## TEXAS A&M - COMMERCE



SURVEY ON PUBLIC SAFETY



AND LAW ENFORCEMENT







Your Texas A&M University - Commerce Police Department (UPD) 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 agency to improve its services, processes, and reputation.

The survey is designed for UPD to gather opinions and experiences from members of its community. The survey assesses five key components that involve your local law enforcement agency:

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

You may come into contact with multiple law enforcement agencies, but please answer the questions thinking only about the Texas A&M University - Commerce Police Department in this survey.

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 Texas A&M University Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement is modified from the "Community Survey on Public Safety and Law Enforcement" which was developed by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) with the support of ICF International and law enforcement experts.



## **Community Involvement**

	Question	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	great extent
1.	To what extent does your law enforcement agency develop relationships with community members (e.g., students, organizations, and groups)?	•	•	•	•	•
2.	To what extent does your law enforcement agency regularly communicate with community members (e.g., websites, e-mails, or public meetings)?	•	•	•	•	•
3.	To what extent does your law enforcement agency make it easy for community members to provide input (e.g., comments, suggestions, and concerns)?	•	•	•	•	•
4.	To what extent does your law enforcement agency work together with community members to solve local problems?	•	•	•	•	•
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?	•	•	•	•	•

## **Safety**

- 6. Please select the three (3) issues you think are the greatest problems within your community.
- Burglaries/thefts (auto)
- Burglaries/thefts (residential)
- Child Abuse
- Child sexual Predators/ Internet Safety
- Disorderly conduct / public intoxication/noise violations
- Disorderly youth (e.g. cruising or gathering)
- Domestic violence (adult)
- Driving under the influence (i.e. alcohol or drugs)

- Drug abuse (e.g.
- manufacture, sale, or use of illegal/prescription drugs)
- Fraud/Identity theft
- Gang Activity
- Gun Violence
- Hate Crimes
- Homeland security problems

Homeless or transient-

- related problems (panhandling)
- Homicide

- Mugging
- Physical assault
- Prostitution

School safety (e.g.

To a

- buying, fighting, or weapons)
- Sexual Assault /Rape (adult)
- Traffic Issues
  /Residential Speeding
- Underage drinking
- Vandalism/graffiti

	Question	No at a		\ little	Some	what	A lot	To a great extent
7.	To what extent do you feel safe inyour community when you are outside alone during the <i>day</i> ?	•		•	•		•	
8.	To what extent do you feel safe in your community when you are outside alone at <i>night</i> ?	•		•	•		•	•
	Question	Decreased A bit	d Decre sor	eased ne	Stayed the same		Increased some	Increased a lot
9.	Over the last 12 months to what extent have your feelings of safety in your community increased, decreased, or stayed the same?	•			•		•	•
Pı	rocedural Justice						Toa	
_	Question	Not at all	A little	Some	what A	lot	great extent	N/A
10	. To what extent do officers inyour law enforcement agency treat people fairly?	•	•			•	•	•
11	. To what extent do officers inyour law enforcement agency show concern for community members?	•	•			•	•	•
12	To what extent are officers in your law enforcement agency respectful?	•	•				•	•
13	To what extent is your law enforcement agency responsive to the concerns of community members?	•	•				•	•
14	. To what extent do you trust your law enforcement agency?	•	•			•	•	•
15	If you had contact with an officer in your law enforcement agency during the past 12 months, to what extent did the officer sufficiently explain his or her actions	•	•			•	•	•

and procedures?

Performance					Toa
Question	Not at all	A little	Somewhat	A lot	great extent
16. To what extent is your law enforcement agency effective at proactively preventing crime?	•	•	•	•	•
17. To what extent is your law enforcement agency addressing the problems that really concern you?	,	•	•	•	•
18. To what extent are you satisfied with the overall performance of your law enforcement agency?	•	•	•	•	•
Contact and Satisfaction					7 or
Question	0 times	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6 times	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)?	•	•	•	•	•
	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied no dissatisfied	=	Very satisfied
19b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with your law enforcement agency for <i>traffic issues</i> ?	•	•	•	•	•
	0 times	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6 times	more times
20a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with your law enforcement agency for <b>911</b> emergency calls?	•	•	•	•	•
	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied no dissatisfied	r Satisfied	Very satisfied
20b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with your law enforcement agency for <b>911</b> emergency calls?	•	•	•	•	•
<b>,</b>	0 times	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6 times	7 or more times
21a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with your law enforcement agency for <i>non-emergency calls</i> (e.g.,to report a crime or suspicious activity)?	•	•	•	•	•
	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied
21b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with your law enforcement agency for <i>non-emergency calls?</i>	•	•	•	•	•

Question	0 times	1-2 times	3-4 times	5-6times	7 or more times
22a. How many times in the past 12 months have you had contact with your law enforcement agency for <i>other contacts or interactions</i> (e.g., attend a community meeting or talk to an officer on patrol)?	•	•	•	•	•
	Very dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
22b. To what extent are you satisfied with your interaction(s) with your law enforcement agency for other contacts or interaction?	•	•	•	•	•

## **Demographics**

- 23. How many years have you attended Texas A&M University Commerce
  - years
  - Prefer not to answer
- 24. What is your gender?
  - Male
  - Femaie
  - Prefer not to answer
- 25. Are you Hispanic or Latino?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Prefer not to answer
- 26. What is your race?
  - American Indian/Alaska Native
  - Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander Asian
  - Black/African Americany

- 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





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