

# Police Department Citizen Survey

## April, 2009

City-Wide Response Summary  
1,536\* Responses from a mailing of 4,000  
38.4% Response Rate

### 1. How safe would you feel walking alone in your neighborhood?

very safe -	680	
reasonably safe	629	Very/Reasonably safe= 85.3%
somewhat safe-	181	(2006= 81%)**
very unsafe -	35	
don't know -	9	Total= 1,534

### 2. How safe would you feel walking alone in your neighborhood after dark?

very safe -	290	
reasonably safe-	513	Very/Reasonably safe=56.5%
somewhat safe-	395	(2006= 52%)
very unsafe -	169	
don't know -	53	Total= 1,420

### 3. How safe would you feel walking alone in your neighborhood during the day?

very safe -	940	
reasonably safe-	448	Very/Reasonably Safe=91.5%
somewhat safe-	111	(2006= 86 %)
very unsafe -	13	
don't know -	6	Total= 1,518

\*Two (2) returns were blank in all categories. Numbers vary among responses: Some skipped one or more selections, and some left the second (on back) page totally blank.

\*\*The percentage in parentheses was for the same question in the 2006 survey.

4. How safe would you feel walking alone in business areas after dark?

very safe -	82	
reasonably safe-	458	Very/Reasonably Safe= 35.7%
somewhat safe-	585	(2006= 35.7 %)
very unsafe -	303	
don't know -	86	Total= 1,514

5. How safe would you feel walking alone in business areas during the day?

very safe -	647	
reasonably safe-	695	Very/Reasonably Safe= 87%
somewhat safe-	147	(2006= 88.3%)
very unsafe -	34	
don't know -	15	Total= 1,528

6. During the past three months were you or anyone in your household the victim of a crime?

yes -	106	7.1%	(2006= 10%)
no -	1374		
don't know -	10		Total= 1,490

7. If yes, did you report all of these crimes to the Sioux City Police?

yes -	90	48.6%	(2006= 67.4%)
no -	83		
don't know -	12		Total= 185

8. During the past twelve months have you had any contact with the police department?

yes -	555	36.4%	(2006= 41%)
no -	945		
don't know -	24		Total= 1,524

9. If yes, how would you rate the contact?

excellent -	252	
good -	223	Excellent/Good=83.9%
fair -	89	(2006= 71%)
poor -	56	
don't know -	41	Total= 661

10. Based on your personal experience or your perceptions of the Sioux City Police Department, how would you judge the overall performance of the agency?

excellent -	482	
good -	783	Excellent/Good= 83.9%
fair -	157	(2006= 81.5%)
poor -	46	
don't know -	38	Total= 1,506

11. How would you rate the Sioux City Police Department employees' competence and knowledge to address your issues?

excellent -	07	
good -	720	Excellent/Good= 85.8%
fair -	140	(2006= 71.8%)
poor -	46	
don't know -	175	Total= 1,488

12. How would you rate officers' attitudes and behavior toward citizens?

excellent -	405	
good -	661	Excellent/Good= 72.1%
fair -	209	(2006= 79.7%)
poor -	60	
don't know -	143	Total= 1,478

# Citizens' Crime Issue Concerns

On a scale of 1 to 5 (with 1 being "not concerned" and 5 being "greatly concerned") how concerned are you about the following problems in your neighborhood?

## Speeding

1- 226

2- 200

3- 368

4- 329

Total= 1,422

5- 299

4/5= 44.1% (2006= 48.5%)

## Drug Activity

1- 383

2- 292

3- 294

4- 170

Total= 1417

5- 278

4/5= 35.7% (2006= 43.4%)

## Robbery/Theft

1- 228

2- 359

3- 409

4- 222

Total= 1,410

5- 192

4/5= 29.3% (2006= 42.3%)

## Noise

1- 375

2- 372

3- 315

4- 178

Total= 1,387

5- 147

4/5= 23.4% (2006= 25%)

### Juvenile Delinquency

1- 431

2- 335

3- 305

4- 172

Total= 1,393

5- 150

4/5= 23.1% (2006= 20.4%)

### Curfew

1- 568

2- 367

3- 258

4- 119

Total= 1,414

5- 102

4/5= 15.6% (2006= 19.7%)

### Abandoned Vehicles

1- 714

2- 350

3- 189

4- 97

Total= 1,472

5- 122

4/5= 14.8% (2006= 14.7%)

### Loitering

1- 699

2- 393

3- 190

4- 96

Total= 1,378

5- 117

4/5= 15.5% (2006= 18.1%)

## Vandalism

1- 425

2- 327

3- 240

4- 193

Total= 1,387

5- 202

4/5= 28.4% (2006= 31.8%)

## Domestic Violence

1- 654

2- 325

3- 220

4- 92

Total= 1,405

5- 114

4/5= 14.6% (2006= 19.9%)

## Gang Violence

1- 530

2- 276

3- 206

4- 138

Total= 1,364

5- 214

4/5= 25.8% (2006= 25.2%)

## Graffiti

1- 535

2- 289

3- 218

4- 154

Total= 1,416

5- 220

4/5= 26.4% (2006= 26.4%)

## Car Burglary

1- 440

2- 345

3- 309

4- 187

Total= 1,473

5- 192

4/5= 25.7% (2006= 31.6%)

## Home Burglary

1- 337

2- 363

3- 355

4- 164

5- 204

Total= 1,423

4/5= 25.8% (2006= 39.5%)