

POLICE - COMMUNITY SURVEY

This is an anonymous survey prepared for the Police Department. Its purpose is to determine the concerns and views of our citizens about crime, police services and how the police can best serve community needs. The Chief of Police wants to use police resources in a way that best serves the community needs and desires. In order to do this, we must ask citizens what they want.

Your opinions are very important in this effort.

The survey is being distributed to a cross-section of the community. Your responses are completely anonymous. Please return the survey within the next week. Survey's can be mailed or dropped off at Sweet Home Police Department, 1950 Main St.; City Hall, 1140 12th Ave.; or the Sweet Home Library, 1101 13th Ave. Sweet Home, OR 97386

1. It is generally felt that saturating an area with police officers can discourage the following types of crimes. On which of the following would you like to see your police concentrate?

How much priority should the police give to:	Much Attention	Some Attention	Little Attention
Burglaries			
Property Destruction			
Auto Theft			
Traffic Law Violations			
Robberies			
Drug Enforcement			
Juvenile Issues			
School Resource			
Loud Parties			
Theft			
Other (Specify)			
Other (Specify)			

2. Of the following crimes, which **five** do you think the police should concentrate the most effort to solve? *(Please check 5 items)*

- Theft
- Assault
- Credit Card Fraud
- Defrauding Senior Citizens
- Auto Theft
- Drug Enforcement
- Traffic Law Violations
- Child Abuse/Neglect
- Municipal Code Violations
- Juvenile Crime

3. Which **six** of the following police services do you feel are most important?

- Pick up found property
- Home security checks for vacationers
- Assist people locked out of their cars
- Investigation of all vehicle accidents
- Resource Officer in the schools
- Vehicle safety inspections
- Business buildings security inspections
- Teaching children pedestrian safety
- Checking the welfare of senior citizens
- Assisting people locked out of their homes
- Assisting stranded motorists

4. If you observed a crime, would you... *(Check all that apply)*

- Avoid involvement with the victim
- Assist a victim needing help
- Report suspicious activity
- Avoid involvement with the police
- Report the crime
- Assist police officers needing help

5. Keeping in mind that the *budget is limited*, please **rank** the importance of the following services. (**1** is the **most important**; **6** is the **least important**)

- Motor vehicle patrols _____
- Foot patrols _____
- Investigation of crimes by Detectives _____
- Crime prevention programs _____
- Community police officers _____
- Traffic Enforcement _____
- Code Enforcement _____

6. For each of the following statements check the degree of concern you have that the problem might happen in **your neighborhood**:

	Very Concerned	Some Concern	No Concern
Someone will try to rob you or steal something from you			
Someone will try to attack you while you are outside			
Someone will try to break into your home			
Someone will try to steal or damage your car			
Someone will damage/vandalize your house or property			
Someone will try to attack you sexually while you are outside			

7. Indicate how often you **walk/jog/ride a bicycle in your neighborhood** by placing the most accurate number in each of the blanks.

Very Often		Occasionally		Never
5	4	3	2	1
_____ During the Day				
_____ In the Evening				
_____ Late at Night				

8. Do you participate in any community group or association?

- Yes – *If yes, go to question 8a*
- No – *If no, go to 9*

8a. Check all the types of associations you belong to:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Church
- Athletic Group
- Community Agency
- Fraternal Organization
- Other (specify) _____

9. Have you called the police to report a problem in the last two years?

- Yes – *If yes, go to questions 9a – 9d*
- No – *If no, go to question 10*

9a. Circle the number which indicates **how satisfied** you were with the **amount of time** it took the police to respond to your call.

Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Not Satisfied
5	4	3	2	1

9b. How satisfied were you with the manner in which the police handled the problem?

Very Satisfied		Somewhat Satisfied		Not Satisfied
5	4	3	2	1

9c. Did the problem occur in your neighborhood?

- Yes
- No

9d. Were you the victim?

- Yes
- No

16. In your neighborhood, how well do you think your police department performs its duties? *(Fill in each with a ranking number)*

Very Well		Average		Very Poor
5	4	3	2	1

17. To what extent does your police department need improvement? *(Circle one)*

Great Extent		To Some Extent		Not at All
5	4	3	2	1

18. How important is each of the following responsibilities for improving your police department? *(Fill in each with a ranking number)*

Very Important		Some Importance		Not Important
5	4	3	2	1

19. To what extent do you think that police officers should... *(Fill in each with a ranking number)*

Very Important		Some Importance		Not Important
5	4	3	2	1

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your input is greatly appreciated.

