



FCPD SURVEY RESULTS REPORT

Chief's Office of Research and Support

Month Reported: April 1 – 27, 2009

Total Responses: 91

QUESTIONS

COMMENTARY/NOTES

1. *What neighborhood do you live in?*

Sully – 14	Franconia – 8
Mt. Vernon – 3	W. Springfield – 15
McLean – 6	Fair Oaks – 12
Mason – 2	Out of County – 6
Reston – 22	None/Not Specific – 3

Includes handout survey results from Reston, Fair Oaks and Sully

2. *How long have you lived there?*

Less than 1 year 7
Between 1 and 5 years 17
Between 6 and 10 years 17
More than 10 years 50
No Answer 0

3. *What is your age?*

18-29 years 13
30-49 years 36
50-69 years 30
70 years or older 11
No Answer 1

Better representation of older respondents

4. *What is your gender?*

Male 33
Female 57
No Answer 1

<p>5. How would you best describe your ethnic background?</p> <p>White <u>65</u> African-American <u>10</u> Asian <u>6</u> Latino <u>7</u> Other/No Answer <u>3</u></p>	<p>Of those who answered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 74% White ✓ 11% African-American ✓ 7% Asian ✓ 8% Latino <p><i>Asian/Latino population is under-represented</i></p>
<p>6. Crime is a problem in my neighborhood</p> <p>Strongly agree <u>6</u> Somewhat agree <u>14</u> Not sure <u>14</u> Somewhat disagree <u>21</u> Strongly disagree <u>30</u> No answer <u>6</u></p>	<p>23.5% answering the question think that crime is a problem</p> <p>60% of respondents either somewhat or strongly disagree that crime is a problem in their neighborhood</p>
<p>7. Traffic issues are a problem in my neighborhood</p> <p>Strongly agree <u>15</u> Somewhat agree <u>28</u> Not sure <u>8</u> Somewhat disagree <u>15</u> Strongly disagree <u>20</u> No Answer <u>5</u></p>	<p>Mixed responses – 50% think traffic is a problem, but 41% think it is not.</p> <p>9% are not sure if there are traffic issues in their neighborhood.</p>
<p>8. I feel safe walking in my neighborhood after dark</p> <p>Strongly agree <u>35</u> Somewhat agree <u>33</u> Not sure <u>6</u> Somewhat disagree <u>4</u> Strongly disagree <u>8</u> No answer <u>5</u></p>	<p>79% of respondents feel safe walking in their neighborhood after dark.</p> <p>Only 14% do not feel safe after dark.</p> <p><i>Generally, female respondents tend to feel somewhat less safe than male respondents</i></p>
<p>9. I regularly see police officers in my neighborhood.</p> <p>Strongly agree <u>15</u> Somewhat agree <u>26</u> Not sure <u>9</u> Somewhat disagree <u>22</u> Strongly disagree <u>19</u> No answer <u>5</u></p>	<p>Mixed responses – 47.7% regularly see an officer in their neighborhood; 47.7% do not.</p>

<p>10. Have you had personal contact with the Fairfax County Police Department within the past twelve months?</p> <p>Yes <u>46</u> No <u>44</u> No answer <u>1</u></p>	<p>51% have had personal contact with a police officer.</p>
<p>11. If yes, what was the nature of that contact?</p> <p>Was the victim of a crime <u>3</u> Was stopped by an officer <u>3</u> Was involved in a traffic crash <u>2</u> Made a report of an incident <u>13</u> Requested information <u>3</u> Was arrested for a crime <u>0</u> Attended a public event <u>6</u> Other (specify) <u>16</u></p>	<p><i>Multiple answers are included</i></p> <p>Most in the other category involved CAC or Neighborhood Watch events, or Mature Driver classes.</p>
<p>12. I feel that the officer/employee that I had contact with was professional, respectful and helpful.</p> <p>Strongly agree <u>32</u> Somewhat agree <u>1</u> Not sure <u>0</u> Somewhat disagree <u>5</u> Strongly disagree <u>5</u> No answer <u>14</u></p>	<p>77% of the respondents to this question agreed with the statement.</p> <p>23% disagreed</p>
<p>13. I feel that my community enjoys a good relationship with the Fairfax County Police Department.</p> <p>Strongly agree <u>50</u> Somewhat agree <u>13</u> Not sure <u>14</u> Somewhat disagree <u>2</u> Strongly disagree <u>4</u> No answer <u>8</u></p>	<p>76% agreed with the statement</p> <p>Only 7% disagreed</p>

14. I am satisfied with the overall service delivered by the Fairfax County Police Department.

Strongly agree 59
Somewhat agree 14
Not sure 3
Somewhat disagree 6
Strongly disagree 4
No answer 5

85% expressed satisfaction.

Only 11% dissatisfied.

4% did not have an opinion.

15. Please list any ways in which you feel that the Fairfax County Police Department could serve you better:

Only a handful of responses – no specific trends.