**What is the Graffiti Task Force?**

The Graffiti Task Force is made up of city, school, and law enforcement employees and community volunteers. This dedicated group takes a comprehensive approach toward the abatement of graffiti in Santa Clarita, including prompt removal, community outreach and involvement, and arrest of graffiti vandals.

The City’s graffiti removal team works daily to remove reported graffiti in the City's right-of-way. However, removal is just part of the overall battle. This is why the Graffiti Task Force works closely with local law enforcement to arrest graffiti vandals. Since 2007, 535 arrests have been made. Task Force members also conduct interactive outreach presentations at schools, youth groups, and neighborhood meetings about the consequences of graffiti.

For more information, visit: www.santa-clarita.com/graffiti taskforce

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**What is a Tagger?**

A “tagger” is someone who vandalizes someone else’s property by writing, spray-painting, or etching it with their nickname, gang symbol, or other marking.

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**What are the Consequences of Graffiti Vandalism?**

Graffiti affects the overall quality of life in Santa Clarita and is expensive to abate. The Task Force takes a zero-tolerance stance! Taggers who are convicted can face strict penalties, including:

- A felony charge on their record, which can limit job and college opportunities.
- Expensive attorney and court fees.
- Payment of restitution for damages.
- Probation and Community Service projects.
- Revocation and/or suspension of driving privileges.

It’s not worth it to tag in Santa Clarita!

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**Help keep Santa Clarita beautiful!**

See graffiti in Santa Clarita? Call the Graffiti Hotline at (661) 25-CLEAN (5326), or report it using the City’s eService system at: www.santa-clarita.com.

Fight graffiti…Get rewarded! Report any person(s) responsible for graffiti in Santa Clarita and you may be eligible for a reward of up to $500 upon conviction. Call (661) 250-3749 to make a report, or for more information.

Let’s work together to keep Santa Clarita graffiti free! For more information on how you can get involved, call (661) 250-3749, or visit: www.santa-clarita.com/graffiti taskforce.

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