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Jail Food Services recognized as “Clean Business”



Congratulations to the Santa Cruz County Sheriff’s Jail Food Service Team! The City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department recently honored the County Jail’s kitchen as a “Clean Ocean Business.” This designation means the kitchen was found in compliance with the City of Santa Cruz Food Service Facilities Best Management Practices. Our kitchen staff was recognized for their efforts in reducing pollution in our community, which is no small accomplishment with the number of meals prepared by them daily. The Food Services Team prepares 41,000 inmate and staff meals per month, 6,000 of which are special religious or medical meals. This averages about 1400 meals per day.

The Main Jail kitchen is staffed daily by four cooks on two shifts who are assisted by ten work release participants. The average cost per meal for inmates is \$1.41. An aggressive waste reduction program, including cardboard, metal and plastic recycling, water conservation, food and landscape composting and grease recycling is used to minimize our waste footprint.

Sheriff Jim Hart thanked the City of Santa Cruz for recognizing the efforts of the Corrections Bureau Food Services Team as a “Clean Ocean Business.” “Protecting our environment is important to the Sheriff’s Office and our community. I am proud of the work being done by everyone working at the Sheriff’s Office who contributed to this recognition.”