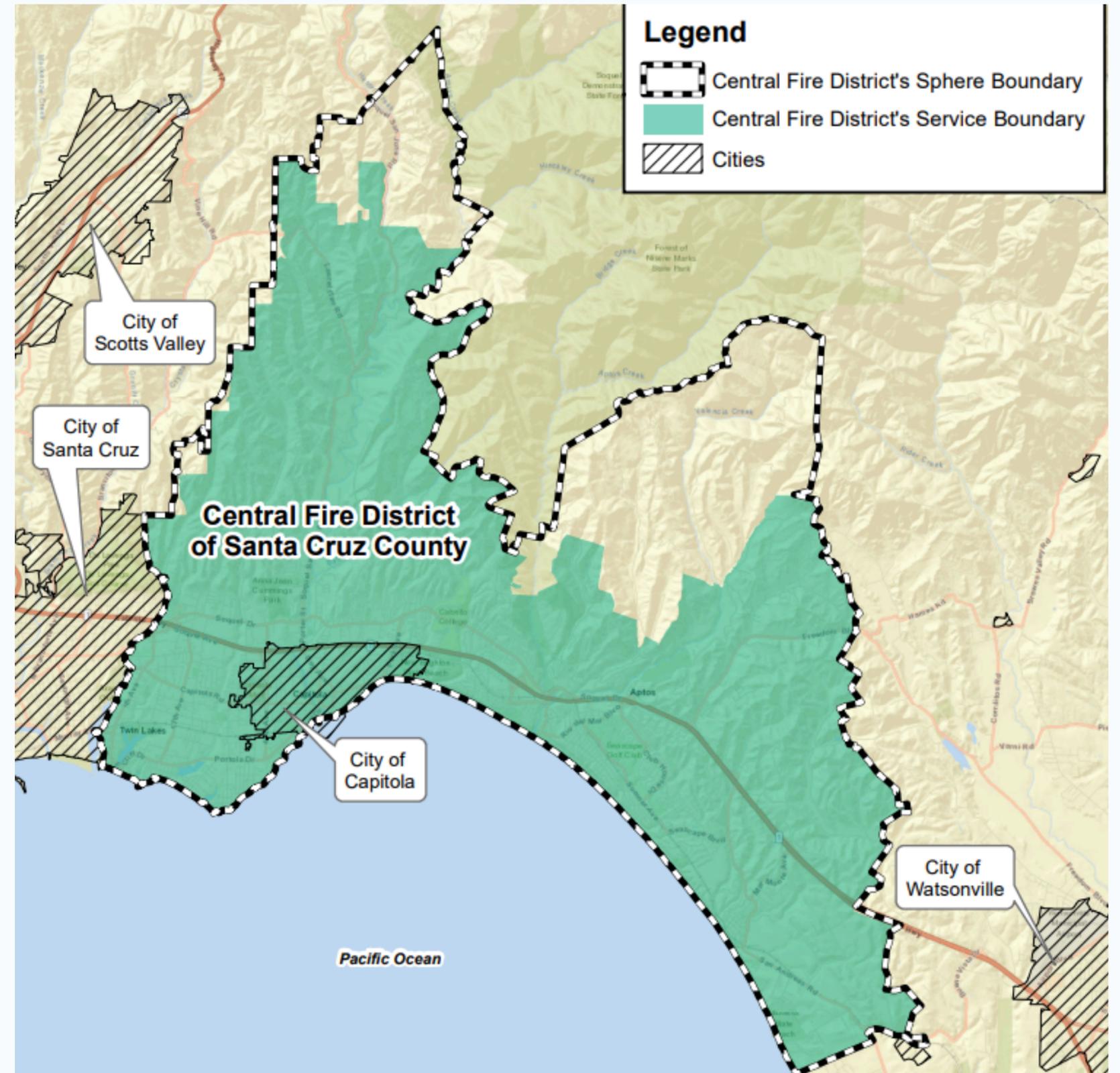


- 85 Sworn
- 23 Administrative Staff
- 10 paid on-call Firefighters
- Protect lives, property, and the environment through emergency response, community risk reduction, and education



CFD SC County

- Serve Aptos, **Capitola**, La Selva Beach, Live Oak, Rio Del Mar, & Soquel
- Led by five elected at-large board members





Successful Collaboration

Keeping the community safe during special events:

- Preparation
- Unified Command
- Special Teams



Always Prepared

- Natural disasters
- People-caused emergencies
- Evacuations
- Traffic control
- *and more!*

Time for a tour!

Group A: Capitola Police Department

Group B: Central Fire Station

then we'll switch

Questions & Answers

How to Stay Connected

1

Public Safety:
NIXLE
Cruz Aware

2

Local Gov:
City website
Meeting
Agendas

3

City News:
Capitola Waves
Social Media

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City News:
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Future Sessions (all at 6 PM)

**March
3**

**Local
Business**

**March
19**

**Community
Identity**

**March
26**

**Recognition
at Council
Meeting**

See you on March 3 for

Local Business

Thank
you!

for attending our second session