



## OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

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Sheriff

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To Residents and Visitors,

Many are worried that border communities are unsafe. In the case of Santa Cruz County and the city of Nogales, we have a very safe border area. Our people are friendly and our businesses are inviting. In many ways, our county provides some relief from the stress of modern life while offering scenic vistas and milder temperatures than other parts of the state. Our annual rainfall exceeds much of Arizona. This results in more vegetation and animal life and beautiful riparian and forested areas ranging in elevation from 3,200 feet at the Santa Cruz River to over 9,000 feet in the Santa Rita Mountains. The county offers exquisite opportunities for exploring nature and unique local traditions of culture and food and people who openly embrace outsiders with gestures of friendliness. Persons who have lived in our county often return to our friendly relaxed communities after experiencing life elsewhere.

I, Sheriff David Hathaway, was born and raised in Nogales and I have lived and worked in various parts of Santa Cruz County. I can assure you that you will enjoy visiting or living in our county. Nogales and Santa Cruz County have crime rates below the average for the state. My wife Karen and I and our family would like to welcome you as a visitor or a new resident to any of our communities which range from the rural ranching and vineyard regions on the edges of the county to the border community of Nogales and the many other urban and suburban parts of the county in-between that each offer their own unique culture.

As a family with nine children, we can attest to the fact that Santa Cruz County is a great safe place to raise a family and has the advantage of offering the experience of multiple cultures and easy visits to Mexico. We are happy to welcome you and your family to our unique friendly county.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call me at 520-761-7869 at the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office. I look forward to welcoming you and your family to our county.

Sincerely,

David Hathaway  
Sheriff  
Santa Cruz County