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Domestic Violence Awareness Month will continue this year as part of the Domestic Violence Awareness Project.

The following numbers represent Domestic Violence calls during the last one year period in Santa Cruz County from October 2011 through September 2012;

Agency	Calls	Reports	Arrests	Arrest Warrants
Santa Cruz Sheriff	1249	350	139	100
Santa Cruz Police	995	350	83	91
Watsonville Police	893	181	88	151
Capitola Police	152	26	12	10
Scotts Valley Police	NA	36	9	4
	3289	863	331	356

Domestic violence can be defined as a pattern of coercive behavior or tactics that is culturally learned and socially condoned. It can include physical, sexual, psychological, and economic abuse, and is perpetrated by one person against their intimate partner. Domestic violence can also be perpetrated by and/or against a member of the same family or household.

Domestic violence remains a huge and largely hidden problem. The purple ribbons you may have seen recently on our patrol cars and people's lapels are to remind us that someone is physically, sexually, psychologically or verbally abused by an intimate partner every 15 seconds. It crosses all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines. Although women are more often targeted by men, there are also men who are victimized by their female or male intimate partners and women who are battered and manipulated by their female partners.

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