

Subject:

Overcrowding and Safety Violations at The Rooftop – 126 S. Guadalupe St.

Summary:

On November 1, 2025, at approximately 2340 hours, I responded to a complaint regarding overcrowding at The Rooftop. Upon arrival, I observed significant public safety concerns, including overcrowding, blocked egress, and obstruction of the public way. The establishment was shut down for the remainder of the night due to multiple violations.

Details:

- Time of Arrival: 2348 hours
- Location: The Rooftop, 126 S. Guadalupe Street
- Initial Observations:
- Approximately 200 individuals were lined up outside the establishment.
- The line extended to the intersection of San Antonio St. and Guadalupe St., blocking the public way and egress paths.

Occupancy Check:

- Manager Mr. Prasad Dalvi stated the occupant load was 230.
- Upon inspection, the venue was over capacity with patrons standing shoulder to shoulder, limiting movement and safe evacuation.

Actions Taken:

- I instructed Mr. Dalvi to clear the establishment and restart the occupancy count or face shutdown.
- I advised that the public way and egress paths must remain unobstructed.
- Observed the crowd growing and spilling into the street, impeding traffic and creating a bottleneck at the exit.

Decision:

- Due to unsafe conditions, I ordered the closure of both levels of the establishment.

Violations cited:

- Unsafe Conditions – IFC 114.1.1
- Overcrowding – IFC 109.6

- Obstruction of Public Way – Municode Sec. 74.122
- Blocked Path of Egress
- Crowd Impeding Traffic

Follow-Up:

- Mr. Dalvi complied with all directives.
- Requested two additional officers for crowd control.
- Later, San Marcos Police Department command staff ordered the closure of all downtown bars due to ongoing public safety concerns and interference with an active crime scene.

Deputy Marshal David Fernandez
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