



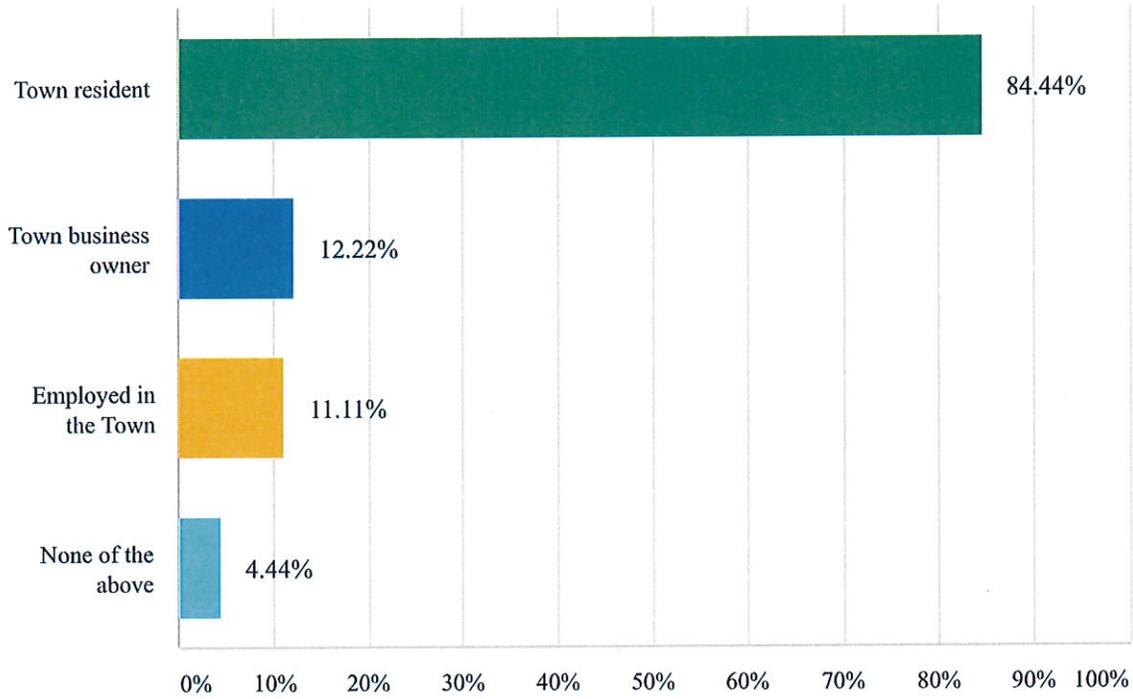
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DAYTON POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY SURVEY-- RESULTS

Which of the following best describes your relationship with the Town of Dayton (check all that apply)?

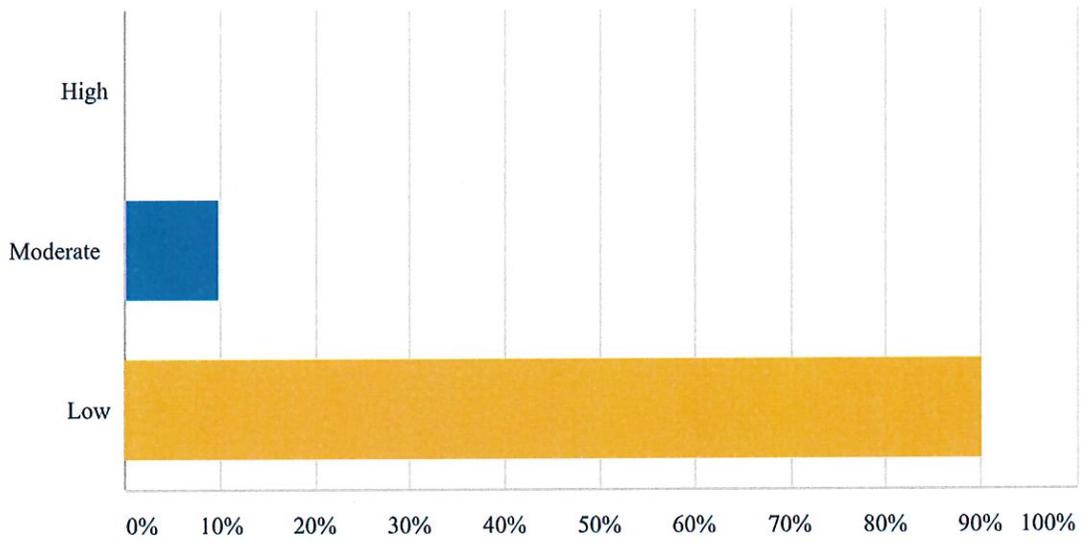
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Town resident	84.44%	76
Town business owner	12.22%	11
Employed in the Town	11.11%	10
None of the above	4.44%	4
Total Respondents: 90		

How do you perceive crime in the community?

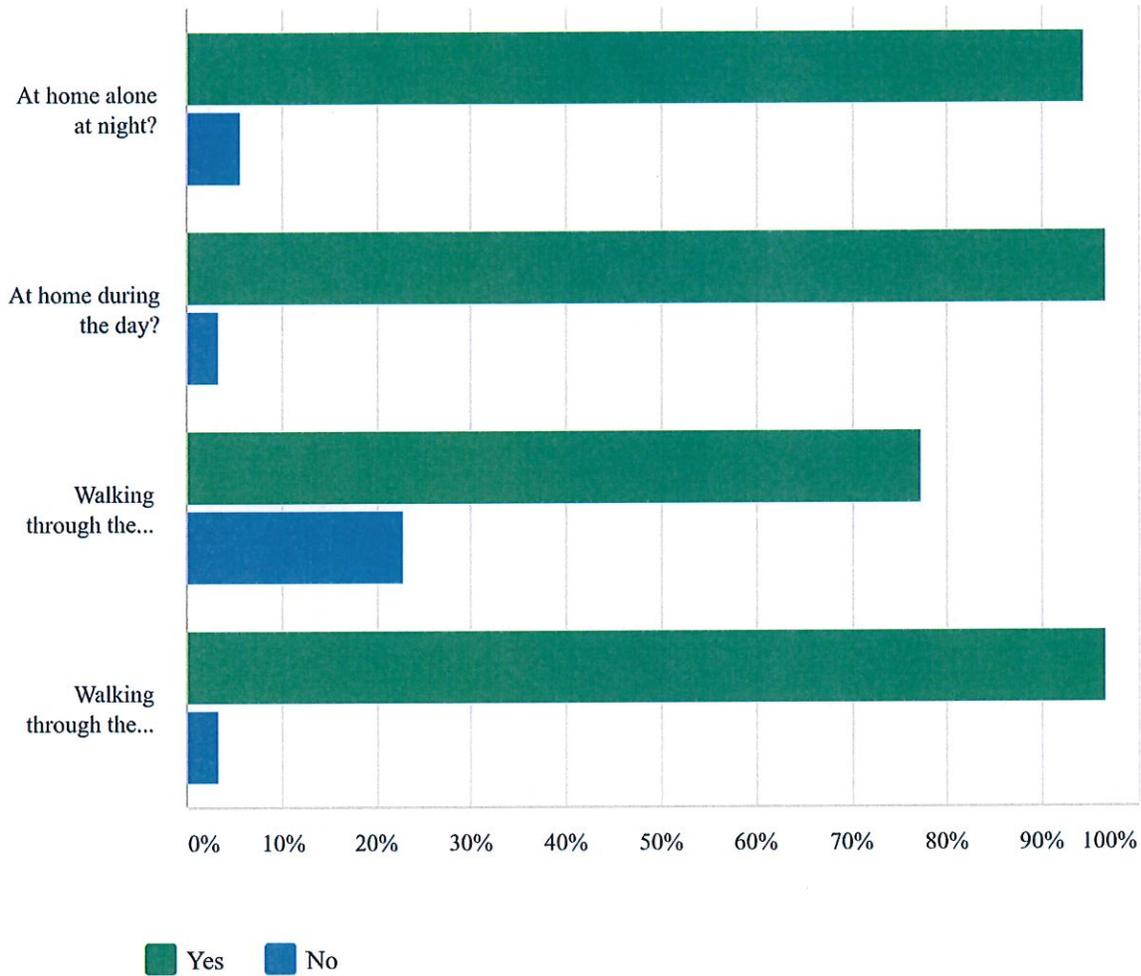
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
High	0.00%	0
Moderate	9.78%	9
Low	90.22%	83
TOTAL		92

Do you feel safe in the following situations:

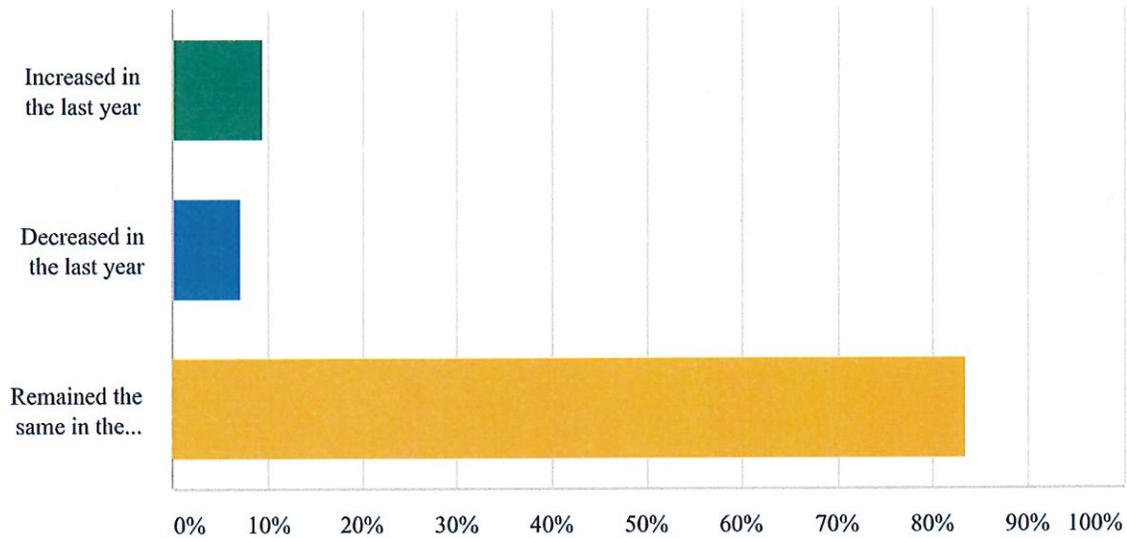
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	YES	NO	TOTAL
At home alone at night?	94.25% 82	5.75% 5	87
At home during the day?	96.67% 87	3.33% 3	90
Walking through the Town at night?	77.11% 64	22.89% 19	83
Walking through the Town during the day?	96.67% 87	3.33% 3	90

How do you feel about the Town's crime rate during the last year?

Answered: 85 Skipped: 8



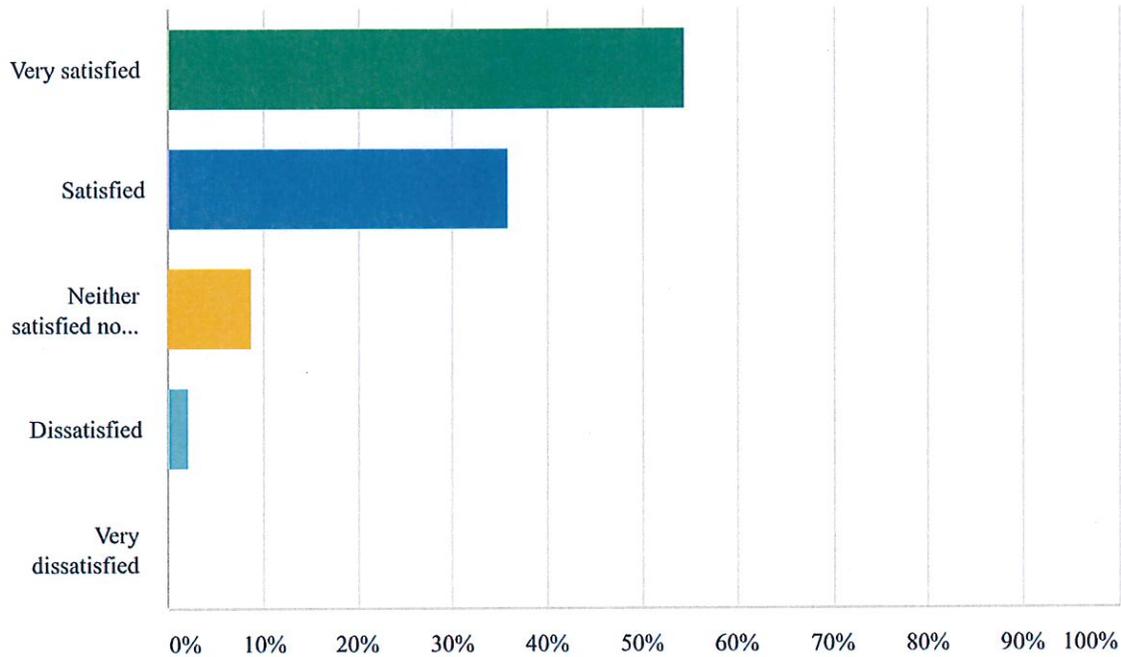
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Increased in the last year	9.41%	8
Decreased in the last year	7.06%	6
Remained the same in the last year	83.53%	71
TOTAL		85

How satisfied are you with the police services provided by the Dayton Police Department?

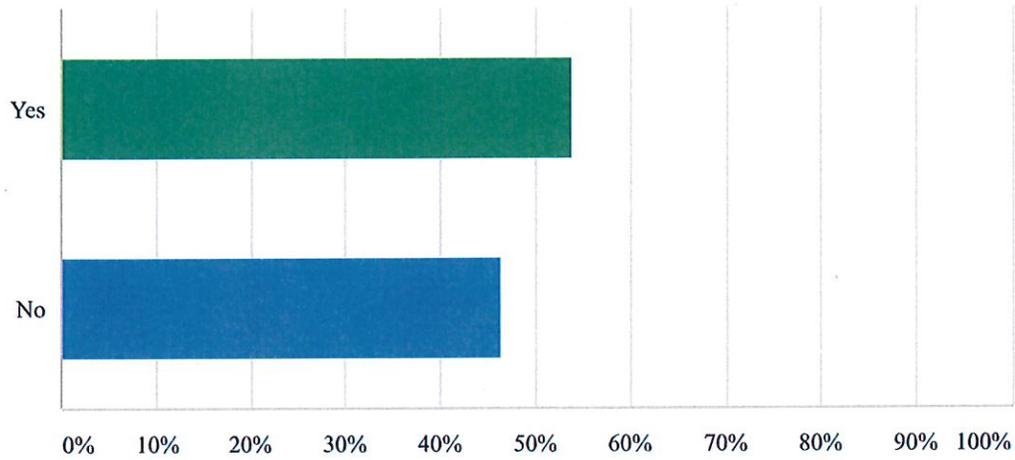
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	54.35%	50
Satisfied	35.87%	33
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	8.70%	8
Dissatisfied	2.17%	2
Very dissatisfied	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 92		

Have you had an encounter with a Dayton Police Officer in the last 12 months?

Answered: 93 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Yes

53.76%

50

No

46.24%

43

TOTAL

93

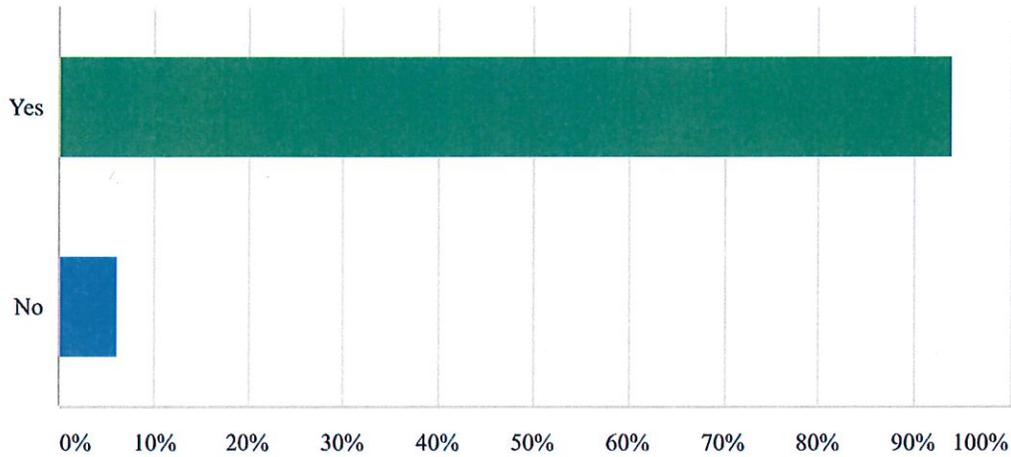
Was your experience positive or negative? Please provide details of the encounter (was it at a Town event, a call for service, traffic stop, etc.

1. Positive - Coffee with a Cop and Town Hall Meeting
2. A positive experience at Council meetings, answering various questions and concerns in the town.
3. Met with the Chief at the Police Town Hall - all positive.
4. Positive. Officer Dollar picked up my dog and got it back to me and I've talked to him a couple of times. Super nice guy. Same with Officer T.J. Hooker. Also Officer Castellano is by far the best Part Time officer the town has ever had. Whatever you guys are paying him, trust me, it's not enough!!
5. Met Larry P. on the street and had a chat with him. Possibly the same with one other officer- whose name I do not have.
6. Always positive, smiles and handshakes
7. Very positive experiences with every officer in social settings.
8. Positive - emergency took child to hospital
9. Came with Rescue Squad and assisted.
10. Positive. Friendly chat with Jeff and Reggie at Ft. Harrison.
11. Positive - traffic accident - called 911
12. Positive - seeing them at Town meetings -around town.
13. Call for service: quick response time - positive experience.
14. Unfortunately, the call for services were for a negative reason but Dayton Police handled politely; courteously, and in a professional manner. Also, unrelated, one officer (wish I could remember name) went above and beyond for us "and the call of duty".
15. I had a minor wreck at the 257/Sunset Dr. Intersection. Officer Trout responded to the call in a timely manner and took care of all my needs.
16. Out, Dayton Days, midnight--I was not at home, my cousin from Oregon was locked out of my home, 911 was called, Reggie opened a window. Many Thanks, Reggie! Betty Campbell 384 College St.
17. While I've not needed the department for law purposes, they are excellent at checking up on the "shut in, disabled" residents. They even shoveled my snow last year.
18. Positive--reported a coyote in the neighborhood during officer's patrol.
19. Only encounter has been the friendly waves as we go by.
20. Town events, met on street
21. I work with the officers. They are great to work with and super helpful. Quickly respond to any type of request that is asked of them rather from a co-worker, business or resident in the community.
22. Had a neighbor complain of our dog barking. To me this was a negative. There are a lot of dogs that bark in the neighborhood. I would like to know if anyone else has been approached.
23. Positive
24. positive
25. Positive. Officer checked on me while I was out walking my dog at 3am.
26. Very positive.
27. Very positive experience. The officer took the time to talk to me. The officer was very friendly and courteous.
28. Not really an encounter, while we LOVE having their presence at the group of businesses next to Cargil, it would be nice when setting their speed areas that they not block said driveway. Thanks for keep Mosby Rd. Safe!!!
29. Positive. Neighbor troubles.
30. positive!
31. It was a pleasant experience. I was in the wrong so the officer was doing their job.

32. I frequently see officers patrolling the town while I am walking my dogs. I wave if I recognize the vehicle in time to do so. I'm glad to see the police force keeping an eye on things in the Town. Additionally, every time I have interacted with officers face to face, they have been friendly and professional. I especially appreciate Officer Dollar's efforts some time back when one of our dogs got out of the fence!
33. I have always had very positive encounters! Our officers are pretty amazing :) ! I did have a negative experience this year (the only negative one I have ever had). Several months ago Officer Smith approached me asking if I had seen a certain vehicle in the area, but he was extremely rude to the point of being disrespectful. I considered filing a complaint, but I wanted to assume he was just having a bad day.
34. Positive! I ask for help taking a tv out and help with my trashcan once! Checking on me to see if I was okay! I always appreciate each one of you! Thank you for your help and keeping our town safe!
35. During the Dayton Muddler, the officer was polite and friendly. We just got to chat for a bit.
36. Positive interaction during various Town events: Redbud Festival, Dayton Days, and Christmas Parade. The officers in each of those events represented the Town well and their pride of place was evident. Each appeared welcoming and helpful to attendees.
37. During my time in the local police academy, met Lt Hooker
38. Positive
39. Very positive. Spoke with Off. Dollar. Very professional and transparent.
40. We were hit from behind. LT Hooker was awesome in helping get things situated and copies for us.
41. Call for service. Tenant at apartment building was driving recklessly on College St. He was arrested. Thankful the police took care of the situation.
42. I work at WSPMS so encounters are frequent, always good, but not as frequent as they were under Chiefs Hanlon or Conley.
43. Our encounter was with our former police chief Danny, it was an emotional rollercoaster ride that I would take with him any day any month any year. I thank God he was our chief at the time and we now have our grandchildren in our custody because of him!
44. First of all, they are always out somewhere patrolling and seeing them out makes me feel a lot safer. All hours, especially at night when things get scarier. I called for a suspicious person and the officer stayed and made sure things were taken care of and ensured I felt safe where I was. They really do care about the community.
45. I received a parking ticket & a lecture
46. Unfortunately both of my kids have had fender benders this past fall and have had to have encounters with officer. Both had the best experience possible given the circumstances.
47. Positive—Several times, Chief Trout and Officer Hooker have visited my shop; Re: Giving Tree, Coffee with a Cop and other concerns about security. They were exceptionally helpful.
48. Positive, I currently work for the Town. PD is always great to work with.
49. Positive. I work for the Town and the Police Department is very fair.
50. All were positive 1) Officer Dollar alerted us to finding my son's wallet after his car was broken into; 2) Officer Hooker went out of his way to assist my other son getting into his car – took longer than expected, but he didn't quit.

Do you feel that the crime that occurs in Dayton is investigated and solved in a timely manner?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Yes

93.98%

78

No

6.02%

5

Total Respondents: 83

What are police needs in the Town that you would like to see addressed by the Dayton Police Department?

Answered: 58

Skipped: 35

1. Because of limited time and scheduled assignments, I know it may be hard but I would like to see a greater town police presence at Pence Middle School - before and after school at the school doors, athletic events, etc. Our children need to recognize that the police are our friends not the enemy.
2. I am very pleased with the service and professionalism of the entire force!
3. I don't see any needs. I appreciate the police checking on houses of my neighbors who have left their homes empty while being elsewhere.
4. Speed checks on the 257 side of town. People come rolling down from Montezuma and its unsafe!!
5. I would like to see more people pulled over for running stop signs. Just because, I was pulled over once and have learned my lesson, but a lot of other people do it.
6. none
7. Quiet town, I think the Dayton Police do a good job. When people park on both sides of street on Main, it is very narrow- saw a bus take out a mirror on a truck.
8. I'm happy with their service under Operation Care. Thanks.
9. I think police need to be visible routinely around town.
10. Bus and speeding on Ashby St. Buses tailgate each other - lots of kids walk or ride bicycles - not safe.
11. More protection at schools.
12. The team seems to be doing well. Patrols area, but not excessively. Keep up the good work! (We feel they are available.)
13. You're doing great.
14. Homes with unsightly litter!
15. Maybe do a speed study where Silver Lake crosses Eberly and the bridge. Seems that drivers coming south from Silver Lake to College St. were in a big hurry. Also, monitor buggy and tractor compliance with safety traffic laws.
16. More patrols, speed control, reduction in stop sign violations.
17. Speeding! Main, College, Thompson
18. The traffic jam @ 2:45-3:15 of parents waiting for children from WPMS. The cars are backed up on Bowman Rd. and Ashby St. which hinders those of us that live on this side of town using those streets. There are alternate routes but we should be forced to take them because of this.
19. Visit businesses more, talk to owners.
20. None that aren't currently being addressed.
21. Make sure priority is placed correctly.
22. Can we crack down on illegals? They typically take resources from communities more than they give back, like in taxes. Including being more likely to be uninsured drivers and more likely to not respect other laws in general.
23. Patrol Greenway in the evening.
24. 24 hour coverage
25. The officers do a great job working with those in the community. I like knowing they are here 24 hours a day.
26. Pleased with things as they are.
27. Continued Community Policing
28. Maybe looking for speeding high schoolers on 42.
29. N/A
30. The Dayton police have always been very helpful.
31. I would like to see speed limits obeyed.
32. Can't think of any!
33. I don't know of any needs that need to be addressed.

34. Care about older people's needs. Parking, snow removal etc.
35. I would like to see people and tractors slow down on College Street and at Mill and College Street! At Sharon's house on the left of me is bad and at the large house is bad! People act like they don't care anymore the way they drive! At the corner of Mill and College is bad! Tractors fly up our street, just as bad as cars or worse sometimes! Also, they need to slow down on Main Street, especially at the store and post office! It's harder walking with a cane across the street and making sure you don't get run over! I'm scared to walk any at night, even across the street. I don't trust people anymore! It's more dangerous these days! I used to walk up and down the street in 2003 but not anymore by myself!
36. Continued engagement with business owners and both schools. Outreach and constant communication with students will ensure a mutually beneficial outcomes and reduce nuisance and property crimes from occurring.
37. None. Keep up the great work!
38. I absolutely love dogs, but I do not like it when dogs run loose, or off leash (especially strong dogs like Pit Bulls or Rottweilers). Last summer, twice I saw two different Pit Bulls just running loose up the street, no owner in sight. So now, whenever I walk around Dayton I always carry pepper spray in case a dog ever attacks me. That has never happened, and hopefully never will, but I'm always cautious of those strong dogs, like the Pit Bull or Rottweiler types. In summary, please keep an eye out for dogs running loose.
39. I believe Chief Trout has done excellent work since being here.
40. Overall, very satisfied with the Police Department. My only concerns have to do with traffic violations, 2 in particular: 1. Motorists who do not stop (or even barely yield at Stop signs/traffic lights) throughout town. 2. Aggressive drivers (personal vehicles) entering/exiting the poultry plant on Huffman Dr.
41. None there great at what they do
42. Transparency
43. All good
44. I think the Dayton Police Department does a beautiful job!
45. Obviously retaining EXPERIENCED officers like in the past.
46. Nothing comes to mind. Good force
47. Protection for the Dayton community and our kids.
48. Continue presence at the middle school. Doing a great job!
49. It's all good and they need to continue their work.
50. A larger presence in the school. It benefits the kids, especially at risk kids.
51. More officers, although I know it's all a budget issue.
52. We have noticed the increased use of radar on 257 and are very glad for that. 257 can be a menace for pets and pedestrians. We would like to see the speed limit dropped to 25 mph on this road.
53. Continue interacting with the public in a positive manner. Continue proactive steps to prevent crime, when possible.
54. New vehicles.
55. N/A
56. N/A
57. Additional officer to provide 24 hour coverage.
58. N/A

Please provide any suggestions as to how the Dayton Police Department can improve in order to benefit the community.

Answered: 52

Skipped: 41

1. I think the question is how can the citizens of Dayton help our police force to protect and serve!
2. It would be cool if you guys did ride-alongs again!!
3. I would like to take Chief Trout on a buggy ride in and around town to give him (or an appointee) a perspective and our challenges. This would be the reverse of your "Ride with a Cop"! Call 879-9260.
4. Monitoring tractors and farm equipment on Main and College for speeding
5. More social events to get acquainted with the officers - Block event in the town parking lot when weather permits.
6. Community outreach perhaps-if schedule permits.
7. I was saddened by the removal of a police resource officer in our schools. Our youth needs that positive reinforcement and relationship building with our authorities.
8. Continue assisting the elderly programs.
9. no suggestions
10. Have police while buses are running check from Guyer Drive. Also parents picking up their children.
11. Remain pro-active--continue the successful programs developed by Chief Hanlon and add new ones as needed.
12. Love the "Coffee with a Cop" idea! May we have more events similar, and/or some "get to know your neighbor" activities, family friendly, of course.
13. n/a - keep doing what you're doing - we appreciate you
14. Maybe some foot patrols for a neighborhood night and others.
15. Be more active and involved-small violations increase the risk of a major accident or injury.
16. Stay involved, listen but do not get sucked in by the Council, staff or residents involving the deeply rooted politics in the town.
17. Appreciate checking on elderly residents.
18. Parking on both sides of some of the skinnier streets needs to be changed. Not wide enough area to navigate sometimes.
19. Appreciate the drive through patrols in residential areas.
20. Keep doing more of the same. Transparency is great! Community events and getting the officers out and about to interact within the community is important.
21. Have more positive encounters so the negative aren't so bad
22. You guys are doing great
23. More Officers walking or biking in town instead of just being in patrol cars.
24. Hiring more officers to ensure 24 hour coverage.
25. I love the community events. I look forward to seeing the officers and speaking with them. They need to continue to do what they do everyday.
26. I think they do a fantastic job!
27. Not sure
28. Continued training
29. N/A
30. Can't think of any!
31. Continue the positive and respectful atmosphere please!
32. More meetings, elder checks
33. Work on speed of cars and tractors on College Street and Mill!
34. Continue to maintain a visible and positive presence throughout the community and at Town events. Continue outreach with students and business owners.

35. According to Areavibes, Dayton VA is safer than 97% of all the cities in the USA. And the overall crime rate in Dayton VA is 78% lower than the national average. So, I cannot think of any urgent suggestions, as Dayton is one of the safest places to live in America. But one thing that comes to mind is I do not care for door-to-door salesmen nor solicitors. A door-to-door salesman from ADT Security walked right into my garage (I had the garage door open as I was working on my lawn equipment), and he was overly persistent. I tried to politely tell him I'm not interested, but he kept going on and on for 20-30 minutes. He was trespassing by entering my garage, he walked a good 15 feet into my garage, and he wouldn't take no for an answer. Finally he gave in and left, but it was not a fun experience. I don't like high pressure door-to-door salesmen, and I really don't care for any soliciting whatsoever. I don't mind if somebody puts an informational flyer or coupon on my door handle, but it would be nice to eliminate or reduce door-to-door salesmen and solicitors in Dayton. You have an unknown salesman that's 6'2" and 245 lbs. unexpectedly knocking on your door or entering your garage, and most residents will probably feel intimidated.
36. They are already excellent
37. No additional comments
38. None
39. They should clear up the questions about what has happened to department leadership
40. Just be involved in events
41. Ensuring that there is 24hr coverage.
42. None
43. Continue interacting with citizens at events throughout the town.
44. Not sure. Neighborhood watch?
45. See above
46. Be more personal, a hand wave as you pass. Stop say hello when someone is out walking or in their yard. We are a small town it's ok to get to know us.
47. Continue to make efforts to know the community members so that they can feel more at ease with officer presence.
48. ID theft training – used to have this – more money for equipment to bring them into the present with clothing and boots, etc.
49. They do a great job. Chief Trout is great with the community.
50. None that I can think of.
51. Would like to see a Dayton officer at Pence evening events but also at TA evening events. While TA is in B'water, student body consists of Dayton and B'water students and provides positive opportunities for students and officers to interact.
52. N/A

Please add any additional comments or suggestions that you would like to offer to the Dayton Police Department.

Answered: 53

Skipped: 40

1. The Robbery attempt at Mini-Market - not solved in a timely manner.
2. I am very pleased with all the actions of the force, and just ask that you all please be careful. There seems to be a growing dislike of anyone on the police force. Are you giving talks to the elementary schools? Do you have a k-9 officer? How about a mascot? (McGruff the Crime Dog?)
3. I appreciate opportunities, such as this survey, to meet with and communicate.
4. Thanks for all you guys do for the community!!
5. I appreciate very much seeing police patrol my street(s). It gives me a safe feeling. I appreciate everything you do.
6. Check alleys and apartment lots for cars with dead tags.
7. The street lights that are not working could be fixed.
8. Please work on speeding prevention. Some stereo noise, especially during warm weather. You know who it is...the neighbors with the Hummer!! For the most part, it's great.
9. We support our Law Enforcement. Keep up the good work.
10. Hope to learn to know the police better personally. Norma R. Koogler 350 Main St.
11. Thank you for your service!
12. Service has been good. I especially appreciate that you check on and visit the elderly. I observed 2 officers shoveling snow for an ill elderly couple. I was very impressed by that. I appreciate that officers help at school dismissal time with traffic flow. I appreciate that there is a system to sign up for police checks when owners are out of town.
13. We feel very blessed to be living in this small town area and enjoy being able to raise our kids in a safe environment. Thanks for everyone's hard work and dedication!!
14. n/a Thank you!
15. Coffee with a Cop is a great way to make personal connections with the folks of the community. Maybe consider door-to-door walks to meet town residents.
16. Keep up the good work!
17. I like to see the Dayton Police patrolling the streets and alleys. It makes me feel safer knowing they are out there watching out for us.
18. We have had no reason to deal with the police, but feel it would be looked into promptly. We love this community. Patrol and be present in the community - do not see them anymore in my subdivision.
19. Patrol and be present in the community-do not see them anymore in my subdivision.
20. The PD is showing so many positive outreaches to the community and they have never had that. Police officers were never to be "known" in the small town. Love the "Meet the Officer" series on Facebook. You are heading in the right direction. Do you! Stay you!
21. Thanks for all the Department does!
22. The officers I have met the past few years have always been polite to me and I feel if I have a problem or concern, they would help me if necessary.
23. Would like to see the department continue with presenting flags to resident veterans as in past years. This year that didn't happen on Memorial Day and many of our veterans were saddened. They looked forward to that act of respect and kindness by our Police Department.
24. Doing a great job-feel safe here.
25. You are doing a wonderful job. We appreciate everything you do for our community.
26. Thank you for being there!! We are blessed to have you♡
27. Keep up the good job.
28. I feel the current Department and Administration is better than it has ever been!

29. Loosen up. They could at least finger wave to people as they pass by. Nodding, speaking, finger waving, etc. doesn't create a lack of authority and lawlessness. Isn't there supposed to be a bit of friendliness in community policing?
30. They do a great job.
31. N/A
32. I had always felt very safe in Dayton, and feel safe seeing the Dayton police in the neighborhood. But with recent vandalism and the high school student kicking my door at midnight took away my comfort level at night. They probably thought it was funny, but I was really scared by that. If I had been alone would have had to leave. I don't think he realized the effect of his behavior on others. I am uncomfortable letting my dog out at night now. Concerned about recent vandalism also. Found our neighbors pocketbook by our basement door which is down steps and not in plain sight.
33. I know that some folks have expressed a desire for 24/7 coverage from the Dayton PD, but I'm not sure this is a good use of the taxpayers' money, for a town of our size.
34. In all the years I have lived here I have always held the PD in a high regard. I think they do a fantastic job. I still feel very disappointed with the encounter with officer Smith, but positives outweigh the negatives :) Love our PD
35. More public interaction.
36. Thank you for keeping our town safe! Appreciate your help!
37. Keep the Town clean and safe. Residents are fortunate to have our dedicated officers in a community of this size. Thank you for your service!
38. Well, this is probably not a police issue, but it is a traffic issue, and would be nice to figure out a way to make the intersection at College St - Eberly Rd - Bowman Rd - Silver Lake Rd even better. The worst part is when coming up to the stop sign on Eberly Rd and trying to turn left onto College St. While they did a good job of clearing some brush off that slope, it's still hard to see traffic coming down Silver Lake Rd. I have to pull forward like 8 feet past the stop sign on Eberly Rd just to make sure there's no traffic coming down Silver Lake Rd. I'm not a traffic engineer nor a civil engineer, but would be a good idea to still further improve that intersection. Seems like a good place for a 4-way stop, a 4-way yield, or something. Thank you for the survey and your interest in our thoughts. I'm very happy to live in Dayton.
39. Keep up the great work
40. No additional comments
41. Why can we not know what is happening with leadership in our own tiny town with just a handful of police officers? What is being hidden behind closed doors?
42. None
43. Please continue serving the residents of Dayton and the visitors with the professional and friendly service that they always appear to provide.
44. Good so far for us.
45. No one will ever replace Chief Danny or chief Dinky but you could learn how to be more personal from them.
46. Love the police
47. They do a great job. Maybe add some more full time officers if the budget allows.
48. Be honest with the public about what is happening internally. Clear up these unanswered questions about the internal politics of the police if you want people to trust you.
49. Love the "Coffee with a Cop" event – more of that type of community involvement! Kudos on the mini-mart arrest!
50. Take employees shooting from time to time.
51. Employee's day at the range would be nice.
52. The social interactions and positive presence of officers at community events and most recent "Coffee and Ice Cream with a Cop".
53. N/A