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Survey on Police Policies and Perceptions

Greenville City Council recently established a seven-member Citizens Advisory Panel on Public Safety to review the Greenville Police Department's policies, including use of force, body-worn cameras, K-9, and training policies; review the Greenville Police Department's minority hiring practices and develop recommendations for improvement; and review the composition, duties and responsibilities of the City's Public Safety Citizen Review Board.

As part of that effort, the Citizens Advisory Panel on Public Safety has developed a survey to determine how residents view the Greenville Police Department and what suggestions they have for police to better serve the community.

This survey is specific to the City of Greenville Police Department. You can identify city police officers by their specific badge, uniform and squad car. Here are some examples:



*** In general, do you feel safe in your neighborhood?** *Circle your answer.*

Yes

No

*** Have you had any direct contact with the Greenville Police Department in the past 3 years?** *Circle your answer.*

Yes

No



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*** If you answered yes to the previous question, what was the situation? Check all that apply.**

- A family member or friend is a GPD officer
- During a traffic stop
- I was the victim of a crime
- I was a witness to a crime
- I was stopped while walking/riding my bike
- I was the suspect in a crime
- I attended a neighborhood meeting or community event
- I attended the Citizens Academy
- I participated in a ride-along
- My child participated in a GPD program
- Other (please describe below)
- Prefer not to answer

*** How would you rate your overall experience with the Greenville Police Department?**

Please mark an "X" on the line below:

Bad

Excellent

*** What is your level of trust and confidence in the Greenville Police Department?**

Please mark an "X" on the line below:

Low level of trust

High level of trust



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*** Would you hesitate to call the Greenville Police Department for assistance? *Circle your answer.***

Yes

No

*** In general, do you believe that law enforcement throughout the nation treats all racial/ethnic groups fairly? *Circle your answer.***

Yes

No

I don't know

*** In general, do you believe that Greenville Police Department officers treat all racial/ethnic groups fairly? *Circle your answer.***

Yes

No

I don't know

*** In general, how would you describe the tactics used by law enforcement throughout the nation?**

Please mark an "X" on the line below:

Too harsh About right

*** In general, how would you describe the tactics used by the Greenville Police Department?**

Please mark an "X" on the line below:

Too harsh About right



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*** During an arrest, when would it be appropriate for a police officer to use more than their voice to gain control of the person they are arresting?** *Check all that apply.*

- When the person verbally resists
- When the person tries to flee the scene
- When the person physically resists (e.g., hitting, kicking, spitting)
- When the person uses a weapon (e.g., knife, gun)

*** The Greenville Police Department has never used K-9 officers (dogs) for crowd control. Would you agree with the use of K-9s for crowd control in any of the following circumstances?** *Check all that you would support.*

- K-9s could be used to create space to allow the removal of an injured person
- K-9s could be used to control protest lines when officers need to change shifts
- K-9s could be used to encourage a crowd to disperse, ahead of the use of pepper spray
- K-9s could be used to protect property
- None of the above

*** The Public Safety Citizen Review Board meets regularly to hear concerns from the public about the conduct of firefighters and police officers. Do you support the current policy that you must be at least 30 years old to serve on the Board?** *Circle your answer.*

Yes

No



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*** What type of training/activities do you think would enhance the relationship between the Greenville Police Department and the community?** *Please rank your answers by numbering them by the order of importance. Start with "1" as being the most important factor.*

___ De-escalation techniques

___ Mental health training

___ Anti-bias coaching

___ Regular strategy sessions with community leaders

___ Expanded community policing efforts

___ Additional neighborhood patrols

___ Increase in police officer participation in youth activities

___ Other _____

*** State law does not require law enforcement agencies to release body-worn camera footage to the public except in limited circumstances. Do you think law enforcement agencies should be required to release body-worn camera footage to the public upon request?** *Circle your answer.*

Yes

No

*** Every patrol officer with the Greenville Police Department has a body-worn camera and is required to use it to record official police actions and calls for service. Do you support broader use of body-worn cameras as a tool to enhance accountability?** *Circle your answer.*

Yes

No



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*** Currently, 13% of all Greenville Police Department officers are part of a racial or ethnic minority, while 33% of Greenville's population is diverse. Is it important to you that the composition of the Greenville Police Department reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the community? Circle your answer.**

Yes

No

I don't know

The Greenville Police Department actively recruits minority applicants, attending job fairs and seeking out recent college graduates and veterans. Do you have any suggestions for ways to recruit officers who are members of an ethnic minority group?

*** What might prevent a young person from becoming a police officer? Check all that apply.**

Salary concerns

Stigma in community

Negative personal experience with police

Fear for safety

Physical or mental requirements of the job

Other _____



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* **What is your age?** *Circle your answer.*

Under 18

18 to 34

35 to 54

55+

* **What is your race/ethnicity?** *Circle your answer.*

White

Black or African-American

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish

Asian

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Other

Prefer not to answer

* **What is your gender?** *Circle your answer.*

Male

Female

Other

Prefer not to answer

* **Are there school-age children in your household?** *Circle your answer.*

Yes

No

