

Salary, Compensation & Leave Summary

DA INSPECTOR REPRESENTATION UNIT – SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

See Memorandum of Understanding for Representation Unit
Contact your Departmental Personnel Clerk or Personnel Liaison

VACATION (Article 20.2) – Employees are eligible after 1 year; employees begin earning at a rate of 14 days per year, increasing to 29 days after 15 years.

SICK LEAVE (Article 20.3) – Employees are eligible on the 90th day of employment; 96 hours a year for full-time employees.

HOLIDAYS (Article 20.1) – 13 days a year.

COURT LEAVE (Article 20.4) – All employees shall be granted leave with pay from their work for such time as they may be required to serve in a court of law.

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE (Article 20.5) – 3 days in California, 5 days out-of-state.

OASDI (FICA) – County and employee each pay a Medicare contribution of 1.45%.

RETIREMENT (Article 13) - Employees in this unit are PERS Safety retirement members. Employees who previously worked for the County of Santa Cruz return to the retirement formula they had at the time of their separation regardless of the length of separation. All other employees' retirement formulas are as follows:

Tier 1: Hired before 6/9/12

- PERS Safety (County Peace Officer): 2% @ 50, Maximum Benefit Factor 2.7% @ 55, employees pay their own 9% PERS contribution and 3% of the employer contribution. Retirement benefits based on single highest year.

Tier 2: Hired between 6/9/12 and 12/31/12, or after 1/1/13 but within six months of separating from a budgeted position with another California public employer in the CalPERS system or another reciprocal retirement system

- PERS Safety (County Peace Officer): 2% @ 50, Maximum Benefit Factor 2.7% @ 55, employees pay their own 9% PERS contribution and 3% of the employer contribution. Retirement benefits based on 3-year final average.

Tier 3: New employees hired 1/1/13 or later who do not fit into Tier 1 or Tier 2. Employees pay at least one half of the normal cost of their retirement.

- PERS Safety (County Peace Officer): 2% @ 50, Maximum Benefit Factor 2.7% @ 57, employees pay their own 11% PERS contribution and 1% of the employer contribution. Retirement benefits based on 3-year final average

DISCLAIMER: THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BASED ON THE COUNTY'S UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENTLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON EMPLOYEE PENSIONS. CALPERS, NOT THE COUNTY, MAKES THE FINAL DETERMINATION AS TO RETIREMENT PENSION TIER AND FORMULA.

SALARY STEP INCREASES (Article 12.B) – Step advancements are predicated upon merit and length of service, and each part-time or full-time employee in a budgeted position may receive an increase at the completion of each 2080 hours of satisfactory or better service.

PAY DIFFERENTIALS (Article 17) – One or more pay differentials may apply depending upon assignment, skill, or shift and job class.

AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE (Article 18.1) – A monthly allowance shall be provided to employees who, on a regular basis, provide their own vehicle for use on County business in lieu of being assigned a County car.

ALTERNATIVE COMMUTE PROGRAMS – Van Pool, bike lockers and bicycle enclosure, and free bus passes for County Government Center work location.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEES (20-39 hours a week) – Part-time employees in budgeted positions receive paid leave (e.g., holidays, sick leave, vacation) on a pro-rated basis.

The above information is summarized and simplified, is subject to change and is intended to provide an overview of benefits for this employee group. The information does not substitute for actual documents, regulations and/or descriptions of the plans.

Employees may access the Memorandum of Understanding and a variety of personnel related information on the County website at <http://www.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/Departments/Personnel/LaborRelations.aspx>. This includes: personnel forms and information; Personnel Regulations; Personnel Administrative Manual; Salary Schedule; Class Specifications.

NOTICES:

- Offers of employment are contingent upon your passing the pre-employment medical examination and any required background investigation/fingerprint clearance.
- Employment, compensation and benefit commitments or statements made by any person(s) which conflict with or are inconsistent with regulations or with policies adopted by the Board of Supervisors are null and void.

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