



Sully District Station

Chantilly Mews Initiative

Survey Results

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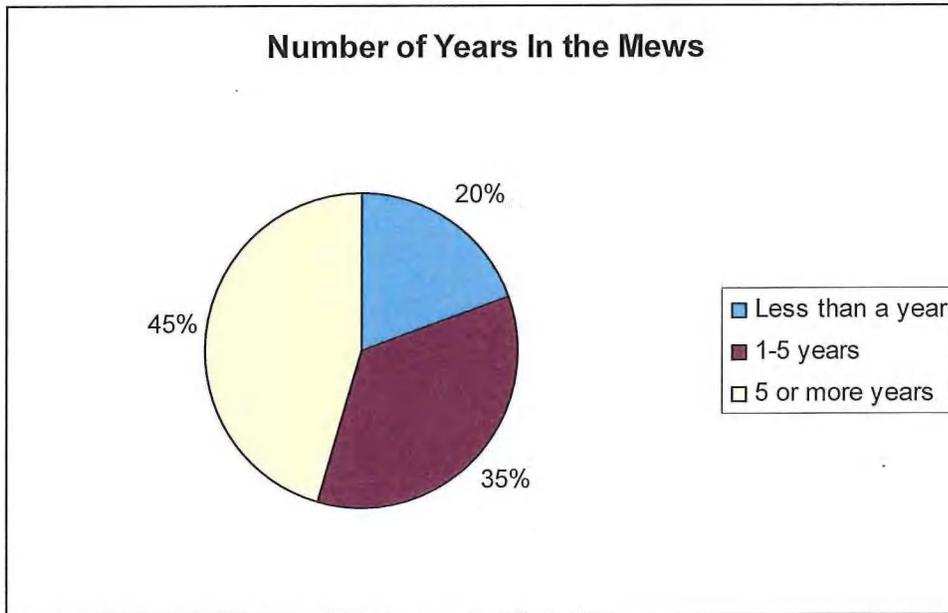


Sully District Station Neighborhood Safety Survey

1. How long have you lived in Chantilly Mews?

- a) Less than a year b) 1-5 years c) 5 or more years

Response	#	Percentage
Less than a year	9	19.57
1-5 years	16	34.78
5 or more years	21	45.65
Did not respond	0	0.00
Total	46	100.00

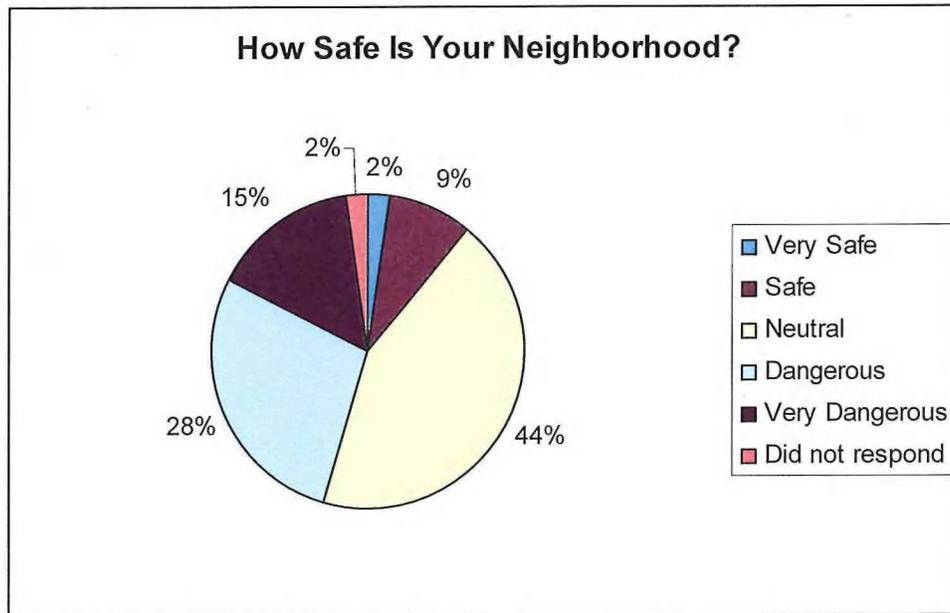


Analysis: The majority of the respondents (45%) have lived in Chantilly Mews for 5 or more years. In addition, 46 units out of 50 were surveyed which was a 92% response rate.

2. How safe is your neighborhood?

Very Safe Safe Neutral Dangerous Very Dangerous

Response	#	Percentage
Very Safe	1	2.17
Safe	4	8.70
Neutral	20	43.48
Dangerous	13	28.26
Very Dangerous	7	15.22
Did not respond	1	2.17
Total	46	100.00

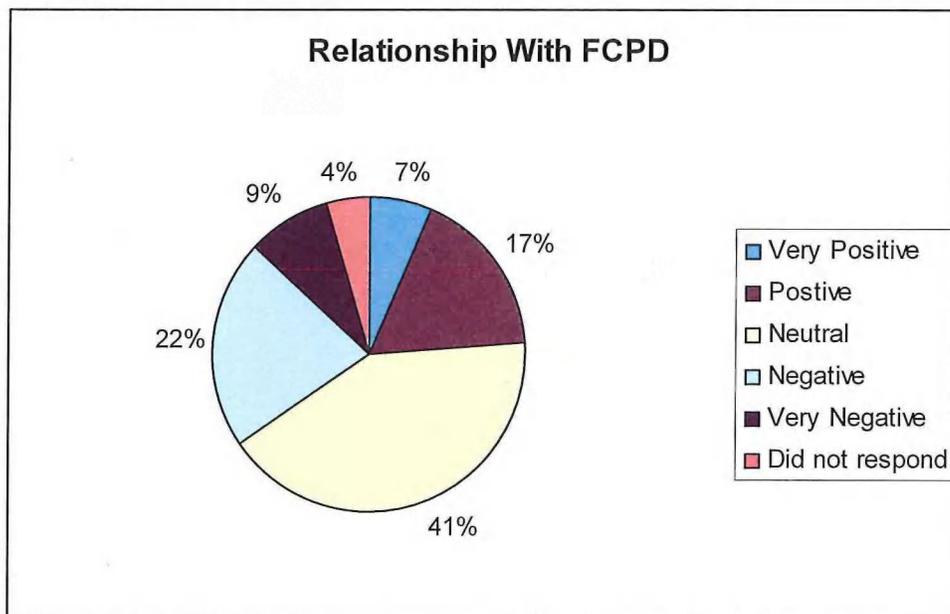


Analysis: 72% of the residents felt their neighborhood was neutral to dangerous.

3. How would you describe the relationship between the residents of Chantilly Mews and the Fairfax County Police Department?

Very Positive Positive Neutral Negative Very Negative

Response	#	Percentage
Very Positive	3	6.52
Positive	8	17.39
Neutral	19	41.30
Negative	10	21.74
Very Negative	4	8.70
Did not respond	2	4.35
Total	46	100.00

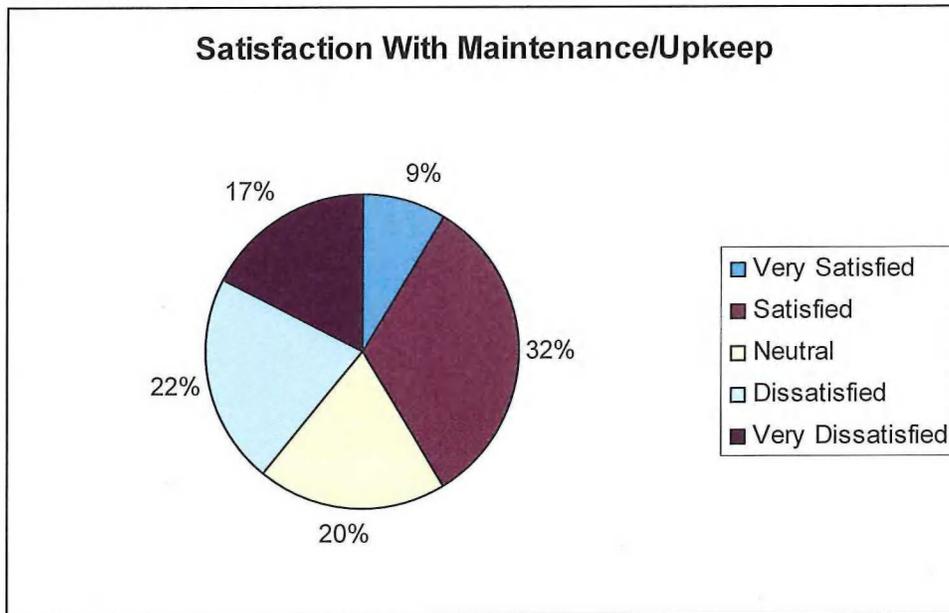


Analysis: 63% of the respondents reported a neutral to negative relationship with the police department.

4. How satisfied are you with the maintenance and upkeep of Chantilly Mews?

Very Satisfied Satisfied Neutral Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

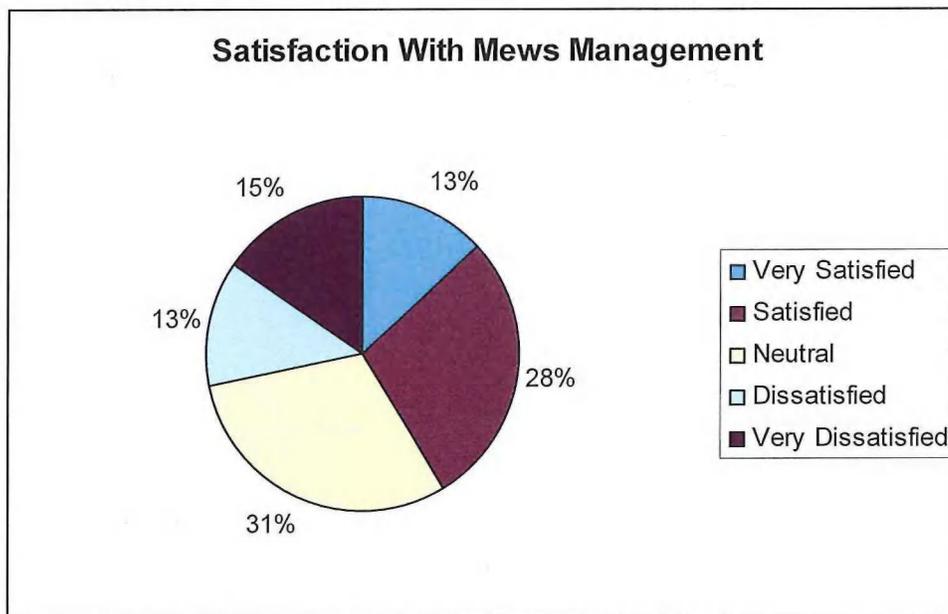
Response	#	Percentage
Very Satisfied	4	8.70
Satisfied	15	32.61
Neutral	9	19.57
Dissatisfied	10	21.74
Very Dissatisfied	8	17.39
Did not respond	0	0.00
Total	46	100.00



5. How satisfied are you with the management of Chantilly Mews?

Very Satisfied Satisfied Neutral Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied

Response	#	Percentage
Very Satisfied	6	13.04
Satisfied	13	28.26
Neutral	14	30.43
Dissatisfied	6	13.04
Very Dissatisfied	7	15.22
Did not respond	0	0.00
Total	46	100.00



Analysis: The majority of the residents 59% were neutral to satisfied with the management at Chantilly Mews.

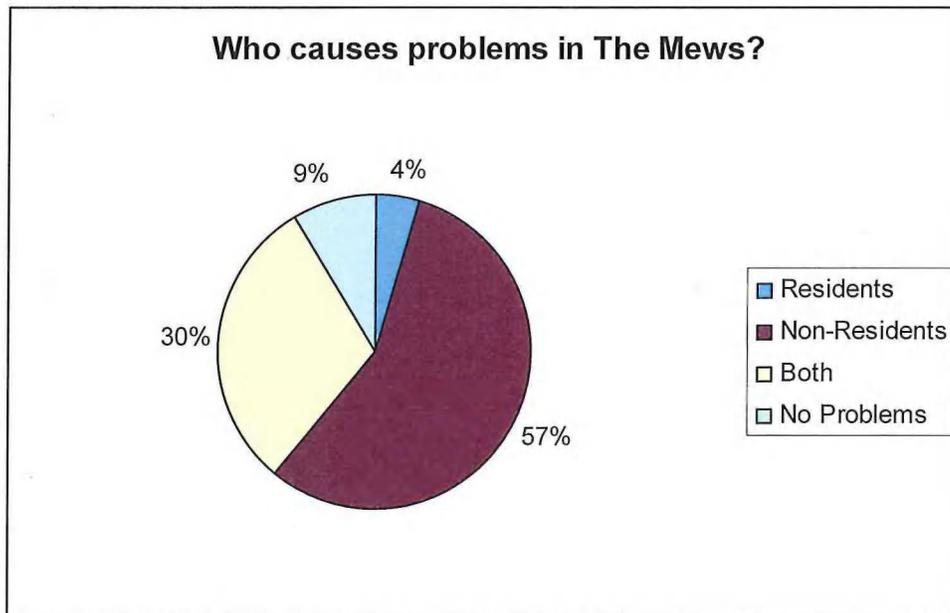
6. Do you feel the problems, if any, in Chantilly Mews are caused by: (circle one)

Residents

Non-Residents

No Problems

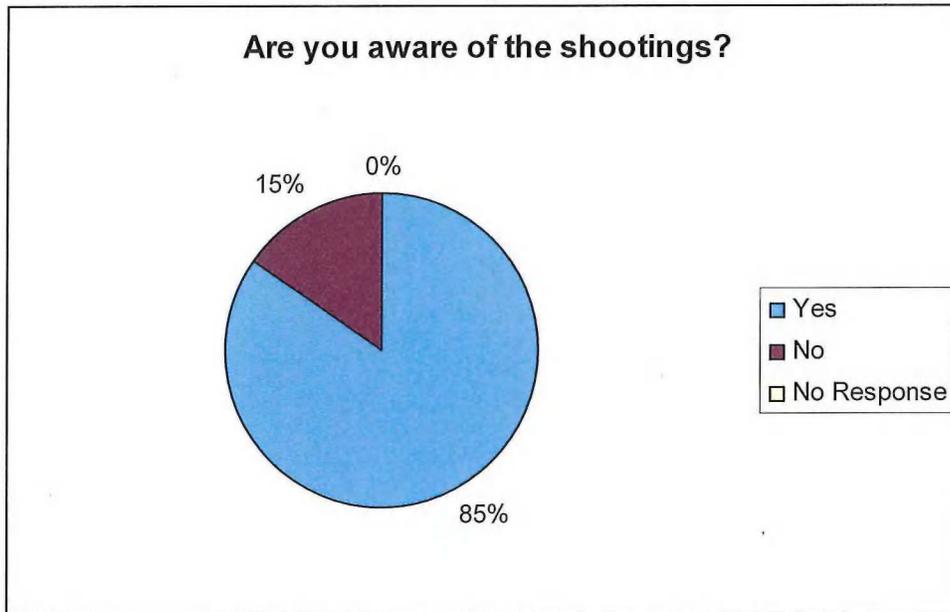
Response	#	Percentage
Residents	2	4.35
Non-Residents	26	56.52
Both	14	30.43
No Problems	4	8.70
Total	46	100.00



Analysis: The majority (57%) of the respondents felt that non-residents were the cause of problems. However, it is important to note that many respondents (30%) encircled both residents and non-residents as "both" was not a designated choice on the survey.

7. Are you aware of the shootings that occurred in Chantilly Mews in July and November of 2003? (circle one) Yes Or No

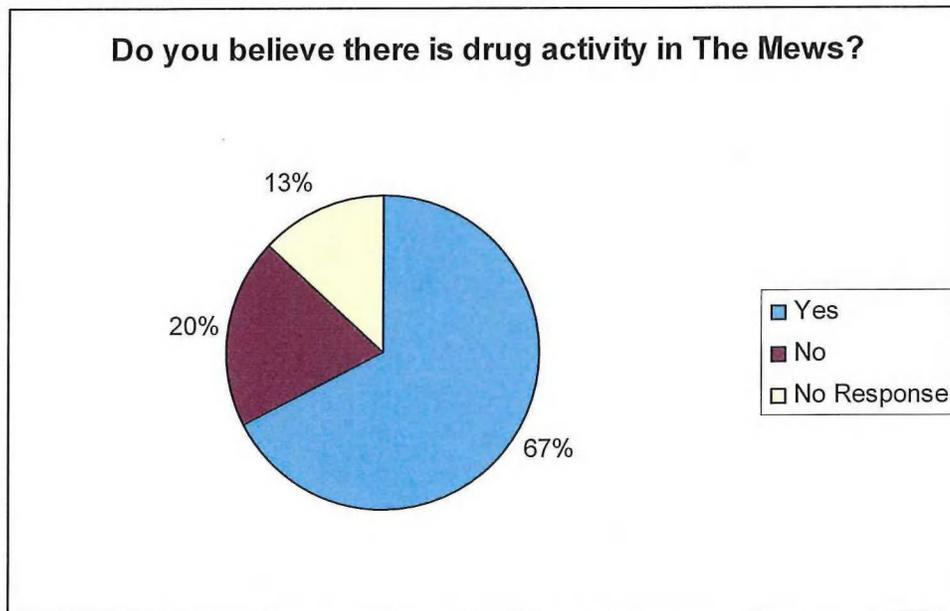
Response	#	Percentage
Yes	39	84.78
No	7	15.22
No Response	0	0.00
Total	46	100.00



Analysis: The vast majority (85%) of the respondents were aware of the shootings. It is important to note that several respondents provided comments on this question which have been included in the comment section of the report.

8. Do you believe there is drug activity in Chantilly Mews? (circle one) Yes Or No

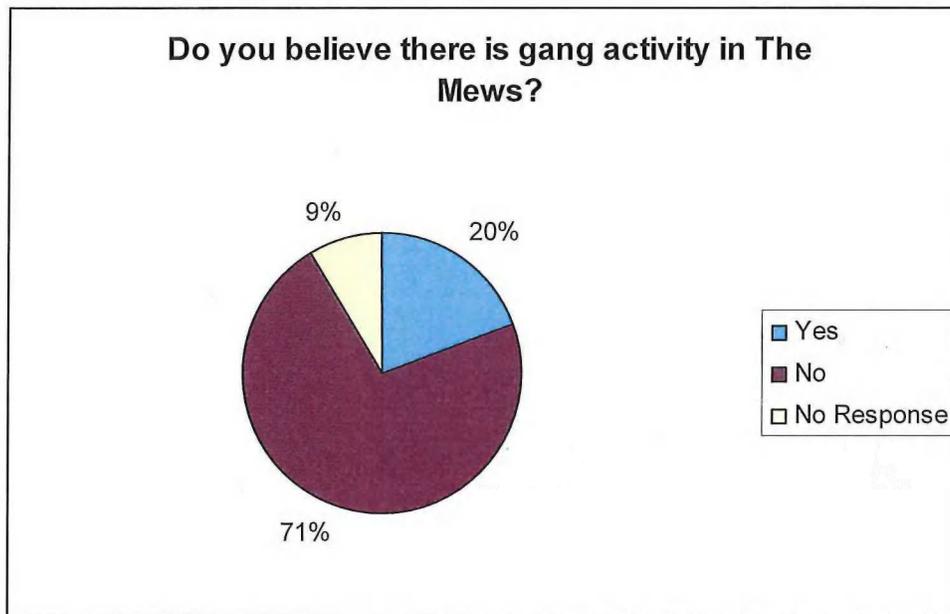
Response	#	Percentage
Yes	31	67.39
No	9	19.57
No Response	6	13.04
Total	46	100.00



Analysis: The majority of the residents (67%) believe there is drug activity in Chantilly Mews. It is important to note that several respondents provided comments to this question which have been included in the comment section of this report.

9. Do you believe there is gang activity in Chantilly Mews? (circle one) Yes Or No

Response	#	Percentage
Yes	9	19.57
No	33	71.74
No Response	4	8.70
Total	46	100.00

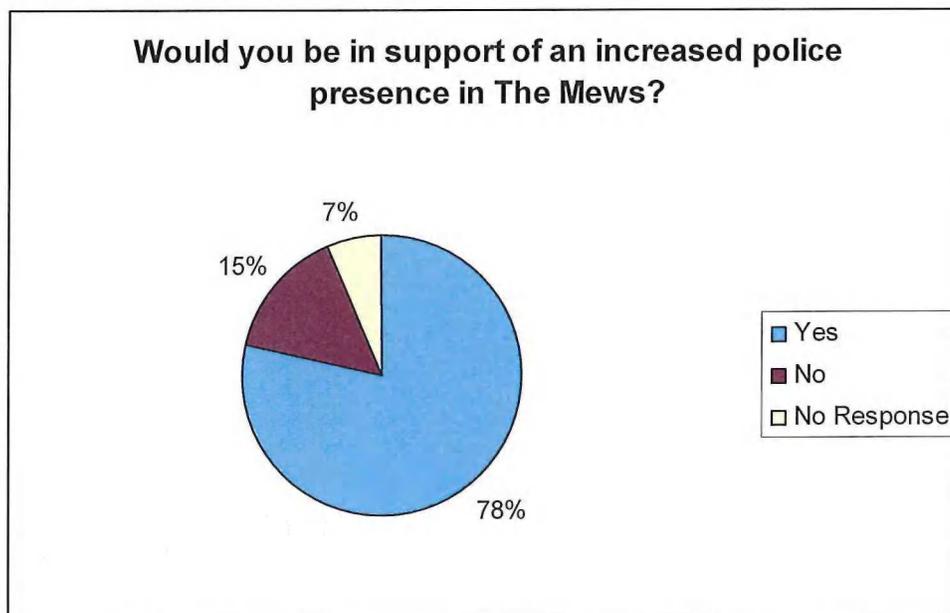


Analysis: The majority (71%) of respondents believe there is not gang activity in Chantilly Mews. It is important to note that several respondents provided comments to this question which have been included in the comment section of this report.

10. Would you be in support of an increased police presence in Chantilly Mews?

(circle one) Yes Or No

Response	#	Percentage
Yes	36	78.26
No	7	15.22
No Response	3	6.52
Total	46	100.00

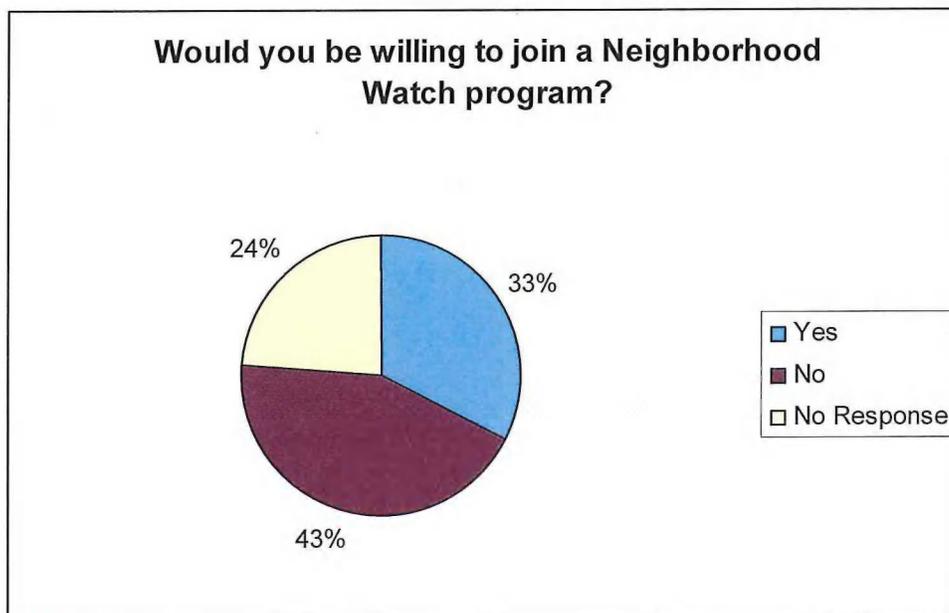


Analysis: The vast majority (78%) of the respondents would be in support of an increased police presence in Chantilly Mews. However, it is important to note that many respondents qualified their answers with write in responses regarding the type of police presence they would like to see.

11. Would you be willing to join a Neighborhood Watch Program?

(circle one) Yes Or No

Response	#	Percentage
Yes	15	32.61
No	20	43.48
No Response	11	23.91
Total	46	100.00



Analysis: 43% of the respondents reported that they would not be willing to join a neighborhood watch. It is important to note that many residents provided written comments touching on the reasons they would not be willing to join. Some respondents answered no because they fear for their families if they were to participate.

Comments on Questions 1-11

Question 2: Neighborhood Safety

- Safe: As long as I stay to myself.
- Neutral: Has some dangerous issues through the years.
- Dangerous: Mostly during the summer time.
- Safe: during day. Dangerous: at night when adults are out.
- Past year gun violence has become an issue which puts us all in danger. Otherwise, I would say it is a safe environment for our children.

Question 3: Mews and FCP

- Neutral: most residents don't care for the officers in our neighborhood.
- Negative: In the past, most residents and their company feel it is more of a harassment issue rather than the police being here to help the negative situations.

Question 4: Maintenance and Upkeep

- Satisfied: It has gotten better in recent months.
- Neutral: I wish they could do a better job with the trash area.
- Dissatisfied: The maintenance here has really disintegrated over the past years. If something breaks, more than once (door, cabinet drawer etc.) they will keep fixing the same broken item instead of taking the initiative to replace it.

Question 5: Management

- Management is hardly ever here.

Question 6: Source of the problems

- Definitely, non residents. There are a few residents but mainly non residents.
- 45% residents, 55% non residents
- Non residents: It is usually people coming into the community.

Question 7 : Shootings

- had guys come from Georgetown South to come fight and the person they were fighting was in house. Then they were looking for my ex-boyfriend and were shooting from out of
- I moved in two weeks after the November shooting. I asked management specifically if there were problems. They said there were none.
- The person that was doing the shooting didn't live here.
- Heard about the November shootings by ear. Heard shots in July.
- My husband and I were asleep and I heard popping noises which I thought were fireworks. My husband told me that someone had been shooting.
- Heard through people. Didn't actually hear anything.
- The main people that were involved in the shootings are where most of the drama and problems begin and end.

- Heard shooting in July, but didn't see anything. Was not sure about the shootings in November.
- Didn't hear anything in July and shooting in November occurred behind the house. Resident observed a vehicle parked on Meadowland Ct. with its lights on after the gunshot the vehicle left. (unknown description of vehicle)
- There are no problems now. You all should have been out here in July. There's nothing going on now.
- I did not hear of them.
- People that do not live in the neighborhood started all that mess.
- My life was in danger.
- I was disturbed by the gunfire.
- I heard about it through rumors.
- The one in July occurred right near my unit. Several tenants and I were so furious with the unit where the shooters were visiting that we wanted to get a petition to get out of here. However, I had a change of heart because of the children.
- It really doesn't make any sense. Our children are not safe to play outside. We are always going to worry about what is going to happen.
- We need more police protection.
- My daughter and grandchildren live here. I'm afraid for them and other residents that live here.
- It's absolutely an imminent threat to our community. I beg the police to do something more effective in finding this culprit. Fairfax is the standard for the country and therefore this is unacceptable behavior and has no room here.
- Are you aware that these were not the only shootings in the last 10 years or more.
- Neighbor comments claim that the first involved drug activity and the second was gang related.
- I only heard rumors about the shootings.
- Very dangerous, scary.
- My home was one that was involved in the shootings in November and I fear for my children at times.

Question 8: Drug Activity

- I don't know and haven't witnessed it.
- Absolutely.
- Not sure
- Not just in the Mews but all around us. Mostly crack.
- Have drug busts.
- I can't prove there is but I have seen some things on the ground that have been used for drugs.
- I believe there are users and if there is any selling activity it is from a non-resident.
- I believe so.

- People that don't live in the neighborhood are selling drugs. All of them are younger boys.
- There probably is.
- Neighbor next door. She constantly has people hanging out in front of her house smoking.
- Very much so.
- The majority of the residents around here are family or close friends. What seems like "drug traffic" usually isn't. A lot of my neighbors come to my house to use my phone or borrow Kool-Aid, juice, even Mac & Cheese. Honestly! Some of us around here have been friends for a while dating back to high school.
- Somewhere in the back section, because of the car activity in the summer days.
- A lot of in and out traffic. Especially late at night and early morning. Sometimes a little noisy around 2-4am.
- I don't know. I am in the house most of the time or at work.
- I've never seen it first hand but I heard things about it.
- Cars drive in the parking lot to units in the back and then leave 10-15 minutes later during the day and in the middle of the night. Some residents, when driving past our section honk twice (even at 2am) and my neighbor will head to their house.
- maybe. for sure. I see traffic come in and out every night.

Question 9: Gang Activity

- Young men walk through parking lot to back units all the time.
- Haven't heard of such.
- Not sure but there are some teens that seem to be active in stealing.
- No Honestly! I can't say that the shootings that occurred wasn't but no gang members live around here that I know of. Just because someone wears baggy jeans and timbs doesn't mean they sell drugs or are in a gang.
- Resident believes there is a black gang in the neighborhood, but does not know the gang name.
- My life was in danger.
- Absolutely not. Only group of people you will see are the teenage boys hanging out trying to find something to do.
- No I don't believe that. The problem is other people's company that doesn't have respect for those that live here.
- Mainly people that live here.
- Also around us.
- Only non residents that come here and start trouble.
- I would say it comes more from an outside gang having friends or relatives here. Also the surrounding communities.
- If so, it is not from the residents.

Question 10: Increased Police Preseucc

- As long as it is the people that are causing the problems that are stopped and not the residents that are harassed.

- But I'd also stay away from making this community look like a war zone. I know it is indeed a tough situation.
- Absolutely, if possible.
- Yes, but not all people that live in Chantilly Mews or their company are bad people.
- I do not feel it is so necessary for the police to be here Mon-Fri evenings when there is no activity. Most problems occur on weekends during the warmer months.
- Yes, doesn't bother me.
- If they don't harass.
- Yes, especially during the summer and around holidays. We work different shifts and sometimes we travel to visit our families out of town.

Question 11: Neighborhood Watch

- Maybe if I can't get out the community when my 1 year lease is up. Right now a lot of my time is devoted to college work and parenting. Will consider if police presence does not make a significant change.
- If police are willing to have a better relationship with residents as well as residents' guests.
- Resident will support neighborhood watch but will not be able to participate as he is 73 years old.
- No neighborhood is too small and there is no need for it.
- Undecided.
- For money.
- The way this neighborhood is, my life is more important. I already feel uncomfortable living here because of the comments that have gotten back to me that people have made about me conversing with officers.
- I'd consider it, but I'll not put my family or me in jeopardy in any way. Yes, I want to make The Mews look and feel as the rest of Chantilly which is impressive compared to other parts of the country.
- Yes, if I was sure there was not a risk to my family.
- I don't know because I try not to be home.

Responses To Write-In Questions (#12 and #13)

Question #12. How do you think the police and the residents of Chantilly Mews can work together to better your community? (PLEASE WRITE IN YOUR RESPONSE)

- Yes, we would like that and this way is better because there would be no more crime.
- Keep all of the drugs out of the community.
- They could clean up after themselves and communicate more with residents about safety measures and help one another with the community issues that are at hand.

If the police observed the community at night on weekends from afar, than they would be more productive with ensuring the safety of the neighborhood.

- I think that it would be good for the police and residents to work together.
- Fairfax County Police Department needs to be more involved and not just after something comes about. It is too late to interact when something has already occurred.
- As long as they want to.
- No, because you can't be yourself when a police officer is present.
- Yes, if the residents will work with the police.
- I think the police should be around but not to harass people. I feel when I come home from a hard day at work; I don't want to be bothered by anyone. When my family comes to visit, they feel as if they are harassed so they don't visit.
- I think that the residents of Chantilly Mews should not be afraid of communicating with the police and if they have any information of the things that go down they should open their mouths and say something. The reason why I think nothing was said before was because there was no type of friendly relationship with the residents and police officers.
- Maybe if the police made their presence known more. People who did not live here would be more cautious of what they do. Also the residents need to speak up more.
- Less non-residents in the area.
- Communication
- The community knows the police stay out here until a certain hour and when they have left the problems begin. I believe an increased police presence would be helpful. It would be nice to have a gated community that is monitored at the entrance to see who comes in and out.
- Build a recreation center so that our children will be able to have something to do on the weekends and summer because the computer classes are not enough. We do not even have a decent playground area.
- I believe that communicating with all the people is a necessity. Of course, we don't want the residents to be afraid of police as it is not ideal to have a daily conversation with a police officer. It needs to be in a manner where if a resident gives useful info to the police, somehow residents need to be assured that they will not be harmed by culprits. A technique needs to be built on how a person can give info without being in danger.
- It would help if the residents would talk to the police when they know of things that happen, not just when it happens to them.
- Keep drugs, alcohol, guns and paraphernalia out of the area.
- Maybe more outside projects like the ones the CLCP program had for all the children. That's what it is all about, the children. CLCP had the police and the fire department come out. Everybody felt safe and enjoyed themselves.
- Being here in the community.
- Police should be more involved with the hood. When something goes down the po-po are around but on a regular day they are no where to be seen.
- Keep all trouble makers out.

- There is no need for police to stop every car that comes in and out of the neighborhood. It is annoying and sometimes it makes people not want to visit family.
- Management should not let so many black people in the neighborhood; instead there should be more other cultural people. The black people do not trust the police or anyone, just themselves.
- If they put up fences around the property, the community would be better.
- Watch the back doors, they run house to house at night and on Friday, Saturday, pay day and the first of the month when people get their government checks.
- Have an honest and open relationship with the residents.
- To be honest people are going to do what they want so I am not sure of making it better. But it would be nice to see more get-togethers in the neighborhood.
- Most of the parents around here are too involved with themselves instead of spending time with their children. These kids need some type of after school program, along with a summer to help education on working values, respecting others and positive thinking towards their goals in life.
- Provide a confidential tip line to report suspicious activity.
- I don't know; keep out the people that don't live here. Give the kids something to do to pass the time.
- Police need an inconspicuous presence (not so obvious) in Chantilly Mews. Problematic visitors and residents (I heard this from a neighbor) KNOW when the police will be here and somehow for how long. Management needs to be here more than once a week.
- The police need to be here more and the manager needs to do his job. He's some sorry shit.
- Start doing more about the residents and non residents that hang out all night instead of just riding through when music is being played on work nights and weekends in the wee hours of the morning.
- I don't see the residents as willing to do so. You have a lot that can't stand to see officers in the community and I think that has a lot to do with their lifestyles not being right as far as them doing things they shouldn't be doing. I love the site officers. Keep coming out as much as you can!!
- I believe the steps being taken now is a step in the right direction.
- The problem is that some people don't want to get in the mix of everything sometimes it is just easier to just stay out of it. That way of life is easier for you and your children if you stay to yourself and only associate with certain people that you know are good. You won't have anything to worry about.
- I think the police are doing a good job. I don't know half of the residents, so I'm not sure of what they're already doing to better the community. I feel to better your community you must first better yourself.

**13. Are there any other problems or issues concern that you would like to mention?
(PLEASE WRITE IN YOUR RESPONSE)**

- We don't know of any problems because we go to work and come back home. Sometimes we can't sleep at night because at midnight they are fighting and shouting and they knock on the door.
- Parents keep there eye on their children during the summer time.
- The buildings are poor, fire detectors don't work, etc. The management of this community is not well kept and each resident has a problem that needs to be fixed by the grounds men or maintenance crew. The lack of beauty and poor up keep of this community causes the visitors and some residents to have no respect for their surroundings. This is the managers' problem. This makes people think that they can do what ever they want, and this is not so.
- Too many children are unsupervised. Activities at the playground are unsafe for children in the summer time. Adults are hanging around and some older children damage the playground area.
- Need a better play area.
- Young kids in their teens to early twenties are hanging out in the neighborhood causing problems.
- I understand the police come around to do their job but sometimes it gets annoying when every time you're being questioned or stopped for something you have nothing to do with.
- The response to serious issues is not quick enough. Whenever an issue arises, half the neighborhood becomes a lookout for police to protect whoever is causing the problems. Children are usually out all hours of the night, adults are drunk. A major concern is driving. Especially non residents racing out of here. It is not a long road out of the complex and children are always in the road. One day I know a child is going to be struck by a car.
- Some residents who have not caused problems are harassed. That needs to stop! The only other problem is that we need community meetings so we can voice our concerns verbally and come up with solutions. Thank you very much!
- It is vital for police and the citizens to work side by side. Although it is difficult at times to separate the bad from good. Good needs to always be safe and never be harassed. Although sometimes it is hard to avoid for the good of the people.
- They need to address the problem with the kids (and their parents) their running in little gangs. It's the parents fault because they tell them to do it (big problem).
- Fighting and vandalism. Keep outside people from living here in this community.
- Not really because I'm the type that stays inside and keeps to myself. The less you hang with other people, the less problems you will have.
- Trash in front of the homes and rear!! Thanks for your presence in the community.
- Playground needs to be better. Maybe a pool and/or different activities for ehildren. Needs to be more supervised (dealing with children). Parents should be made to participate with their children.

- All the people that are not residents shouldn't be allowed to stay over a week. All the problems in the neighborhood are coming from people that don't live here and half of them live with the people in the neighborhood. The manager doesn't even know, she needs to do something about it. All the problems started when my daughter came around here in the neighborhood.
- The other residents in this neighborhood (mostly black) have been discriminate toward his family because they are Asian. They consistently harass.
- I would love to move out of this house but me and my husband and kids are working hard to get out of here. We try to keep safe. You are doing a good job. Be safe.
- When walking or riding around the neighborhood, please don't ask the children around here what is going on or they have seen so and so. Don't stop every car doing out of the neighborhood or ask residents where they are going, why they are coming out of another neighbors house. That isn't right.
- My children are often harassed for no reason and searched with no probable cause. I would be happy if these situations would not occur. I think this is a safe neighborhood and always having police around makes it look unsafe.
- Yes people need to stop talking and mind their business.
- Need assigned parking because there are people who do not live around here taking up all the parking spaces. In summer people hang out and play loud music at night. Police riding through and seeing these people and are not doing anything. We need a new playground for the kids.
- Rules need to be enforced. As far as residents being responsible for their visitors, there are a couple of dark "HOT Spots". More lights need to be put up. Parking stickers need to be enforced. I really wish we could have assigned parking spaces like one per unit, there is enough to do so and I don't like coming home when its dark and not being able to park in front of or near my house because of a guest not using visitor parking.
- Yes, the playground needs to be torn down before someone gets seriously injured. There needs to be a playground to accommodate the safety of our children. The dumpster being directly facing the highway brings down the quality of the neighborhood. The ground keeping is awful during the weekend. Littering is a major issue especially adults who leave their beer bottles and cans outside.
- There is nothing for the children to do. They need more positive people to live here. We can make this a nice place to live if all the he-say, she-say stuff would stop. Everyone is afraid that the next one is doing better than them and they get jealous. Get a job and then people won't have so much time to worry about each other. I think when people have too much time on their hands they run out of good things to do. I think everyone should take a little time to see if trash is lying around or if there are cigarette butts to pick up. If our children see us caring about our neighborhood, then they will see that doing a little something extra in life is good. We can work together.
- I would like to receive information about things happening around here such as shootings or other gang activity. I hate hearsay so maybe a letter from Chantilly Mews would be nice.