



# CHICO POLICE DEPARTMENT

## PRESS RELEASE

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TYPE OF INCIDENT: Cesar Chavez weekend activity

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: South Campus/Down-town

DATE/TIME OCCURRED: Thursday 3/30/17, Friday 3/31/17 & Saturday 4/1/17

**NARRATIVE:**

The Cesar Chavez holiday has historically been a very busy day for the Chico Police Department. This year, despite the warm weather and the fact that the Holiday fell on a Friday, the event continues to show a decline in the amount of arrests, citations, and calls for service. The event was managed with additional Chico Police Department personnel and the assistance of the Butte County Sheriff's Department, CSUC Police and the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control.

During the 24 hour period beginning at noon on Thursday and ending at noon on Friday, the Department made four arrests. Three of those arrests were for being drunk in public, two of which took place inside of the south campus and downtown area. One arrest occurred within the event area involving the possession of drugs.

Between noon on Friday and 0300 hours on Sunday, Officers made a total of 23 arrests. Of those arrests, two were weapons charges, one for domestic violence, one for fighting, four were for driving under the influence (DUI), 12 involved drunk in public arrests, one for resisting arrest, and two were warrant arrests. A majority of these arrests were made within the event area as is typically customary for special events. Unfortunately, medical personnel responded to 16 alcohol overdoses during the event timeframe.

Overall, we continue to see a steady decrease in the need to increase our staffing for these events. We feel this can be directly attributed to collaboration with CSUC and the Butte Community College District in providing event education and self-responsibility of our student populations within the south campus and downtown areas of Chico.

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**Supervisor:**

**Event Commander:** Lt. Billy Aldridge

**Prepared By:** Lt. Billy Aldridge

**Date/Time:** 4-2-17/1425 hours