

BLADES POLICE DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC SAFETY SURVEY

Directions: Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge. All of your responses will be absolutely confidential.

Section 1: YOUR COMMUNITY:

1. Please rate the seriousness of the following crimes and quality of life issues in Blades since May 22, 2022 (**check only one box for each item**)

| | Very Serious | Moderately Serious | Slightly Serious | Not a Problem | Don't Know |
|--|--------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|------------|
| Burglary/House break ins | | | | | |
| Assaults | | | | | |
| Domestic Violence | | | | | |
| Unlawful drug use | | | | | |
| Unsupervised house parties | | | | | |
| Animal control problems | | | | | |
| Drinking groups in park | | | | | |
| Graffiti | | | | | |
| Complaint | | | | | |
| Loitering | | | | | |
| Property theft/Burglary | | | | | |
| Organized gangs/gang activity | | | | | |
| Speeding motor vehicles/traffic violations | | | | | |
| Drunk Driving | | | | | |
| Fraud | | | | | |
| Vehicle theft/Break-ins | | | | | |
| Harassing/annoying phone calls | | | | | |
| Vandalism/Graffiti | | | | | |
| Parking Problems | | | | | |
| Solicitors | | | | | |
| Bicycles on sidewalks | | | | | |
| Pedestrian safety | | | | | |
| Public Drinking | | | | | |
| Unnecessary Noise | | | | | |
| Other-list what is important to you | | | | | |
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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

| | Not at all | A little | Somewhat | A lot | To a great extent |
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| To what extent does Blades PD develop relationships with community members (e.g., residents, organizations and groups)? | | | | | |
| To what extent does Blades PD regularly make it easy for community members to provide input (e.g., comments, suggestions and concerns)? | | | | | |
| To what extent does Blades PD work together with the community members to solve local problems? | | | | | |

PROCEDURAL JUSTICE:

| | Not at all | A little | Somewhat | A lot | To a great extent |
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| To what extent do officers in Blades treat people fairly? | | | | | |
| To what extent do officers in Blades show concern for community members? | | | | | |
| To what extent are Officers respectful? | | | | | |
| To what extent do you trust Blades Police Dept? | | | | | |
| If you had contact with an officer in Blades during the past 12 months, to what extent did the officer sufficiently explain their actions and procedures? | | | | | |

PERFORMANCE:

| | Not at all | A little | Somewhat | A lot | To a great extent |
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| To what extent is Blades PD effective at proactively preventing crime? | | | | | |
| To what extent is Blades PD at addressing the problems that really concern you? | | | | | |
| To what extent are you satisfied with the overall performance of Blades PD? | | | | | |

CONTACT AND SATISFACTION:

| | 0 TIMES | 1-2 TIMES | 3-4 TIMES | 5-6 TIMES` | 7 OR MORE TIMES |
|--|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------|
| How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with an officer from Blades for <i>Traffic issues</i> (i.e., citation, warning or vehicle crash)? | | | | | |
| How many times in the past 12 month have you had contact with an officer from Blades for a <i>911 emergency call</i> ? | | | | | |
| How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with an officer from Blades for a <i>non-emergency call</i> (e.g., to report a crime or suspicious activity)? | | | | | |
| How many times in the last 12 months have you had contact with an officer from Blades for other contacts or interactions (i.e., attend a community meeting or talk to an officer on patrol | | | | | |

| | Very dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neither satisfied or dissatisfied | Satisfied | Very Satisfied |
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| To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with Blades officer for <i>Traffic issues</i> ? | | | | | |
| To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction with Blades Officer for 911 <i>emergency calls</i> ? | | | | | |
| To what extent are you satisfied with you interaction(s) with Blades officer for <i>non-emergency calls</i> ? | | | | | |
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2. Have you ever been the victim of a crime in Blades? ☐ No ☐ Yes

3. Have you ever been the victim of a crime outside Blades? ☐ No ☐ Yes

4. In Blades, have you ever: (**check all that apply**)

☐ Stopped to ask an officer advice or directions

☐ Stopped to talk to a police officer about a community issue.

☐ Called the police station to discuss a community issue.

☐ Been involved in a traffic accident which required police intervention.

☐ Been involved in a police/community outreach program (ex. National Night Out)

☐ Been stopped for a traffic offense.

☐ Been questioned by the police and released (other than for a traffic offense)

☐ Reported a crime

☐ Been arrested

☐ Filed a formal complaint against a Blades Police Officer/Department.

5. In your opinion how much have the following factors contributed to the crime rate in Blades since May 22, 2022? (*Check only one box for each subject*)

| | Large Influence | Moderate Influence | Slight Influence | No Influence | Don't Know |
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| Courts are too lenient | | | | | |
| Drug/alcohol abuse | | | | | |
| Lack of alternative activities for youth | | | | | |
| Lack of education | | | | | |
| Lack of jobs/employment | | | | | |
| Limited Police presence | | | | | |
| Poor Parenting | | | | | |
| Poverty/low income | | | | | |
| Intolerance of differences based on race, religion, sexual orientation, etc. | | | | | |
| Social programs/welfare | | | | | |
| Over population | | | | | |
| Availability of weapons | | | | | |
| Lack of respect | | | | | |
| Affluence | | | | | |
| Other: | | | | | |
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6. Does your neighborhood have a citizen crime watch group? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If no, would you participate in a crime watch group? ☐ No ☐ Yes

7. What kind of security do you use at home? (*check all that apply –this survey is anonymous*)

- ☐ alarm system ☐ sensor lights ☐ standard door & window locks
☐ window grills ☐ dead bolt locks ☐ anti-open devices in windows
☐ dog ☐ exterior/interior burglar bars ☐ Do not secure home

8. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a **property** crime in Blades over the Next 5 years?

☐ highly likely ☐ moderately likely ☐ slightly likely ☐ not at all likely

9. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a **violent** crime in Blades over the next Next 5 years?

☐ highly likely ☐ moderately likely ☐ slightly likely ☐ not at all likely

10. How much time do you spend actively participating in the community (community-based Programs, Committees, boards, etc.). Each month?

☐ 1-7 hrs ☐ 8 –12 hrs ☐ 13-20 hrs ☐ 21 + hrs ☐ don't participate

11. In your opinion, compared to other towns, how safe is Blades overall?

☐ much safer ☐ slightly safer ☐ about the same

☐ less safe ☐ much less safe

12. What do you believe about the prevalence of crime in Blades?

(Please check only one category)

☐ Crime has increased in Blades since May 22, 2022

☐ Crime has remained the same in Blades since May 22, 2022

☐ Crime has decreased in Blades since May 22, 2022

☐ Don't Know.

13. Please check one response for each statement

| SAFETY: | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| I feel safe walking alone in my neighborhood after dark | | | | | |
| I feel safe walking with others after dark in my neighborhoods | | | | | |
| I feel that my personal property is safe when I leave home | | | | | |
| When returning home at night, I feel safe | | | | | |
| I feel safe leaving my home/car unlocked during the day in Blades | | | | | |
| I feel safe alone in the park in Blades | | | | | |
| I feel safe with others in the park in Blades | | | | | |
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Please select the **five (5) issues** you think are the greatest problems in Blades.

Rank 1 through 5 with 1 being most important to you.

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| Burglaries/thefts (auto) | | Drug abuse (I.e., manufacture, sale or use of illegal/prescription drugs) | |
| Burglaries/thefts (residential) | | Fraud/identity theft/Credit Cards | |
| Child Abuse | | Gang activity | |
| Child sexual predators/internet safety | | Weapon use | |
| Disorderly conduct/public intoxication/Noise violations | | Homeless or transient-related problems (panhandling) | |
| Disorderly youth | | Homicide | |
| Domestic violence (adult) | | Physical assault | |
| Driving under the influence (I.e., alcohol or drugs) | | Prostitution | |
| School safety (e.g., bullying, fighting, or weapons) | | Underage drinking | |
| Sexual assault/ rape (adult) | | Vandalism/graffiti | |
| Traffic issues/residential speeding | | | |
| List other items that are important to you: | | | |
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14. How serious is the illegal drug problem in the following areas in Blades.

(Please check one box for each item)

| | Very serious | Somewhat serious | Slightly serious | Not serious | Don't know |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Playgrounds & recreation areas | | | | | |
| Within the adult community | | | | | |

Section II: THE DEPARTMENT:

15. Please respond whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

(Please check one box for each item)

| | <i>Strongly agree</i> | <i>Agree</i> | <i>No Opinion</i> | <i>Disagree</i> | <i>Strongly disagree</i> |
|---|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| The police presence in my neighborhood is appropriate for the need | | | | | |
| Traffic enforcement in Blades meets the needs of the community | | | | | |
| The Police Department gives proper attention to minor crimes (i.e. vandalism, disturbances, etc.) | | | | | |
| The Police Department is providing appropriate community education and outreach programs | | | | | |
| Efforts of the Blades PD to enforce the law are compatible with community needs | | | | | |
| Blades police officers perform an appropriate amount of patrolling on foot in Blades | | | | | |
| The Blades PD responds to emergency calls in a timely manner | | | | | |
| Blades police officers treat people with respect | | | | | |
| Blades police officers respect the rights of individuals and treat people fairly | | | | | |
| Telephone calls to the Blades Police station are handled professionally and courteously | | | | | |
| A formal complaint brought against a Blades police officer will receive a fair, objective and timely response | | | | | |

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| The Blades PD solicits & welcomes community input | | | | | |
| The Blades police officers are respected by the community | | | | | |
| The Blades PD has a good public image | | | | | |
| The Blades PD does its job well | | | | | |
| The Blades police officers look professional in appearance | | | | | |
| Police information provided in local newspaper is useful | | | | | |
| Blades police officers provide timely and useful information to persons reporting crimes | | | | | |
| | Strongly agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly disagree | Don't know |

Section III: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION:

16. How long have you lived in Blades

☐ less than one year ☐ 1-3 years ☐ 4 -10 years ☐ 11-20 years ☐ 21 + years

17. How old are you?

☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44 ☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65 or older

☐ Prefer not to answer

18. How many people are in your household?

☐ 1 person ☐ 2-3 people ☐ 4-5 people ☐ 6+ people

19. Do you have any children under the age of 21 living in your household? ☐ No ☐ Yes

20. Do you own or rent your home? ☐ Own ☐ Rent ☐ Other _____

21. Average household yearly income before taxes?

☐ under \$30,000 ☐ \$30,000 –59,999 ☐ \$60,000 – 89,999 ☐ \$90,000 – 119,999

☐ \$120,000+ ☐ Prefer not to answer

22. What is your current employment status **(Please check only one box)**

☐ Employed ☐ Unemployed ☐ Student

☐ Self-employed ☐ Disable ☐ House Wife/husband

☐ Retired ☐ Other

23. What is your race?

☐ Caucasian ☐ African-American ☐ Asian ☐ Hispanic ☐ Other _____

24. Do you or anyone in the household own any firearms for sport or protection against crime?

☐ Sport ☐ Yes, Both ☐ Prefer not to answer

☐ Yes, Protection against Crime ☐ No, Neither

Section IV: YOUR COMMENTS:

Please feel free to use as much space or additional pages as necessary.

The thing I like best about the Blades Police Department is:

The thing I would most like to see improved at the Blades Police Department is:

Please list the most significant values or characteristics that a Blades Police Officer should possess:

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE OR IMPORTANT TO YOU TO BE DONE IN THE COMMUNITY?

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BLADES COMMUNITY SURVEY ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

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