

# COMMUNITY SURVEY ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Your law enforcement agency, **Blades Police Department**, invites you to take this “Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement.” It will take approximately five minutes of your time and is completely confidential. Your participation will help your **Blades Police Department** to improve its services, processes, and reputation.

This survey is designed for the **Blades Police Department** to gather opinions and experiences from members of the community. This survey assesses five key components that involves the **Blades Police Department**.

- \* Community involvement
- \* Safety
- \* Procedural justice
- \* Performance
- \* Contact and satisfaction

You may come in contact with multiple law enforcement agencies, but please answer the questions thinking only about the **Blades Police Department**. The term “law enforcement agency” is used throughout the survey and refers to the **Blades Police Department**, who has invited you to participate.

Please indicate your response to each item by selecting the appropriate answer based on your feelings, opinions, and experiences. You may skip any survey items you do not feel comfortable responding to or know how to answer, but we encourage you to respond to as many items as possible. This is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers. Please answer each question honestly.

The **Blades Police Department** would like to Thank everyone who filled out the survey. Results of survey will be presented at the May’s Town Hall Meeting. Please return survey by March 31, 2023. You can mail to: Blades Police Dept West 4<sup>th</sup> St, Blades, DE 19973 or drop off at the Town Hall, there will be a drop off box located in the vestibule. Thank You.

## Community Involvement

Question	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	To a great extent
1. To what extent does your law enforcement agency develop relationships with community members (e.g., residents, organizations, and groups)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. To what extent does your law enforcement agency regularly communicate with community members (e.g., websites, e-mails, or public meetings)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. To what extent does your law enforcement agency make it easy for community members to provide input (e.g., comments, suggestions, and concerns)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. To what extent does your law enforcement agency work together with community members to solve local problems?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Community policing involves officers in your law enforcement agency working with the community to address the causes of crime in an effort to reduce the problems themselves through a wide range of activities. Based on this definition, to what extent do you think your law enforcement agency practices community policing?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Safety


6. Please select the three (3) issues you think are the greatest problems within your community.

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Burglaries/thefts (auto)                                    | <input type="radio"/> Drug abuse (e.g., manufacture, sale, or use of illegal/prescription drugs) | <input type="radio"/> Mugging  |
| <input type="radio"/> Burglaries/thefts (residential)                             | <input type="radio"/> Fraud / identity theft   | <input type="radio"/> Physical assault                                     |
| <input type="radio"/> Child abuse   | <input type="radio"/> Gang activity  | <input type="radio"/> Prostitution   |
| <input type="radio"/> Child sexual predators / Internet safety                    | <input type="radio"/> Gun violence   | <input type="radio"/> School safety (e.g., bullying, fighting, or weapons) |
| <input type="radio"/> Disorderly conduct / public intoxication / noise violations | <input type="radio"/> Hate crimes  | <input type="radio"/> Sexual assault / rape (adult)                        |
| <input type="radio"/> Disorderly youth (e.g., cruising or gathering)              | <input type="radio"/> Homeland security problems   | <input type="radio"/> Traffic Issues / residential speeding                |
| <input type="radio"/> Domestic violence (adult)                                   | <input type="radio"/> Homeless- or transient-related problems (panhandling)                      | <input type="radio"/> Underage drinking                                    |
| <input type="radio"/> Driving under the influence (i.e., alcohol or drugs)        | <input type="radio"/> Homicide   | <input type="radio"/> Vandalism/graffiti                                   |


## Performance

Question	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	To a great extent
16. To what extent is your law enforcement agency effective at proactively preventing crime?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. To what extent is your law enforcement agency addressing the problems that really concern you?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. To what extent are you satisfied with the overall performance of your law enforcement agency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## Contact and Satisfaction

Question	0 times	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6 times	7 or more times
19a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with your law enforcement agency for <i>traffic issues</i> (e.g., citation, warning, or vehicle crash)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	 Go to question 20a				

Question	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
19b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with your law enforcement agency for <i>traffic issues</i> ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Question	0 times	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6 times	7 or more times
20a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with your law enforcement agency for <i>911 emergency calls</i> ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
	 Go to question 21a				

Question	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
20b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with your law enforcement agency for <i>911 emergency calls</i> ?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

25. Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

26. What is your race?

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White
- Prefer not to answer

27. What is your age group?

- 17 years or younger
- 18–29 years
- 30–39 years
- 40–49 years
- 50–59 years
- 60–69 years
- 70 years or older
- Prefer not to answer

COMMUNITY SURVEY  
ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
AND  
LAW ENFORCEMENT

The final two questions:

1. How would you feel about raising taxes if they were going  
To the Blades Police Department for more officers?

Yes or No

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. How do you rate The Blades Police Department since May 2022?

1= Very Unsatisfied

2= Unsatisfied

3=Neither Satisfied or unsatisfied

4= Satisfied

5= Very Satisfied

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_