

FPD 2020 Citizen Survey

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

08 August 2018 - 23 September 2020

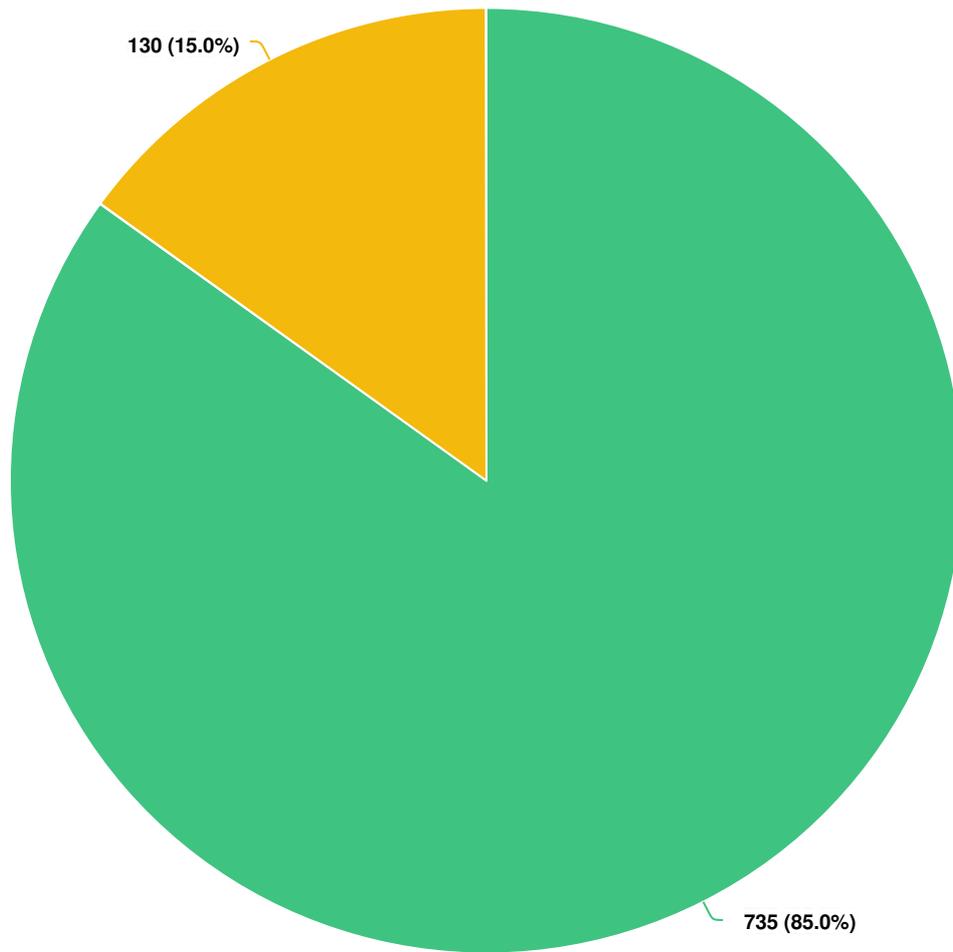
PROJECT NAME:

Fayetteville Police Department Citizen Survey



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1 | Do you live in Fayetteville?

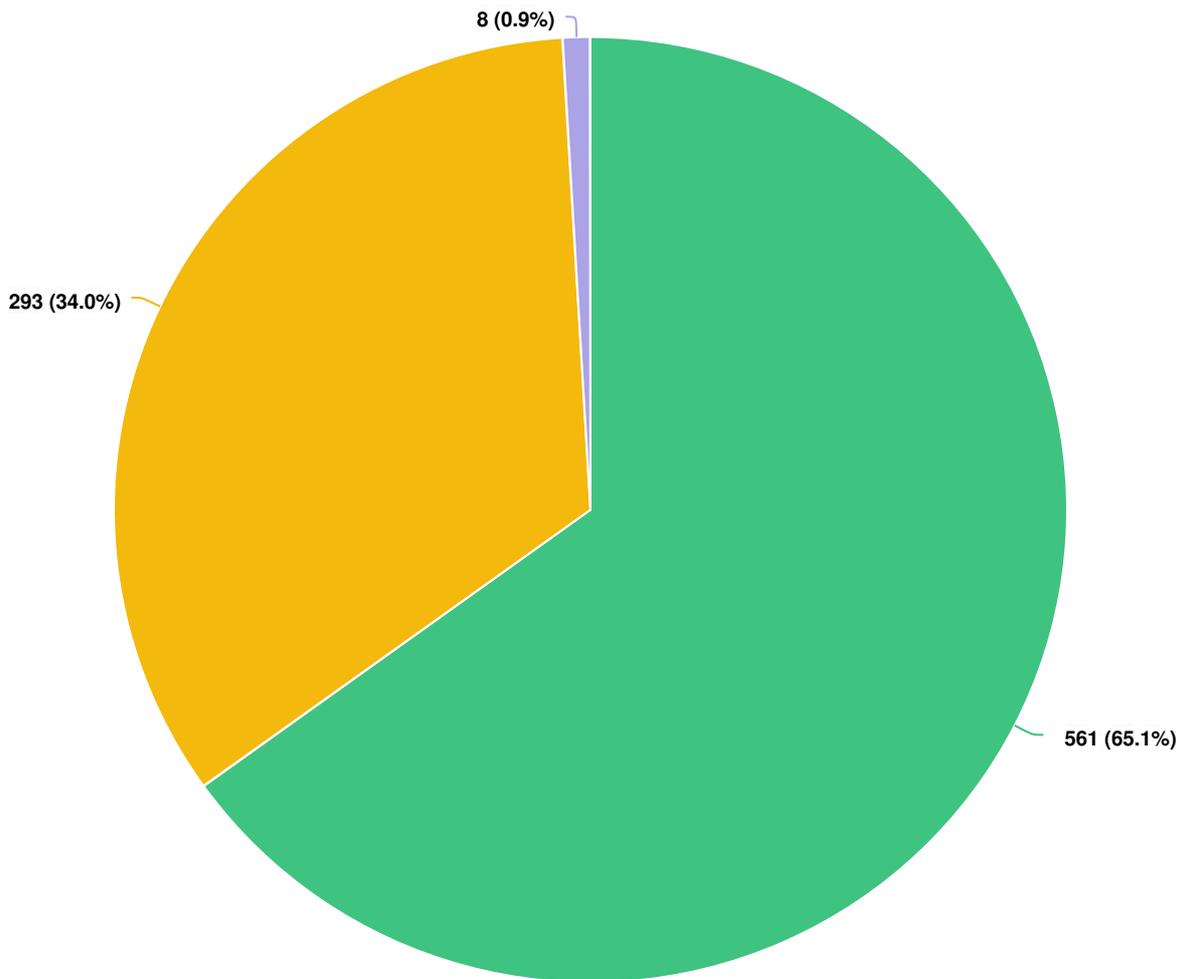


Question options

- Yes
- No

*Mandatory Question (865 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q2 | Have you contacted the Fayetteville Police Department by phone over the last three years?

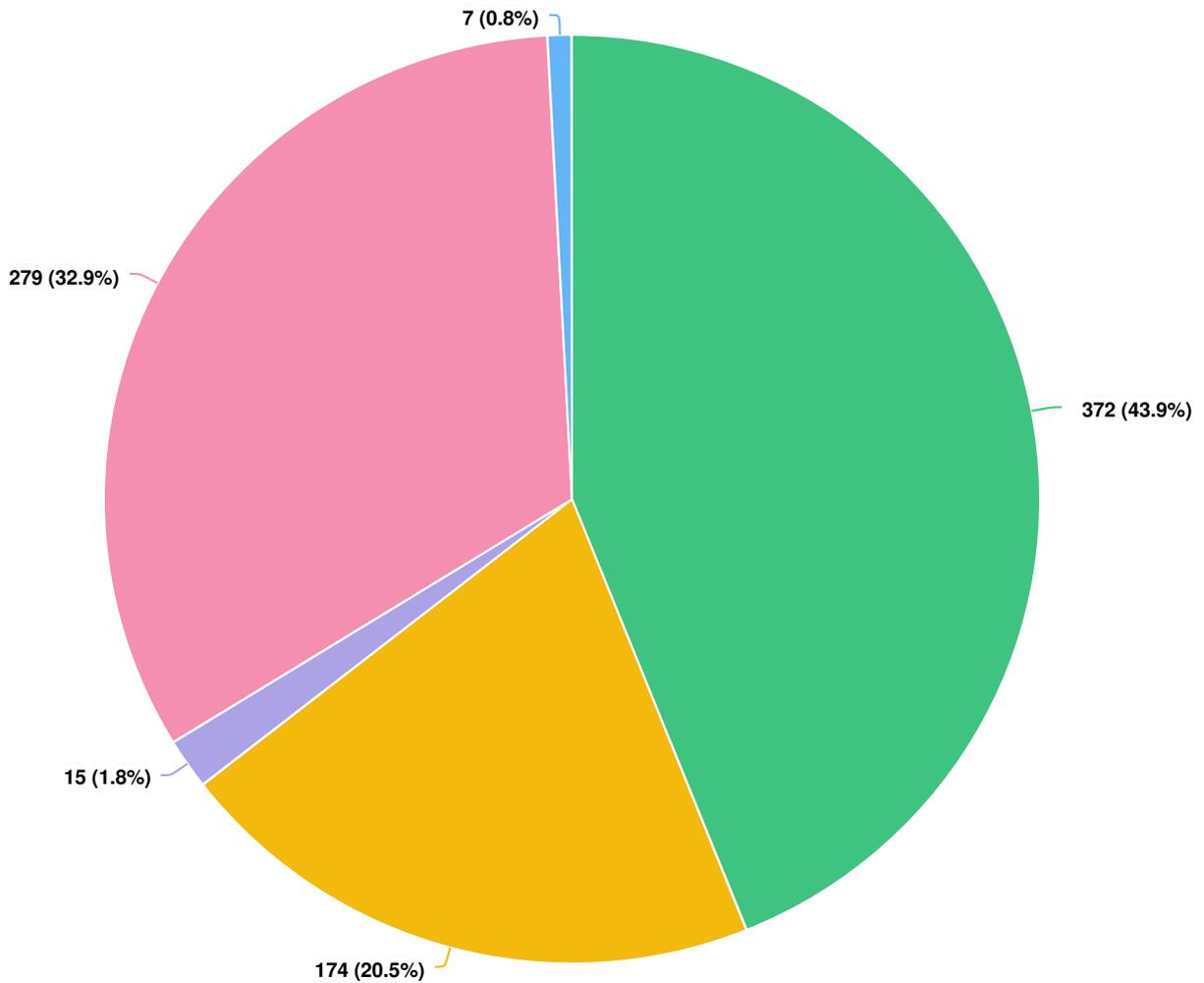


Question options

- Yes
- No
- Prefer no to answer

*Optional question (862 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q3 | If you spoke with members of the Central Dispatch Center by phone, how would you rate their competency?

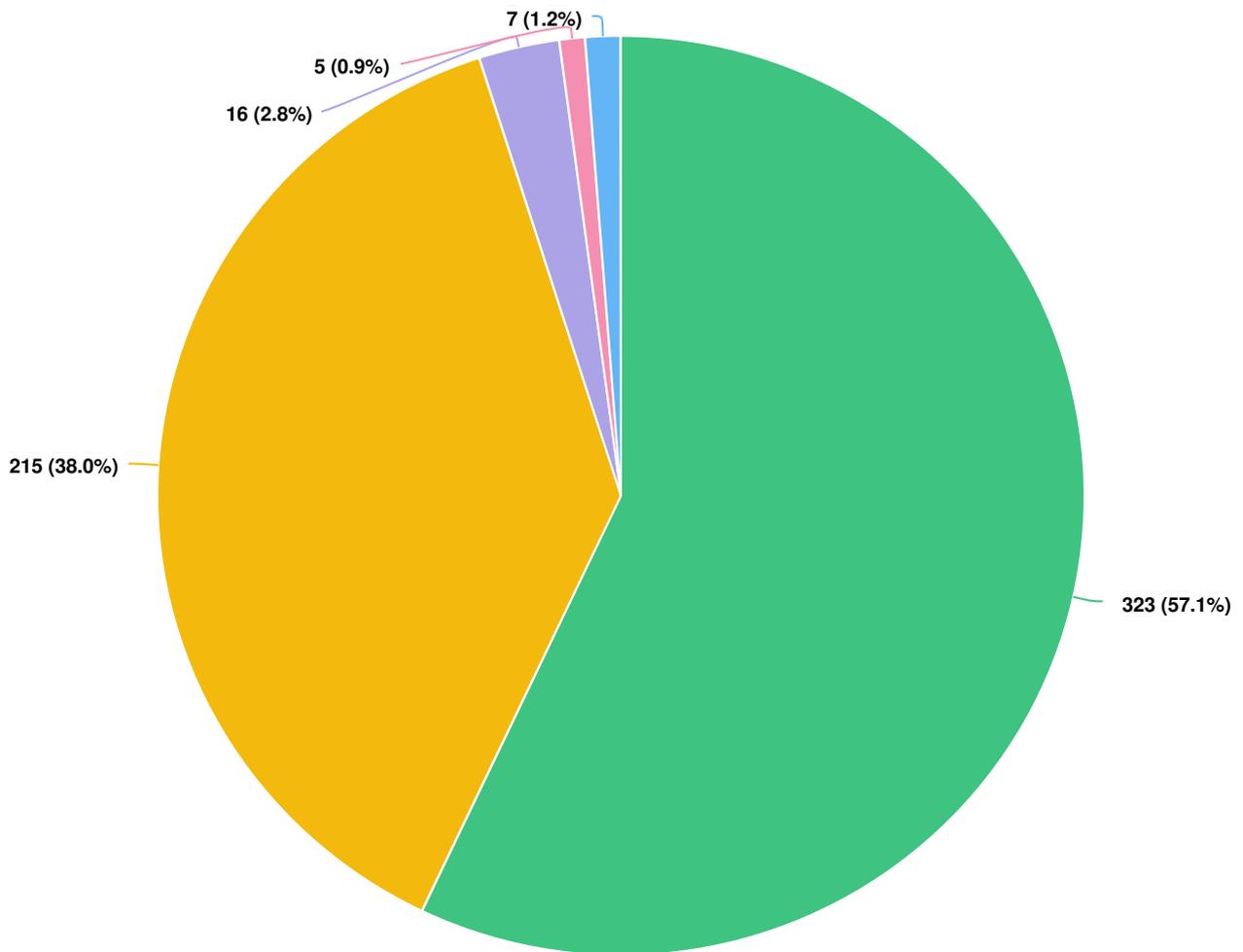


Question options

- Very competent
- Competent
- Not competent
- Not applicable, I have not spoken with Central Dispatch
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (847 response(s), 18 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 What was your perception of the attitudes of Central Dispatch Center's personnel?

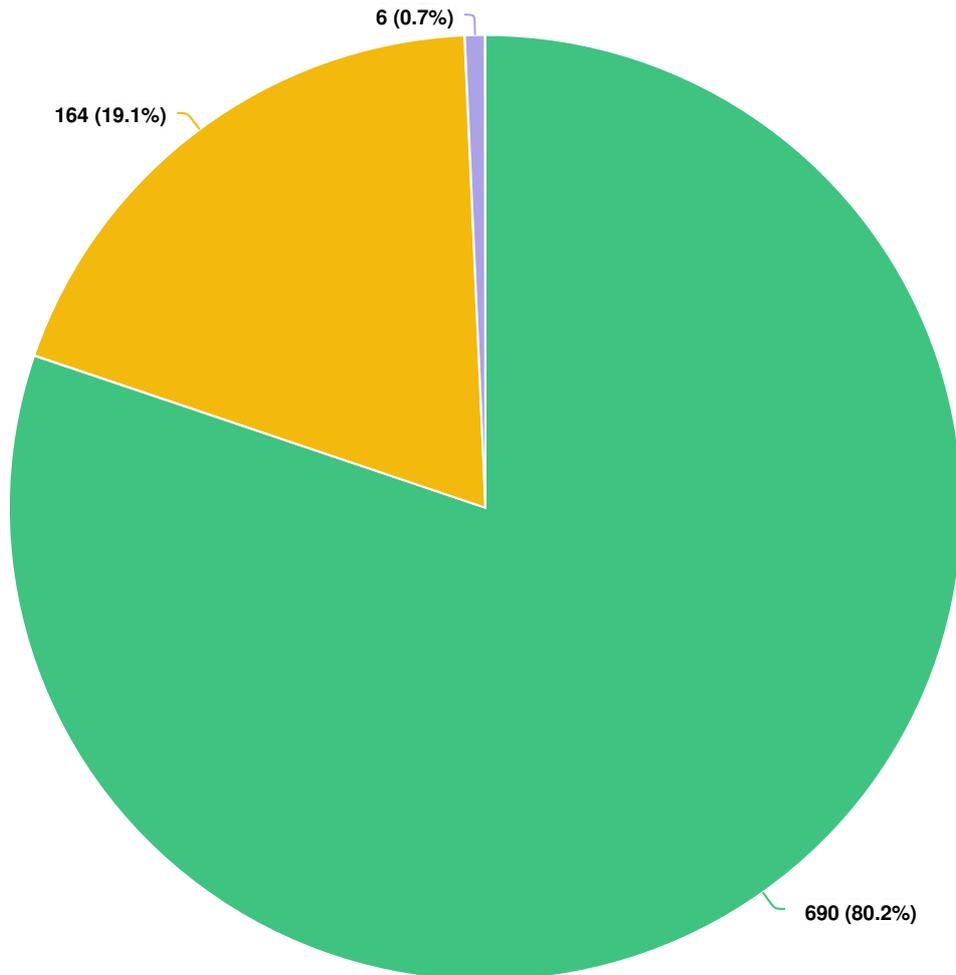


Question options

- Very professional
- Professional
- Not professional
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (566 response(s), 299 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q5 | During the past three years, have you had in-person contact with officers of the Fayetteville Police Department?

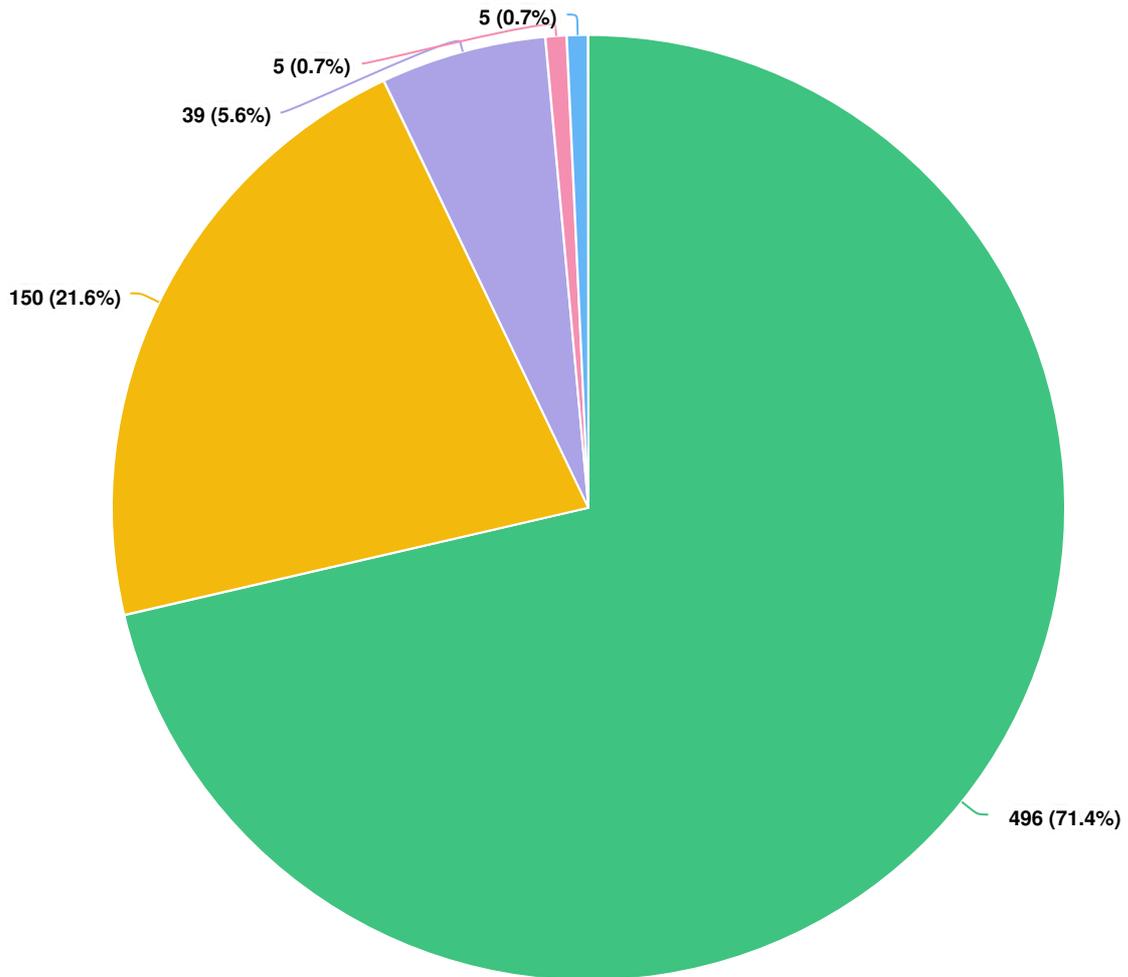


Question options

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

*Optional question (860 response(s), 5 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q6 What was your perception of the officer's attitude and behavior during your contact with him/her?

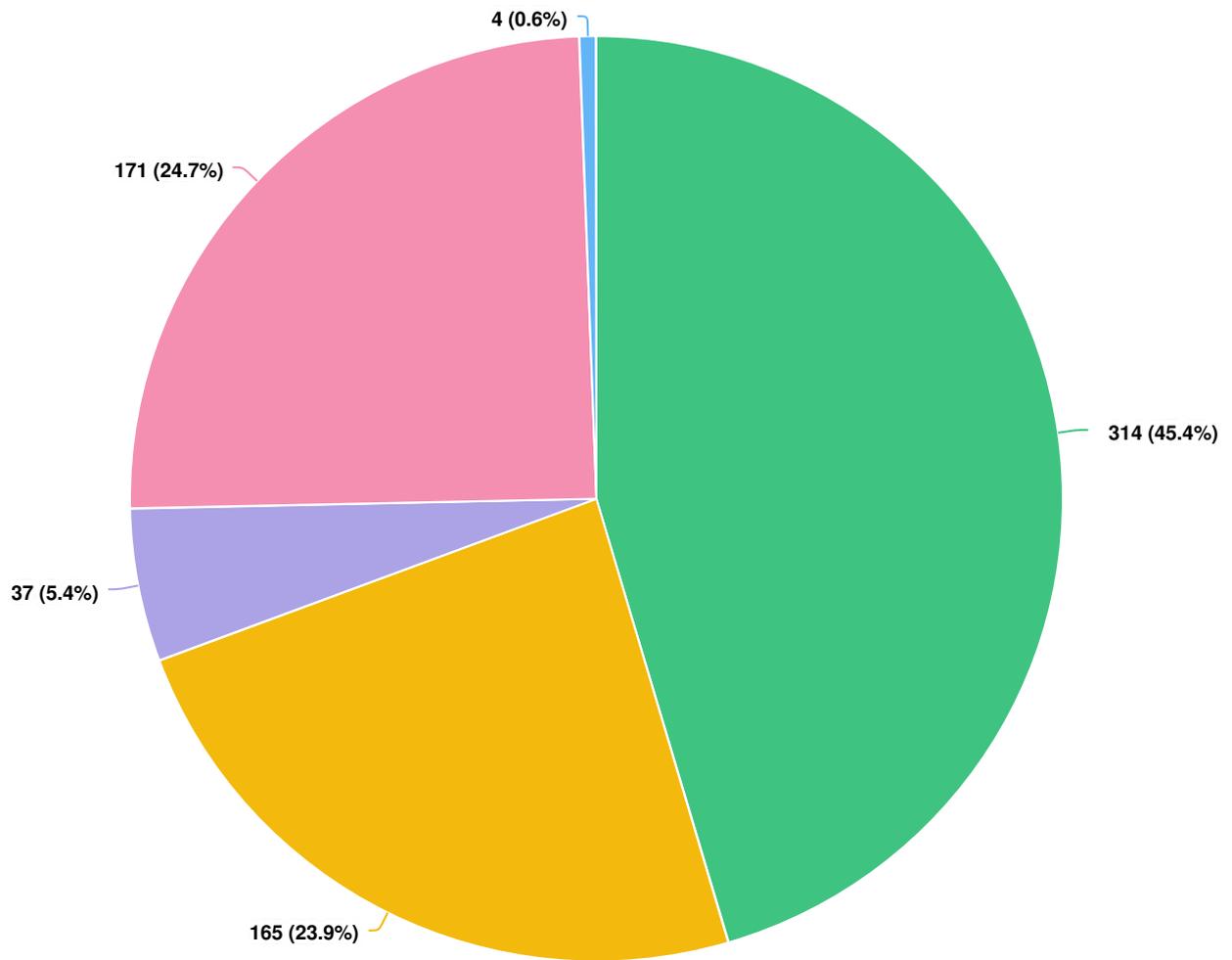


Question options

- Very professional
- Professional
- Not professional
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (695 response(s), 170 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 How satisfied were you with the time it took for the officer to arrive?

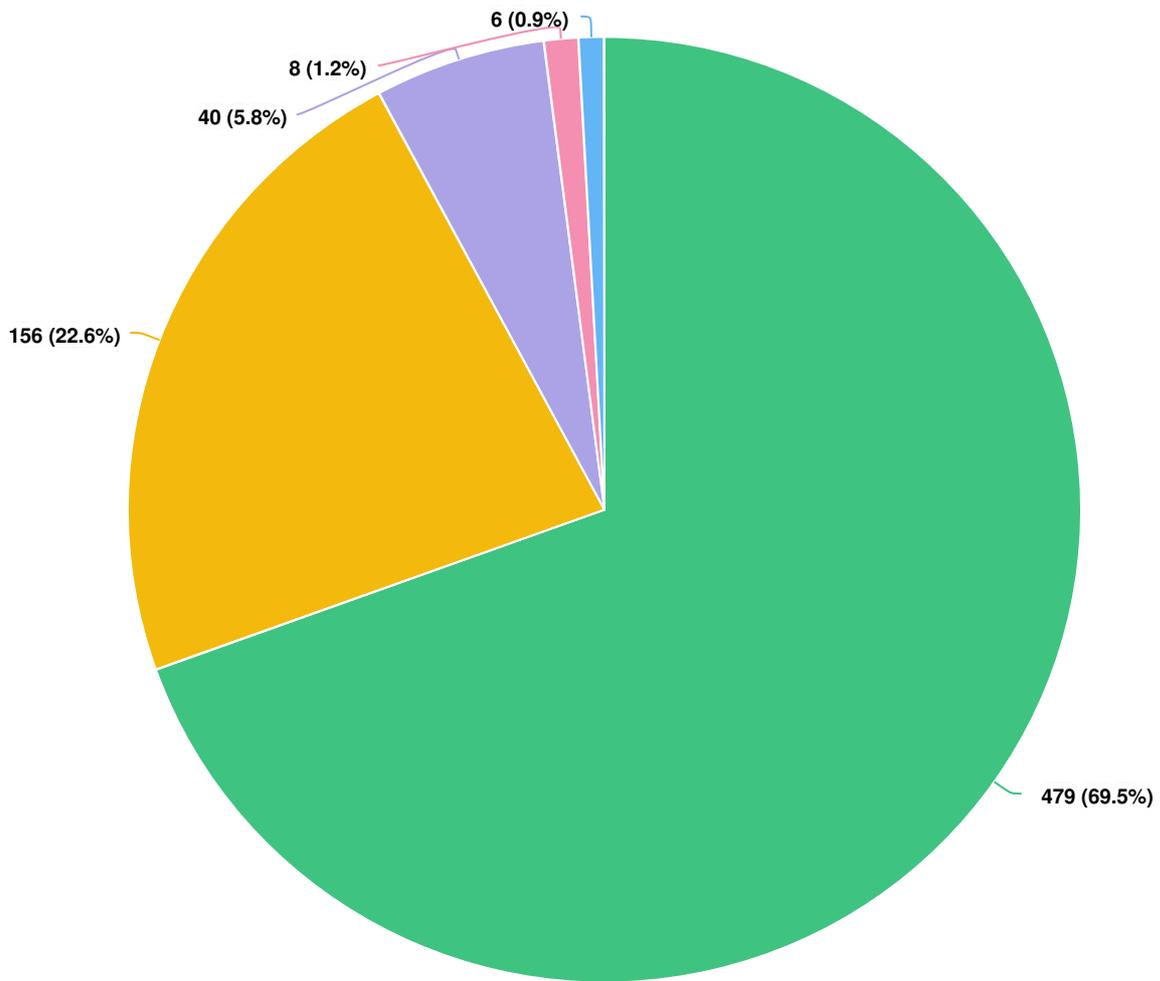


Question options

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Not satisfied
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (691 response(s), 174 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q8 How would you rate the competency of the officer/s that you interacted with?

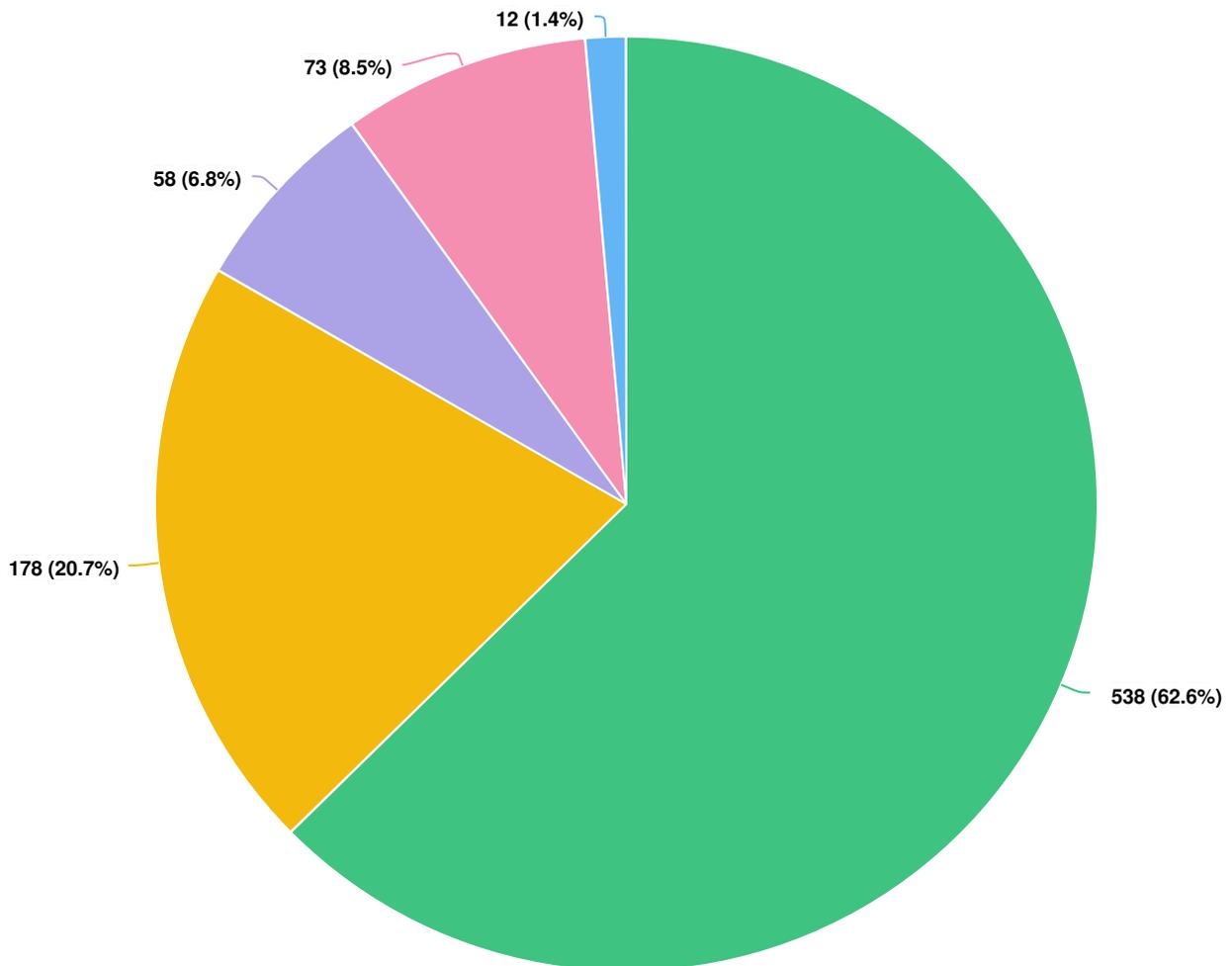


Question options

- Very competent
- Competent
- Not competent
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (689 response(s), 176 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 Please describe your overall satisfaction with your experience/s with the officers of the Fayetteville Police Department.

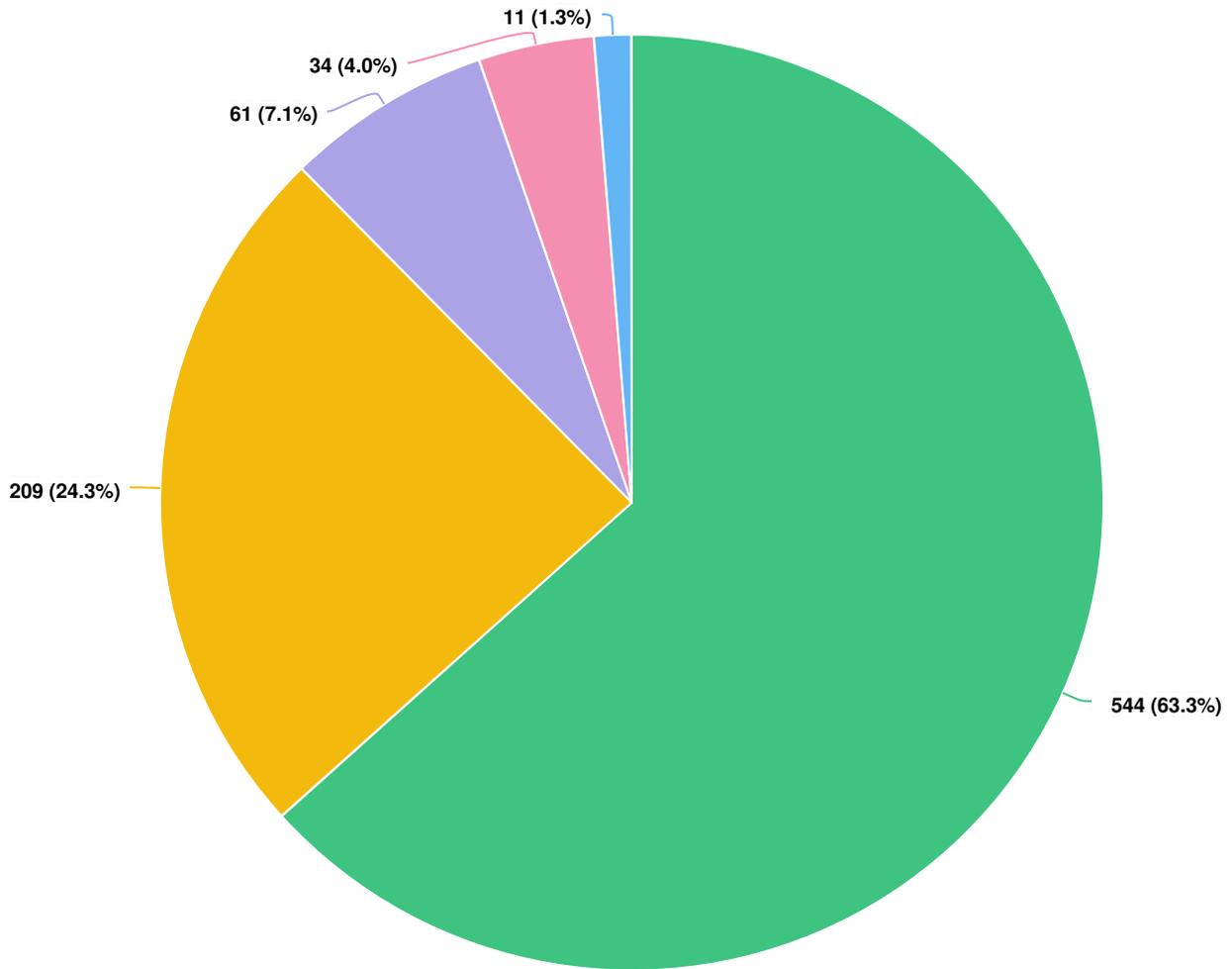


Question options

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Not satisfied
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (859 response(s), 6 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q10 How would you rate your level of satisfaction with the overall performance of the Fayetteville Police Department?



Question options

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Not satisfied
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (859 response(s), 6 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 | Please use the space below for any comments, recommendations, and/or suggestions for improvements relating to the performance of the Fayetteville Police Department.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:42 AM

Best in the state.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:43 AM

I do not live in Fayetteville, but I work there. I work at a law firm and when our alarm has accidentally went off you guys were quick to respond and always very nice. We had an incident where we had to remove one of our clients who came in the office and the Fay PD officer was very helpful and professional. We felt very safe. Thanks for all that you guys do!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:48 AM

Fpd is very professional, courteous, fair, and there for the community!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:49 AM

I also love seeing your involvement with community events such as special Olympics and United We Dance

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:50 AM

I have had a couple of interactions over the last few years with FPD officers after having to call them to my home. They were always very respectful, stern but fair and seemed to have the training and competency needed to complete their jobs. However, I'm not an expert and with the way the world is today—I would like to see more diversity (it has gotten much better with Chief Reynolds- I believe). I also Would like to see more of the FPD interacting with the community. It is definitely better now but there is always room for improvement. Think one of the things asked for us more mental health professions called in to certain situations. Would it be possible to hire police officers with social work background? And use them in certain capacities when dealing with issues of mental illness?

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:51 AM

I believe that the FPD officers do a great job in protecting the citizens of Fayetteville. I am confident that if I need an officer, they will respond quickly and do their best to handle the situation

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:52 AM

Hit or miss on officers professionalism. some need more training than others regarding interactions with POC

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:55 AM

I provided the name and location of the person that stole my truck and was told the Prosecutor wouldn't move on it so no action was taken.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:56 AM

Over the past years living here in Fayetteville, I have been really pleased with the attitudes, help, attention, care I have received from you. Very professionally treated. And also Joey and I have made some good friends with the department. We will never stop standing beside you.

Anonymous

I've never come across an Officer that was not professional. Even when I

9/14/2020 06:58 AM

was pulled over for speeding, the Officer was VERY nice and asked me to slow down, and let me off with a warning.

Anonymous

Keep doing what you do.

9/14/2020 06:59 AM

Anonymous

More vigilant officers on dickson street from 12-2, I showed an officer a video of a woman being harassed and pushed around and he just told the guy to wait on the other side of the street till his uber got there.

9/14/2020 06:59 AM

Anonymous

Our security alarm went off while we were out of town. We were glad to see an officer come check our house for security on the Ring camera. Happy to pay any fee to know we are protected well.

9/14/2020 07:01 AM

Anonymous

More vigilant patrols are needed in high activity neighborhoods. I.e. poplar/chestnut area for example Along with more active trail patrols at night.

9/14/2020 07:01 AM

Anonymous

Your dickson street officers are right on point

9/14/2020 07:02 AM

Anonymous

Keep up the great work

9/14/2020 07:02 AM

Anonymous

The best in the state, in my opinion

9/14/2020 07:07 AM

Anonymous

An incident unrelated to our family wound up outside at our house (female (who had her child with her) In car being terrorized by others In other cars). Officers arrived quickly and took care of the situation. I was shaken up by the occurrence but the officers helped to sort out the chaos and their quickness and professionalism helped on scene. Grateful to be protected by great men and women!

9/14/2020 07:07 AM

Anonymous

The officers with whom I've interacted have always been professional, polite and friendly. I have observed officers throughout the city as we volunteer with various organizations. I have always seen a positive attitude from them and felt their genuine dedication to their job.

9/14/2020 07:09 AM

Anonymous

I was 75 at the time and driving my husband's car, found old insurance cards. While searching for cards, officer yelling at me telling me to throw old cards on floorboard and how much of an idiot my husband was for not throwing the old cards away. Husband not present. Young officer. Humiliated and frightened. Love Fayetteville but had to move away.

9/14/2020 07:10 AM

Anonymous

Just get out in the community more that needs to see that you are not a threat.

9/14/2020 07:11 AM

Anonymous

City leaders need to leave police funding intact.

9/14/2020 07:11 AM

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:15 AM

Defund the police :)

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:16 AM

Stop pandering to the smallest minority of people who live or do not live in Fayetteville that act like spoiled children. All I ever see on Fayetteville's Facebook page or other social media platforms is the department trying to boost their reputation yet the citizens or city council members still blast you every chance they get. What you need to do is push for more school resource officers so kids at a young age can learn to respect and love the police and understand that they are only there to help them. Social media isn't the only way for you to change the future, try and more hands on approach with the youth. Also I understand that the chief is a good person, but he needs to start putting his foot down when the city council starts posting what the police department will or will not do such as mask enforcement. That makes the department look bad and like a joke instead of a professional department that can't be pushed around.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:17 AM

Incredible department that has stellar communication.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:17 AM

Proud of the way our officers respond in emergency situations. Continue training reasonable, understanding and caring officers who want to be a part of and improve the community around them. We stand with you knowing that you stand with us.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:19 AM

NA

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:21 AM

I'm a student at the U of A and I think very highly of FPD.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:21 AM

I sincerely appreciate the relationships our Police Department builds within our community, including the recent participation in the Community Cohesion Project ask me anything session. I appreciate that you all listen to concerns and are quick to make our community the best it can be.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:21 AM

Continue to train your officers in their excellent use of communication and de-escalation.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:22 AM

Need to do more parking violations while patrolling.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:23 AM

As a business owner in Fayetteville your department has always be responsive to our needs.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:25 AM

We are very pleased with the FPD and their commitment to our community!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:25 AM

officers i have interacted with have been friendly and professional. seem like members of the community, not detached from populace

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:25 AM

The FPD is an incredibly professional and first class organization. Their heart for the community and commitment to their task of protecting the citizens of Fayetteville is second to none. The FPD is on the leading edge of what serving a community in today's world means. They are agile, always seeking to improve, and desire a strong connection with the community they serve. There is a lot that goes into serving and protecting our community and the FPD have my full support as to how they best achieve that goal.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:25 AM

Get a new city council! Your community supports you 100%.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:27 AM

I have had good experiences with FPD, but also understand that others have differing experiences. We as a city need to continue to examine those and strive to improve.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:28 AM

Continue what you are doing as it is a model for other departments to learn from.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:31 AM

Support y'all 100 percent.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:31 AM

I have never experienced any non-professional behavior with any employee of FPD. We have a perfectly designed and directed PD.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:31 AM

I had to call police one night after an intoxicated man tried to open my front door. Police arrived and never even tested him for drugs or alcohol. He was high as a kite had just bought drugs from the home next door. The drug dealer comes out and says he is my friend since I did not open door he fell asleep in car. Police believed him and went on there way. No one got investigated. If they would have asked me for more info I would have shown the Facebook posts of this man that posts all his drug dealings online and they stayed longer the police would have noticed cars after cars line up in 5 min intervals buying drugs all the time. This man tenets homes in nice neighborhoods to blend in and not be noticed as a drug dealer.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:32 AM

Worst police department I've ever encountered

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:32 AM

I believe our FPD are doing a great job, but with any position where you carry a firearm I believe always in more training to deal with those with mental illness and forms of de-escalation.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:35 AM

The majority of officer interactions I have had we're great. But even in the good interactions there are 2 main concerns I would voice: 1) We're too

focused on minor infractions. If I deserve a ticket, and get a ticket, I will pay it and take responsibility. But often the minor infractions, that are the majority of traffic stops, cause huge amounts of undue stress to the community at large and help to perpetuate an "us vs them" mentality. 2) Aggression is high among police. Don't get me wrong, I love police. My brother-in-law and best friend are police officers in other departments. In my experience, police, including my personal friends and family, are much too quick to get angry and are quite cocky. If things have to get physical, then by all means, do so to protect yourself and others. My experience has been that things BEGIN escalated, and then, only if things go well, is an interaction deescalated. I would love to see the opposite true: where officers are always focused on cordial execution of duties, and only escalate as the situation calls for it. I have heard this by many officers as if this is how it is done, but I have very rarely seen it to be the case. You all do incredible work, and I greatly appreciate the sacrifices you all choose to make daily. So please don't take this feedback as hate mail. You all are needed and important. We all, including myself, have areas we need to get better. I hope this helps. Praying for you all during this crazy time.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:37 AM

The Fayetteville Police have always acted professionally with my family weather it be writing me a citation, visiting my home on alarm issues or handling of domestic issues or accidents..

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:37 AM

Keep doing your best and know you are loved and supported by MANY in the community. We just aren't always as loud as the others.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:38 AM

Keep up the good work

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:39 AM

I feel FPD does a great job and really interacts with the community.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:39 AM

One of the officers who responded to my call about my son seemed short-tempered and a bully -- not appropriate when dealing with the mentally ill. The other was fine.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:41 AM

I really dislike the drawing I've seen for the new station !!!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:42 AM

The FPD are a bunch of really cool people. I've interacted with them during a traffic stop, passing them at my apartment complex, and just out and about Fayetteville. They were all very nice and professional and calm.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:45 AM

None. Don't cave to the vocal minority.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:47 AM

Every cop I've talked to has been friendly and professional. Including the officer at fayetteville farmers market a couple years ago I took my grandson

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:48 AM

to for meeting a cop.

Please keep doing the best you can do in these uncertain times. We need you. Thank you for everything you do to keep our town safe and a great place to live.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:48 AM

If this is not already the case, then institute the following: ban chokeholds, allow individuals to record police officers, end no-knock warrants, restrict the use of drones, end police quotas, have more rigorous de-escalation training, institute mandatory reporting of misconduct by fellow officers - and focus more on violent crimes less on speed traps. Steps like these will allow officers to do a better job more safely while building better relationships with the community.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:48 AM

I owe a lot to FPD. All of my experiences were good and the officers have helped quite a bit. However, I am disappointed in the recent mask hotline. This promotes a very two-sided city and wastes FPD's time as well as our's.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:49 AM

I am thankful for the service and protection of FPD. I feel very safe in our community.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:58 AM

The mask hotline is absolutely an overreach. In no universe is it acceptable to have a phone line where you can tattle on other people choosing to not wear a piece of cloth. Sound familiar to you? Maybe the masks should have gold stars on them to bring the metaphor home. You need to stop this ridiculous pandering. Just because the majority think something does not mean it's correct.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:01 AM

The response time was quite a bit slower because there was a Razorback game ending at the same time as our issue and the police officers who responded were at the game performing duties there. Thankfully, our situation turned out to be okay and the delayed response didn't make the situation worse.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:01 AM

Fayetteville Police is an integral part of the community. The ability to reach concerned citizens about their fears and concerns is a necessary component of any law enforcement agency. The Citizens Academy should be enhanced with invitations to attend sent to all city council members. This would create an invitation the public would be aware of. It would also expose any of the members who are opposed to important community involvement by the FPD, such as School Resource Officer grants, to the vital role the FPD shoulders responsibility for. One should also encourage these members to ride along, and assume the responsibility their office entails. It would also expose them to the difficulties officers encounter on a daily basis.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:02 AM

You are doing a great job

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:05 AM

Stop giving in to the small but loud group of idiots. You guys do a great job and have a lot of community support. Don't let the bad politics ruin your

ability to effectively do your jobs. Stay safe.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:08 AM

You guys are doing an awesome job! Thank you for all you do!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:12 AM

I do not want Fayetteville added to the list of cities where someone is killed by an officer. Maybe training not to take the kill shot or chose the taser over the bullet. The officers that run the citizens youth police camp do a fantastic job. This has been my interaction with the FPD.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:13 AM

The FPD does not enforce all our laws, but the ones they want to. Until the FPD stops agitating against a Civilian Review Board, our citizens are not safe.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:14 AM

You need to keep our park systems and trails safer. When your presence is observed by the criminals, they tend to leave. Calling and complaining doesn't seem to matter.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:16 AM

I've always considered the FPD to be professional, kind & helpful.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:16 AM

Every interaction I've had around town has been excellent!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:18 AM

Clarissa Navarro is one of the best. I have met her through working at the parks concession. I have also seen her at Gulley Park on many occasions. She is excellent at her job and I feel safer knowing that she is on patrol.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:19 AM

Performance, nothing, the need for more officers at the school level is huge. If the city would allow the grant process and to put on more Resource Officers.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:22 AM

For the benefit of the police I would love to see mental health care workers on staff with them. Would reduce non violent calls and free up resources.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:23 AM

I salute each and every FPD employee a job well done!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:26 AM

Stop enforcing unconstitutional laws. Other than that, no complaints at all.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:32 AM

The interactions I have had with FPD have been great! I love the fact that they are always having events with our community and it teaches my kids that cops are good people.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:34 AM

I get the feeling you all are not trying to justify your existence. You are here to protect and serve, nothing more, nothing less and I can't say enough about how much I appreciate that service.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:40 AM

You guys and gals are great!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:42 AM

The only thing I think would be to get the officers out to the neighborhoods more, either on bicycle or foot. I know that cost is a factor but the community interaction would be beneficial if possible.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:44 AM

I think the city should show more support for the officers

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:44 AM

I was kicked out of the public skatepark when I was the only person skating at the park while 10+ people played contact frisbee in the field next to the park. The officer didn't do anything to the group playing frisbee. In my opinion it was favoritism/targeting on the officers end to enforce the rules on one person but not on another.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:45 AM

Great group of people!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:50 AM

We have a wonderful, supportive, and loving police department here in Fayetteville. I have no suggestions for improvement. Just keep doing what you're doing and stay safe. We pray for your safety with our 1.5 year old at night. Thank you all for what you do. We love you and support you, FPD!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:52 AM

I still have issues living near the UA and the problems with "is it UA police or Fayetteville police"? I am a block away from the UA and it seems there isn't much overlap with cooperation by the UA police. The Fayetteville police seem to be limited when complaints occur at certain properties owned by the UA. SPECIFICALLY Theta tau building or UA parking problems.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:55 AM

Work on getting the smart 911 app to work better with the system you are currently using.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:58 AM

The best way I can say it is this: In 25 years, I have never met an FPD officer who made me think "Wow, what a jerk!".

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:03 AM

90% of the Officers have always been incredibly professional but a couple of the Officers seem to have a complex or are unnecessarily moody or hostile during normal interactions. I did not let those Officers speak for the majority during this survey. The majority have been kind, humorous and very helpful. I used to work in a field where I needed to call FPD often for assistance and was overall met with support. They are great men and women and I always felt safe having them assist or when I needed to call outside of work the ones that responded to my accidents/incidents always seemed to take me seriously. You can't help having a couple of bad attitudes I think in that line of work. Great job everyone.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:24 AM

I had the pleasure of serving at Hope For the City with Officer Stephen Carr. He was a wonderful young man and a terrific officer. All of the officers who I've met through Hope for the City are fantastic , especially given the difficult tasks of maintaining order and law while also trying to gain trust of our

	homeless community. FPD should be very proud of how these officers represent themselves and the entire PD in our community.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:24 AM	Every interaction with FPD over the years has been helpful, quick, professional and kind.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:27 AM	FVPD is doing an amazing job. Keep up the good work!
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:33 AM	Keep up the great job.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:33 AM	All of the contact have been very professional. Even when I got pulled over!
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:34 AM	Do NOT defund the police department! Give them what they need to do their job
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:36 AM	Don't show up at someone's house at midnight over a cellphone wait until it's morning. That is not being worth being woken up for especially when I owned the phone.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:39 AM	Overall, we have a great police department. I would like to see more enforcement of the speed limit on College Ave, as vehicles pass me at speeds of 50-60 mph.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:44 AM	Stay focused on the case on hand.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:53 AM	More Motor Units
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:53 AM	Personally I've had very positive interactions with FPD but I witnessed a disturbing incident that appeared to be police harassment of a black neighbor. I think we have excellent leadership but there are clearly some racist bullies on the force that need to go.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:54 AM	Fayetteville PD is the perfect example of transparency and professionalism. They are progressive in their policing tactics and progressive in their public relations. There is a fine line to walk trying to please both sides of this heightened political spectrum and you guys walk it well!
Anonymous 9/14/2020 09:56 AM	There definitely could be more traffic stops on improper lane changes, use of turning indicators, and distracted driving. Those are my biggest complaints about The Fayetteville PD. Needs to be more traffic officers. Otherwise outstanding and professional.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 10:08 AM	To sensitive to criticism. The fraternal lodge says different things than the police said at the rally and what do the officers say

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:08 AM

Very professional,

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:11 AM

all are compassionate and helpful. I like that they seem personal and I would like to say that showing their arm tattoos now seems to show the real them and I dont think they need to be hidden.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:16 AM

The answer options for these questions are problematic - there isn't much in the way of choice other than basically "Awesome!" "Great," and "Not Good." There's always more nuance & gray areas than this, and having an "Other" answer option and a space for additional comments under *each question* would probably garner more explanation of the nuance than this. As to my level of satisfaction w/the FPD, I would say it's just "meh" at best. I don't have much in the way of interactions with any of them but I have wondered what their purpose is, especially when I have come across situations in which I *did* need to interact with them and was told to fill out an online form or make a statement (and subsequently never heard back). I've had them come to the scene of an accident and fill out the report when I've been hit in traffic a few times, but that's about all of the interaction I've had in-person. So aside from having a presence in schools (why?), directing traffic during UA games, walking around downtown during city events like BikesBlues&BBQ or Pride, I really only see them sitting off to the side of the road for speed traps. So maybe some education/outreach by the FPD to highlight what they actually DO would be great. I recommend some internal reflection on FPD's "duties," reality, and how to reconcile those two things. It would also have been great if there were a section that asked about policies of the FPD or something to that nature. I'm still shocked that somehow the city as a whole (and seemingly cities/towns all across the U.S.) has been okay with the enormous cost that has come with changing every police vehicle over to enormous, gas-guzzling SUVs. The cost of those vehicles alone is a wildly inefficient use of taxpayer funds, not to mention the cost of gas to fill them up and maintain them.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:18 AM

Proud of FPD

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:20 AM

Could you possibly round up the Mayor and the City Council and throw them in jail? They stepping on the constitution which is illegal...

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:28 AM

You have a few, just a small number of young officers that need guidance on how to interact with the public without being on a power trip, and making sure they are not crossing the 1st Amendment line!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:29 AM

We are white our neighbors are Black. When we call the police to remove a drunk disoriented white woman from our yard, the police don't listen to our Black neighbors but as soon as we walk out the climate changes.

Anonymous

Arrest records show that the black population in Fayetteville is

9/14/2020 10:33 AM

disproportionately targeted for minor offenses like marijuana possession. Let's fix that.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:34 AM

Because so many people go through red lights, I feel that there should be more done to prevent this. Also, many people speed through 25 mph zones. I think more should be done. Maybe just some media attention would help these two problems.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:41 AM

We support y'all and don't want you to be defunded or mistreated!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:43 AM

#ThinBlueLine is a terrorist organization and autocratic authoritarianism is anti-American on every level.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:45 AM

I honestly have never really had any trouble with the Fayetteville Police Department. They are always professional and courteous with me.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:45 AM

I appreciate the way all the officers in Fayetteville do their job , you are the best !

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:45 AM

I would prefer to see the department patrol the stonebridge neighborhood more especially by the bridge. Cars speed so fast and it's scary to walk over there to access the public park. Police are rarely in the neighborhood and usually are leaving parking violations rather than citing speeders and reckless drivers. I feel like our neighborhood is often forgotten in terms of patrolling.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:46 AM

They need more space/room to work.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:46 AM

A couple of years ago, I was targeted by a man I believed to be a dangerous person. He followed me in my car, and I quickly evaded him. I saw a Fayetteville police officer sitting in his patrol car with his window down. He appeared to be doing paperwork, and I quickly pulled in next to him and explained what happened, and my fears. I asked if I could just hang out next to him for a bit, and he said "Sure!" So, I pulled in nearby and took some time to compose myself and call my family. After about 20 minutes, this wonderful officer got out of his car and came to my window. He asked if I was ok, and if I felt safe. We chatted a bit, and then he asked if I needed him to follow me home, to make sure all was well. I thanked him profusely, and assured him I would be ok. I had alerted my family, and felt certain the threat had passed. This was only one of the positive experiences that I have had with FPD. I also had a concern a few years ago that I contacted Detective Malachi Samuels about. He took care of my issues efficiently, and with great care and concern. The FPD is greatly appreciated!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:50 AM

I am concerned because I work with several grad students and post docs of color at the university. They report being repeatedly stopped while driving.

For such things as leaving on a dome light, or forgetting a turn signal. I find it suspicious that these young men of color have been stopped many times more often in a 2 year period than I have in over 35 years of driving.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:51 AM

I support the PD 1000 percent. We had an officer at Central every Wednesday night during classes. He was the best! The kids loved him. It was great for the kids to interact with an officer and learn from him. Always smiling!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:53 AM

I had a vehicle involved in an accident this Spring and the responding officer was excellent. I have called the after hours number regarding loud college-age parties in my neighborhood. Central dispatch was knowledgeable and responsive.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:58 AM

I have NEVER been happy to see a Fayetteville police officer. Never felt safer or protected with one in attendance. They are always a liability.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:59 AM

It was disappointing how much of my time it took just to hand over some found property that I took the trouble to bring to the station, more than half an hour on top of my detour. It was impressive how rapidly the records desk responded to a recent request.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:04 AM

I was impressed with how thorough they were with the investigation. I was also appreciative how the officers and detective treat a domestic violence victim. You can definitely tell that they have been thoroughly trained in that matter. Thank you!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:05 AM

I favor reforms to the dispatch systems like we're seeing in Minneapolis and some Oregon cities where trained mental health professionals take calls that are within their expertise. I do not think our model of entrusting police to competently and safely handle nearly all of society's issues is sustainable. I think it's shown itself to be over burdensome on police forces and dangerous. I would like more mental health professionals and social workers to be involved on a day to day basis assisting with substance abuse related calls, suicide threats, domestic and sexual violence, and child welfare cases (just to name some cases/calls they could assist on). Safety is not one dimensional. It's a broad issue that takes collaboration to address. Right now, I do not think the department is adequately collaborating.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:06 AM

I would love to see more SROs in the school. I know this was shot down by the council, very disappointing

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:08 AM

THANKFUL for our local PD!!!!!!!!!!!!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:13 AM

I am a nurse and I worked in critical care at WRMC for 10 years. We had interactions with several law enforcement organizations in NWA. I only witnessed professional conduct from FPD. I can't say the same about some of our neighboring towns police depts. Also, I was very moved by the response of the FPD in the Black Lives Matter protest. Keep up the good

work.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:14 AM

I Live in Goshen and work/do business in Fayetteville. Every interaction has been exceptional. Feel very appreciative for what you have done for me personally and for how you take care of our community. I worry for you.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:15 AM

Current police department is not very accessible. It's does not have a safe staging area. We are still short SROs in outlets schools.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:17 AM

The police department should take pedestrian safety seriously.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:20 AM

Thank you for all you do!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:22 AM

I have always had great experiences with FPD, and I am so thankful for our SROs!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:24 AM

Hi guys, I am technically a "defund the police" person but I wanted to say from that side of the fence that I appreciate you guys and what you do, just would like to see services in place for mental health calls vs having all of this on your shoulders. I had to call once for a suicidal family member (different PD) and I just kept repeating "he's not armed, he's not armed, he's not armed" and I was so afraid to have called with the current climate. Anything you guys can do to help bridge that gap is greatly, greatly appreciated. Again, thanks for all you do and I hope you understand it is not an "against all policing" stance from all of us - you guys in particular are pretty wonderful, thank you so much.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:25 AM

I've met a few of your officers at social event and was impressed with their professionalism and courtesy.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:25 AM

Thank you for serving the Fayetteville Community!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:26 AM

I am so thankful and appreciative of our police department! Always professional and kind. But, I'm not a criminal. Still I did accidentally run a stop sign when trying to get to my daughter who was very ill. Officer was firm but very professional and kind.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:28 AM

Doing great work. Thank you all.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:30 AM

Police should not give legal advice or opinions regarding the law unless they are fully versed in that particular area or they are licensed to practice law. More specifically, lease law, private property , tenant, guests or invitees rights on private property, non resident rights to use private roads etc. etc. etc.

Anonymous 9/14/2020 11:31 AM	I have seen great kindness and professionalism from the officers at FPD. But I am still worried about the fact that Black folks get arrested for Cannabis offenses so much more, when we voted to make that a low priority.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 11:31 AM	I don't see where any improvement is necessary. I have had super experiences with this dept. They are doing a fantastic job!
Anonymous 9/14/2020 11:37 AM	Continue the great job you're doing!
Anonymous 9/14/2020 11:39 AM	Increase funding and cameras for every officer.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 11:40 AM	We recently moved out of Fayetteville. We always had great safety and security provided to us by FPD. FPD is very professional and has great seasoned officers.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 11:42 AM	I was both impressed and grateful for the way the FPD handled the BLM protest. You were professional and compassionate. You did not set up an "us vs them" situation. You participated respectfully with your neighbors, while still protecting the people and preserving the peace. Thank you.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 11:59 AM	Stop arresting nonviolent drug offenders. Send social workers, mental health professionals to nonviolent emergency calls. Dont waste \$40 million on a new police station. Invest in human needs that actually prevent crime, like making sure nobody is homeless
Anonymous 9/14/2020 12:05 PM	I feel very safe and proud of our police dept. God bless you
Anonymous 9/14/2020 12:09 PM	Stop pushing for SROs, and ease up on drug enforcement. They're disproportionately racist angles of FPD and should be de-emphasized
Anonymous 9/14/2020 12:20 PM	Waste less time on low-level drug policing and non-harmful traffic/vehicle violation stops; redirect mental health emergencies to more appropriate caretakers; very happy to hear that the chief is actively working on racial equity concerns.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 12:22 PM	Our officers are some of the best in the State. Very professional, caring, and always helpful.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 12:24 PM	The reasoning for my answers are due to some officers were amazing, truly cared about the situation and how to help. And then some officers were absolutely AWFUL!! But that's how it goes some are out to make their community better and then some do it cuz the title!!!
Anonymous 9/14/2020 12:25 PM	It is becoming obvious that FPD has fallen out of touch with large chunks of the community. FPD should start listening to citizens rather than trying to tell us what's best for us. Also, FPD should be much more forthcoming with their

data and work with researchers to analyze their data. Also, a more legitimate survey of citizen's perceptions would be good. Prior research has established bench mark questions and response categories to measure fear of crime and those were not used here. Also, ask questions about trust, legitimacy, equality, participation in COP related events, and what we would like to see done by the police in our community.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:33 PM

I fully support our Fayetteville PD. Now more than ever, we as citizens much work together with law enforcement and first responders to ensure our community remains safe at all times. Do I believe there are bad seeds among police? Absolutely. But this is no different than any other industry or corporation. While I am not informed of the training used to prepare police officers, I do believe additional training to de-escalate a situation would be beneficial. However, as a regular citizen, I am not in daily situations where a potential "kill or be killed" scenario could unfold. I trust that our officers know when and how to exert the appropriate amount of force. I also believe that should anyone in authority exert deadly force without cause or based on race, age, gender, that individual should be treated just like any other citizen and not given preferential treatment because of their position of authority.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:35 PM

They deserve the new police department to be built.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:40 PM

I was the object of what I consider, by a bit, over policing. I was stopped and given a stern lecture for failing to use a turn signal on an empty street where the corners are so close together that it is difficult to change the turn signal between them. It was little more than an inconvenience, but still irked me.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:45 PM

You guys do a wonderful job especially during these difficult times. Thank you for your sacrifice and keep your heads up.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:50 PM

More training in mental health first aid, more awareness of strain when interacting with diverse populations

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:50 PM

I'd like to see more funding. I certainly fully support the new facilities

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:52 PM

I liked that an officer came to our neighborhood and addressed concerns we had. I am sad that the city of Fayetteville did not okay the additional school resource officers. I do not have school age children, but have heard from neighbors that the school resource officers were a plus in their kids' school experience. I have heard a rumor that perhaps the new police station that the voters approved funds for may not be built. I hope this isn't true. I have never had an issue with an officer. They have always treated me with respect.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:57 PM

I recently interacted with an officer as a witness to a car accident. He seemed very worn down, and rightly so, since someone drove by the accident and stopped to yell pig and other slurs out the window. It made me sad to see someone so beat down by public attitudes. I have always have

good interactions with the FPD!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:58 PM

We back the blue.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:59 PM

I would like to see more attention given to the noise ordinance...many vehicles have loud exhaust that exceed the db limit and especially motor cycles. [IF] it is a law, it should be enforced... and if BB&BQ is more important than the laws then the laws need amended or removed.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:06 PM

Keep up the good work! We love you and the support you provide for the city

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:11 PM

I really wish y'all would crack down on the red-light running. It's starting to get ridiculous.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:12 PM

I would like to see our officers receive more training pertaining to victim services, responding to calls pertaining to citizens with mental illness, and racial profiling/injustice in general. Overall, FPD is much better than other PDs in this area, but I think there is still plenty of room for growth. I've personally witnessed officers attending victim services training and been unimpressed both with their attitudes toward the material as well as their low turnout to such events. It would be great if some of the funding for the new police headquarters (which I did vote for) could be used to help our PD increase their competence about these relevant topics. I do not want to see FPD any more militarized than they already are with such funds - BPD is quite frightening enough. I would love to see FPD have an active, working relationship with social workers and services in Fayetteville.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:13 PM

Please stop trying to get young people to turn snitch. My child was detained with a small bid of marijuana and the DTF tried to get him to wear a wire and snitch out cocaine dealers. It could have been terrible but we found out and lawyered up.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:16 PM

Continue to train officers in dealing with mentally ill persons and de-escalating whenever possible. Recruit minority and female officers.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:18 PM

To not judge citizens based on appearance. An officers should treat all citizens as equals.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:23 PM

I think all you guy's are very professional and love what you do and how you do it. The only thing that needs improvement are the ones that are against you.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:32 PM

Thank you for your service to our community. You are greatly appreciated.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:34 PM

More money from the city budget to keep the necessary training for ALL police personnel. Life/society changes...we need all of you

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:36 PM

I am very proud to live in Fayetteville and have the wonderful policy department staff.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:37 PM

Fayetteville has a very professional PD....City Admin needs to stop following the sheep!!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:49 PM

Officer training for dealing with subjects with mental health issues is needed.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:52 PM

Follow up victims of crime. And be cognizant of racism and ageism. Every deserves respect regardless of age (and I'm specifically meaning college age)

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:55 PM

I am concerned with the number of marijuana arrests. We voted to de-prioritize this but we have seen the numbers go up. This is not what we want for our city, especially because of the ways this disproportionately and negatively affects our neighbors of color. We want you to carry out our wishes as voters to make this less of a priority in arrests!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:00 PM

Keep up the good work!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:05 PM

It's seems most of the crime is compartmentalized to certain parts of town, my guess there's a correlation to poverty in those non-Dickson-drinking areas.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:08 PM

FPD is above & beyond the best police department in Arkansas!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:15 PM

You all do a great job!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:16 PM

Best police department in USA

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:24 PM

Get that new building done.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:25 PM

I have a positive opinion of FPD. I would love to see more officers on the Greenway Trail, especially Walker Park - Mt. Kessler Trail.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:30 PM

I've only interacted with Fayetteville police officers casually around town. They are professional, friendly and courteous. Also, everything I hear is very positive.

Anonymous

Two transformers blew up in the middle of the night and sent me and my dog

9/14/2020 02:43 PM

out into the cold darkness. I called 911 and they sent the FPD and the Fire Department out. I was treated with consideration and comforted by both until it was safe to return home.

Anonymous

I love all the officers, dispatch and Records Dept

9/14/2020 02:57 PM

Anonymous

Take domestic violence calls more seriously and do sensitivity training.

9/14/2020 03:01 PM

Anonymous

I support the police. And am thankful for the people who serve our community

9/14/2020 03:17 PM

Anonymous

I would support more equipment to help the police do their job safely.

9/14/2020 03:23 PM

Anonymous

I recommend not letting political narratives in the media dictate their behaviors in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable or unsafe

9/14/2020 03:25 PM

Anonymous

The FPD always serves our community with professionalism and dignity. I am thankful for our police officers.

9/14/2020 03:27 PM

Anonymous

I appreciate the department's support of peaceful demonstrations and their choice to not escalate tensions by being unnecessarily confrontational.

9/14/2020 03:28 PM

Anonymous

My interaction has been very positive overall but would like to challenge the office to look at it we need to expand or exchange services to include social workers to help our overall policing.

9/14/2020 03:34 PM

Anonymous

My only complaint is this hotline for masks. Neighbor turning against neighbor. Our officers have bigger fish to fry than who is and who isn't wearing a mask.

9/14/2020 03:51 PM

Anonymous

We back the blue. FPD has always been professional and your community thanks you for your service.

9/14/2020 04:18 PM

Anonymous

Please pass on our family's appreciation for our police officers. Your officers were professional even with our meth addicted child...they were able to calm the situation down and provide us with support. Thank you.

9/14/2020 04:40 PM

Anonymous

You should not be wasting your time policing people who aren't wearing masks or social distancing. There are much more important crimes you need to be focused on.

9/14/2020 04:46 PM

Anonymous

Fvdpd is a wonderful organization with wonderful dispatchers and officers a like. You are all doing a phenomenal job and most of us really do support you and will do anything to help protect you as you protest us. Keep doing what your doing!

9/14/2020 04:56 PM

Anonymous

9/14/2020 04:56 PM

We need more officers as our town is growing. We also need a more centrally located and up to date station. With the homeless population growing and the possibility of riots we would be foolish to not spend money on these Hero's!!!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 04:59 PM

Wish the Fayetteville City government would do a better job supporting our police officers

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:04 PM

You don't need a new police station

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:09 PM

Faster reply times of contact.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:18 PM

I love our police department. I really think they could be better equipped to do their jobs if they had a better space to work out of. They deserve a new police station.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:27 PM

They are the finest PD in the state. Best leadership by far.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:34 PM

While I have personally had satisfactory interactions with the FPD, I would like to note that I am a white woman and know that my husband, a person of color, has had very different interactions.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:38 PM

Thank you for all you do.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:39 PM

Don't enforce mask mandates and start pulling people over for impeding the flow of traffic on state highways that run through the city.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:45 PM

I have been stopped a number of times by the Fayetteville Police and every time they have exhibited an aggressive ego posture that made me want to react negatively and report them. I was not ticketed and I am a white female. They seem to revel in their power and I can only imagine what happens with a minority.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:51 PM

The officers of the FPD set the standard for LE in the NWA area.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:53 PM

Proper training including mental and emotional training.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:02 PM

I would like to see more police presence on bikes on the Fayetteville Greenway, and maybe public service information on how important it is for walkers/joggers to acknowledge they heard cyclists courtesy announcement that they are passing on the left.

Anonymous

More community involvement/outreach. More neighborhood patrols

9/14/2020 06:09 PM

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:11 PM

I was pulled over by C. Stout last spring. He was the kindest police officer I have ever interacted with.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:11 PM

My perception from public engagement is that any criticism of policing in America has been met locally by supporters of the Department with a 'back the blue' sentiment that shuts down the opportunity to have meaningful debate. Policing data show that we are detaining, arresting, and convicting Black residents at a disproportional rate for drug crimes, and despite our low violent crime rate, there have still been a number of officer-involved shootings that have failed to deescalate before firing weapons was necessary. I was grateful to the FPD for participating in and managing the Black Lives Matter protests responsibly, gracefully, and without the controversy of the Bentonville and Benton County law enforcement incidents. Finally, the 'thin blue line' symbol is problematic and should not be used by the department. Its imagery suggests that the forces from which law enforcement are protecting the civilians are co-equal. Also, Fayetteville should explore (or publicize if it already exists) a crisis response line in which concerned citizens can make a phone call when they observe a mental health or substance abuse crisis without fear they may inadvertently create a scenario in which an LEO will choose to use harmful or potentially lethal force.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:17 PM

Need more detectives.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:21 PM

The main way that would improve the police department is for councilmember Scoggins and Petty to get off the council. They have created tremendous negative animosity that is totally unwarranted. Furthermore the mayor has no back bone. While he says he supports them his actions speak otherwise. We should be thankful that we still have a police force given what they are up against at the present time.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:26 PM

More nighttime patrol which is where it seems more crime is growing. More candidates to run for city council particularly against Petty and Scroggins who have been insulting and are incompetent to run or be a part of running a city. Mayor elected who truly supports the police department and not just says he does. A mayor he supports the police department instead of just shaking hands and kissing babies around the Fayetteville Square on Saturday mornings. Mayor who supports the police department and has a back bone to run an efficient council meeting and not let incoherent people just spew blasphemies against the police.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:39 PM

I've lived in Fayetteville my entire life. Our police officers are the finest in the area! They are dependable, professional, trustworthy, and faithful. They deserve our utmost respect and I 100% back them up! We need to do more for them!

Anonymous

The city should implement policies against no-knock warrants and should be

9/14/2020 06:40 PM

prohibited from purchasing new or used equipment from the military

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:51 PM

I believe the detectives in CID are professional and the best, especially Det. Nick White, Det. Garrett Levine, and Det. Scott O'Dell.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:02 PM

Great department.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:12 PM

My only interactions have been when I was bending the law with my speed. I was treated with respect and respect was provided back to the officer. I have not had one interaction ever with the FPD that was not favorable. Each and everyone since I moved here in 1994 has been fair and respectful.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:28 PM

Please keep on being very fair to all you come across and I don't know what the heck we are going to do about the homeless.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:37 PM

Keep doing what you are doing! My family supports you all 100%

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:39 PM

The Fayetteville Police officers need to be trained on how to handle situations involving females. As a female, I have found the officers to be very sexist against women. Complaints have been dismissed in favor of male aggressors over and over.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:46 PM

I have lived in Fayetteville my entire life (35 years) and I have pretty much always been pleased with the interactions I've had with FPD. I had school resource officers in my school, we have a police officer that assists with our church service at Genesis and I've just called or come in contact with officers in various capacities over the years. I am very confident in the abilities of our officers and have a great deal of respect for the work they do and the sacrifices they make. I am concerned, however, with the issue of police brutality against people of color that is escalating in the United States right now. As a social worker, I believe that police officers should have extensive training in understanding families living in poverty, interacting with people who have mental illnesses, and de-escalating situations with people of color (specifically black men). This are conversations and things that officers should ALWAYS be studying and working on.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:49 PM

I have no recommendations for improvement, because the FPD is already doing an outstanding job! I had the honor of being around Officer Stephen Carr and his girlfriend, Madi several times. He was the best hero both professionally and while off-duty.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:49 PM

I appreciate the high level of training and competency shown by FPD over the last 15 years or so. FPD makes great choices in who they hire.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:54 PM

I need to hear the police department speaking up more about racial inequities. We need alternatives to calling the police for non-violent

situations. Can we be creative with the new police station and incorporate space for social services, food pantry, community training, etc.?

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:00 PM

If all police departments in our country held the same standards as FPD our country would be a better place. FPD by far has the best officers in the nation. They're not just a police department, they are a community. I love it!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:13 PM

Officers of the FPD hold a high regard for the community they serve. They act with upmost professionalism. FPD Officers are highly trained and more than qualified in serving and protecting their community.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:13 PM

I am proud and supportive of the excellent police force in Fayetteville. They are very friendly, interactive with the community, professional, compassionate and do their best every day to promote the safety of all members of the community.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:45 PM

We have THE BEST POLICE DEPARTMENT I love living in Fayetteville And you have made it such a safe place to live !! Thank You

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:53 PM

<https://www.npr.org/2020/06/10/874339977/cahoots-how-social-workers-and-police-share-responsibilities-in-eugene-oregon>
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/when-mental-health-experts-not-police-are-the-first-responders-1543071600>
<https://www.denverpost.com/2020/09/06/denver-star-program-mental-health-police/>

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:06 PM

I attribute my limited contact with the FPD a statement of the awesome job they do.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:11 PM

1. Make sure officers are dispatched to and go to the proper address. 2. Apologize when a mistake is made, instead of lecturing the traumatized, disabled homeowner with PTSD. 3. When multiple officers involved, DESIGNATE A SPOKESPERSON!! I couldn't even understand what was happening or what was being demanded of me, because numerous officers were screaming things all at once and shining blinding lights in my eyes. I feel fairly certain that if I had had anything in my hand when I walked out my front door, I probably would have been shot dead. 4. Don't try to cast suspicion on traumatized homeowner in an effort to find something to justify *your* mistake. 5. Don't continue pointing an assault rifle at the feet of traumatized homeowner after it has been verified that you responded/were dispatched to the wrong location, and after you have already searched and IDed homeowner and guests, while said homeowner laid shaking on cold concrete porch for 20 minutes, terrified that my hearing impaired mother would come outside, not understand their commands, and get shot. 6. "Is anyone ever going to go check the house where the gunfire was coming from?" (Question from homeowner after 20 minutes of interrogation). Finally, over half an hour later, when they were done trying to make me guilty of something, the officers somewhat begrudgingly appeared to be headed that way, but I really don't know. I was completely traumatized and didn't leave my

house for weeks. A short time later, someone was found dead at that house your officers were supposed to respond to.....allegedly a suicide by hanging.... 7. Thanks so much....sarcasm intended. As if it wasn't hard enough being disabled with PTSD. I will probably never call police for anything ever again. 8. For the record, I have lived in Fayetteville for 10 years, I am a white female 56 years of age, and I rarely go out except for necessities. I don't often have encounters with police because I am an exemplary driver and I don't commit crimes. The one time I called for help because someone was screaming and shooting a gun a few doors down, I got a throwdown with SWAT-style aggression. A simple apology or some semblance of understanding would have gone a long way, but alas, apparently police are above me and not required to apologize for their mistakes. No "have a better night" even. It will be a long, long, long time before I ever trust any cop again. The nationwide police brutality currently happening/escalating certainly doesn't help. Please do better, thank you.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:22 PM

From my limited and infrequent experience, I believe we have a good crew of officers in Fayetteville. I do feel like police officers should be held to a higher standard than most professions and we should strive for the best with continued training with a focus on diffusing situations.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:15 PM

If you don't already have one, please build a fence with a locking gate for the police to park behind . No more ambushes

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:31 PM

If it wasn't for Officer Foster, I would be in a jail cell somewhere. He is truly a gift from god and I will forever be in debt to him. Your city council is a joke, they should have never removed SRO's from the school system. Your city council doesn't realize how many kids lives those officers could change.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:32 PM

You need to support your officers. Please don't come up with your social worker bs like other cities are trying to do. Don't copy the other liberals. Have back bone and defend what is right not what the majority want to believe is right.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 12:07 AM

I have always been very impressed with the professionalism and courtesy of the officers of Fayetteville Police Department.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 03:32 AM

I would start with this survey, why is it that you only address citizens knowing that the COMMUNITY has a good hand of RESIDENTS that contribute to the city in major ways!

Anonymous

9/15/2020 03:57 AM

I do really like how many opportunities you take to engage with the community without there being an emergency.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:06 AM

Less time spent on routine traffic violations

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:26 AM

Our experience has been good. But our experience is certainly not the only one that matters. I have been very proud of way FPD responded and

participated in the protests. I am very pleased to see a survey, asking for community feedback. I believe that a department that is led from a place of responsiveness to the community can build the relationships and trust in the community that are necessary to demonstrate equitable access to fair policing. No doubt, NONE, in my mind that the work our officers do is fraught with challenge. There are some extreme positions on both sides of the current divide, but know that you have community support on both sides of the aisle. This is not a left or right issue. It's a people issue. I supported the school resource officer grant. I contacted my council person because I believe in the power of a well led department to manage race relations, to lead by example, to give some of our students an anchor that they might not otherwise have. I also believe that a well-led department can proactively weed out the officers who lack respect, compassion and kindness for people. I believe that regardless of the circumstances that bring them to the path of officers, the default should be compassion. It takes a strong person to lead with compassion and be prepared for use of force if necessary. But those are the truly great officers. May peace be with every member of your department.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:46 AM

As someone that lives in Springdale, I am always impressed with the local police departments, even when I'm the one getting the ticket! You do your job and do it with pride to be part of the community!

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:50 AM

Thankful for the Fayetteville PD!

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:51 AM

More community events

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:00 AM

With the exception of one bad incident, the Fayetteville Police Department has performed excellently based on my experience.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:14 AM

I currently feel safe in Fayetteville even amongst the chaos that is happening. I strongly oppose the defunding of the police and reducing the amount of resource officers.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:02 AM

Please keep up all your awesome work AND enforcing the mask mandate to keep us well and safe.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:38 AM

Build the new precinct, stay safe

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:00 AM

We support our police! Thank you for your service!!

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:11 AM

FPD, you must respect ALL members of your community, not just those you deem as worthy of your respect. Your job is to protect and serve, not oppress and brutalize.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:14 AM

Police officers should wear masks and social distance when responding to calls during a pandemic; police officers should treat citizens as people worthy of respect and not as adversaries—even when those citizens feel suspicious of police; police officers should approach their work with kindness and generosity instead of with suspicion; police officers should be actively involved in creating a culture of inclusion and solution-finding, especially when the calls they respond to involve people who are systematically disadvantaged; police officers should be required to report one another's bad behavior; police officers should be trained in trauma-informed practices; police officers should be required to examine their own trauma and take steps to protect their mental health

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:37 AM

I live in Washington County versus within the city limits. However I have worked with the officers at Woodland and FHS. They have always been professional and helpful with any scenario. I appreciate them greatly! My suggestions or questions about improvement areas are: Is there an opportunity to have officers on staff that are strongly skilled in mental health situations? If those positions or skills already exist in the staff, can it be communicated to the community? And I would like to advocate officers that represent people of color to ensure everyone is represented when situations occur.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 10:47 AM

Please make sure that all officers wear masks when they come into contact or within 6 feet of anyone. I love the FPD and have always had the utmost respect for them. The only thing that needs some attention resulted from their arrival at a car accident and while, yes, they were outdoors, didn't wear masks when they came up close to people. Maybe this was an isolated incident or maybe it's just practice when outside, which is fine, unless they're up close with people. Hey - if that's my biggest complaint - which it is - you're doing a fine job.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 10:55 AM

We recently moved to Elkins from Fayetteville, and we had suspicious activity at the place we were living at. Everyone from dispatch to the officers who arrived (and spent a good amount of time looking for the perpetrator and ended up locating them) were so helpful and professional. We felt very protected.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 11:49 AM

Our officers have always been great and amazing with any and all interactions we have had with them!!

Anonymous

9/15/2020 11:58 AM

I have a business in Fayetteville and feel very safe and they are watching out for me

Anonymous

9/15/2020 12:56 PM

Pour into our officers & their families . Provide support 24 /7 outwardly

Anonymous

9/15/2020 01:12 PM

After seeing the unfair treatment and judgment towards police officers across the country, I would recommend the Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Survival Tactics training for the police officers in Fayetteville, and also Arkansas. It teaches the

officers how to deescalate the situation before either the officer or the offender gets injured or killed. Please consider contacting them or search their program online. The officers who trained GST in other states have seen great results!

Anonymous

9/15/2020 03:33 PM

A lot of the police offers think stuff is a joke when it's not.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 04:05 PM

Call response is too long. Needs more officers to improve this.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 04:19 PM

Keep doing an awesome job.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 04:43 PM

I appreciate your work and sacrifice . I am extremely grateful for our police.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:22 PM

I don't think there's much to improve on, other than the need for more officers.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:32 PM

Make it harder to get in the academy and pay more money. Put them on actual violent crime and have something for mental health and drug rehab.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:44 PM

Response time could be improved

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:44 PM

Never drive fast. Ever. Never ever.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:26 PM

I think a new police station is in order!

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:34 PM

They Fayetteville Police Department has done an outstanding job with their response times, their ability to be professional and keep us safe. If the Fayetteville Police Department needs more equipment, officers, vehicles, etc. I support that. They are deserving of the items that will only allow them to keep up that amazing work as Fayetteville grows and changes.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:04 PM

Please don't spend money on a new police station. Use it to fund mental health professionals, homelessness out reach officers, traffic enforcement officers, and other non-weaponized agents on the force instead.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:12 PM

We are so grateful for you all. Thank you for your service.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:21 PM

Need better facilities.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:47 PM

If police are always going to be charged with over reacting to people with mental problems and drug related calls , then tell the city to hire educated professionals to always be in the station to take these calls. See how they defend themselves.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 10:27 PM

I'm an ER nurse and I like having the cops around when someone is threatening the safety of my coworkers. Sometimes I feel like drunk people get dumped on us when they just need the drunk tank though. That said, I've never felt intimidated or disrespected by any officer with FPD. Good luck out there, stay safe always.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 10:41 PM

I think the department does a great job

Anonymous

9/16/2020 12:47 AM

I attended the FPD's Citizen's Police Academy. It was excellent. Please consider putting some of those classes online and making them generally available.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 03:15 AM

I think you're doing an excellent job!

Anonymous

9/16/2020 05:22 AM

I used to be a dispatcher in another state! Fayetteville Central Dispatch goes above and beyond! I called a couple months ago on a very busy day for dispatch! My issue was minor. Dispatch called me back at least twice to remind me that they hadn't forgot about me, they were just really busy. That really amazed me. I don't feel like they needed to do that. But WOW! that is customer service if I ever saw it!!!

Anonymous

9/16/2020 06:08 AM

Thank you for everything thing that evert single one of you do for our community daily. I know in these times it has made things harder. Don't lose faith or heart! I promise you that more people back the blue than dont. We are praying for you all and keep up the good work! We are proud of you!

Anonymous

9/16/2020 07:00 AM

As a health professional we have had to call the PD many times for help with patients. The responding officers are always amazing.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 09:56 AM

Thank you for your service, and the wonderful job you do protecting our citizens!

Anonymous

9/16/2020 10:28 AM

We need more police officers.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 10:29 AM

I do think all officers need better training on dealing with the mentally I'll, but really, the entire population does. I don't appreciate what is happening around the country with criminals being released and not prosecuted. If there is no fear of punishment, the people border ik ng on criminal behavior have nothing to stop them.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 10:38 AM

I am very proud of y'all

Anonymous

9/16/2020 11:15 AM

They need more community support! More presence in the community to break down some barriers.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 11:35 AM

Keep the tattoos

Anonymous

9/16/2020 11:38 AM

We have a great police department. Appreciate what they do with the limited resources they are provided.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 12:18 PM

I appreciate everything that you do.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 01:03 PM

Thank you for all you do for our community. We are blessed to have the LEO we do in our community. Keep being an example to the rest of the world. Not everyone is as fortunate as we are here in Fayetteville.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 02:09 PM

Keep up the good work!

Anonymous

9/16/2020 02:17 PM

I lived in Fayetteville for most of my life, but recently moved out to the county. I always had pleasant experiences with FPD whenever I called.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 05:32 PM

Response times to non emergency calls is atrocious, need to hire more officers.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 07:38 PM

Each and every officer of the Fayetteville police department that I have had an interaction with are respectful, caring and compassionate to the people they make contact with. I might not live in Fayetteville but I work in the Fayetteville community and feel very confident that if something was to happen the officers have the training for the situation

Anonymous

9/16/2020 08:48 PM

I fully support FPD. Stay safe. Don't enforce mask mandate.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 08:59 PM

I think they are an amazing group of people. I feel safe and I am always glad to see the police in this area. They are approachable and kind.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 09:28 PM

Too many times working in the restaurant industry I see many of my crew get in trouble for walking home after a night at the bar. Many tell me they'll just drive home next time since they were brought in for trying to get home safely anyway. Meanwhile I can't drive home from work across west ave or dickson street because a heard of drunk college kids will wander out into traffic or weave in and out on a scooter. I reached out to the non emergency phone number to alert the FPD but they told me it wasn't an issue they had time to

deal with. Plenty of time to take locals in, but not a problem when its rich college kids. Ya'll don't work for us, you work for the college kids. When some sorority girl or frat guy splatters their brains over the pavement, i suppose ya'll will deal with it then.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 10:53 PM

It would be great to go back to sedans for patrol cars; or at least go to untinted windows. Your SUVs are too tall and their windows too dark to see around or through in traffic. They are a hazard.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 11:02 PM

Please keep up the good work and always place value of human life over property. Deescalation and education are important tools. We love you and want you guys to be safe as well!

Anonymous

9/17/2020 01:05 AM

Let's start using a little common sense and due away with all of this mask crap. Stop the hot line and stop worrying about it. Officers appear more trustworthy and honest when you see there faces. The general public is tired of this.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 05:41 AM

Focus more on the college kids. I am more afraid of them than anyone who lives here

Anonymous

9/17/2020 05:44 AM

Try treating the people of your community like actual citizens, not just the ones that fit in a cookie cutter image.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 08:13 AM

I appreciate the overall helpful nature of the city's police department. I've had to file several reports over the years, and everyone I dealt with was kind, polite, and incredibly helpful. I appreciate your service and the fact that your team helped me feel safe.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 08:59 AM

Issues with AT&T customers reaching the dispatch line represent a major security issue and need to be corrected. But otherwise, the service and performance of our police department is excellent.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:13 AM

None. They were wonderful after i reported that my car was broken into.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:15 AM

Was pulled over just outside of campus for speeding 5 over. The officer, for whatever reason, took 15 minutes asking about who I was/why I was there/where was I going. I explained I was a student and pointed out my parking pass and the officer did not believe me. Asked to search my car and when I said no he came up with some veiled "probable cause" threat. Then had me test out my lights and blinkers for him just to see if they were all working. There's no reason to turn a routine traffic stop into a fishing expedition for evidence or a more extensive citation than what was initially observed.

derek.benjamim

9/17/2020 10:15 AM

Traffic: more resources are needed for traffic safety. I drive around the community daily and it's rare to be at a stop light and not see someone fly through well after the signal is red. Same with stop signs. Mental health calls: some of the bond money should be put toward addressing mental health

	calls with personnel trained in those types of crises.
Anonymous 9/17/2020 09:33 AM	My only interaction has involved traffic accidents, one of which my teen daughter was in. The officer was very polite and courteous.
Anonymous 9/17/2020 10:11 AM	Tell the community what you're doing in response police brutality and systematic racism. What's the plan and its expected outcomes?
Anonymous 9/17/2020 10:14 AM	I'm more scared of the police patrolling my neighborhood than any of my neighbors or "potential threats"
Anonymous 9/17/2020 10:24 AM	I have reported non-emergency issues several times via the non-emergency number and have good interactions. With that being said, I don't think the police can do all the things that we ask them to do. I am not in favor of defunding the police but I am in favor of adding officers that specialize in social services, sociology, or psychology. I think they could work with traditional officers. Not every officer needs to be armed with a gun in every situation, guns are intimidating and easily used to intimidate citizens. Tasers and pepper spray work in most situations. When guns are required, back-up is always available. Finally, I don't think officers should be armed with any former military equipment. Military equipment is for militaries and police are not military. War is a different issue than serving and protecting. No to defunding the police, yes to reallocating funds for the police, and yes to disarming police with any military-grade equipment.
Anonymous 9/17/2020 10:45 AM	Very thankful for their dedication!
Anonymous 9/17/2020 10:53 AM	Doing a great job!!! Please don't let all of the anti-law enforcement rhetoric get you all down.
Anonymous 9/17/2020 11:01 AM	I'd like to see more motorcycle patrols and more enforcement of red-light runners
Anonymous 9/17/2020 11:06 AM	I live in Goshen, so my kids go to Fayetteville Public Schools. One daughter reports that the school resource officer at Ramay Jr High is such a positive and respectful officer on campus and during game day. Great Job!
Anonymous 9/17/2020 11:19 AM	defund the police. Police protect capital not people. I'm a very privileged white person to never had a bad run in with the police but my father and grandfather were both police officers in LR and I know personally just how much prejudice can affect their jobs and ruin innocent peoples lives. How about we house the homeless, feed the hungry and build up communities with your inflated budget instead. Police make me feel less safe in any given situation.
Anonymous 9/17/2020 11:41 AM	these guys are very under appreciated for what they do.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 11:44 AM

They are doing a great job in a tough time. God bless them all.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 12:07 PM

Do not drive your Tahoes, especially at a high rate of speed, on the greenway. I almost got plowed down one night while a female officer was searching for a suspect. She had to be driving 30+ mph out by the u of a Agricultural fields.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 12:11 PM

Great department keep up good work don't fall for the tactics of the leftist we can not afford a defunded Fayetteville Police!

Anonymous

9/17/2020 12:57 PM

Thank you guys for all you do for our city. You guys have done a phenomenal job. Im glad we do not have a race issue in Fayetteville. Keep your heads up. It will get better.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 01:24 PM

FPD is always effective, polite, well managed and supportive. I am however opposed to the expensive proposed department.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 02:03 PM

Young officers I've encountered have always acted like they are untouchable, abusing their power to team up and find any way they can to intimidate and manipulate the situation to their advantage.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:26 PM

Get rid of the Karen hotline for masks. Enforcing masks is not in the best interest of the police. Fayetteville officers have better things to do them worry about masks.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:28 PM

Get rid of mask hotline.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:29 PM

I love our PD! I feel like most officers strive to do their best every day and serve our city well.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:37 PM

Get rid of the Karen hotline. Officers need to be on the streets enforcing the law not breaking the law by illegally detaining someone for not wearing a mask. Lawsuit waiting to happen. Good Luck!!! The police officers are doing a good job, let them do their jobs. Stop being pressured by people in allowing their opinions dictate how a police department runs when they have no idea. Bad idea.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:53 PM

Always backing the Blue!

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:53 PM

The police here disproportionately arrest my Black and brown neighbors for nonviolent drug offenses and I have a huge problem with that.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:55 PM

Keep up the good work.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 07:55 PM

My car was stolen by and insane person. They were extremely helpful in the weeks and months following. Court date is in early 2021. Thankful for the fayetteville PD. I believe you can support BOTH BLM and the PD at the same time. The locals that are heavy drug users cause most of the issues in Nwa in my opinion. Theft, vandalism, issues on the trail, etc. I do not go on the trail alone now because of the sketchy homeless on many portions of the trail.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 07:58 PM

The officers ive spoken with have always been courteous and professional. I like seeing the "friendly community cops" at parks just there talking and interacting with people.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 07:58 PM

I have have filed a theft report and it was never solved and when I asked if they would at least use the data for Data driven policing I was told they didn't know. I also went to the station to request help for a family member who had taken her child in a manic state and was threatening suicide. While this may have been a situation that Fayetteville PD was not equipped to help with, the officer took 30 minutes of my time to only be dismissive and provided no referrals.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 08:10 PM

I would like to see more of cop on the beat program set up. That way police can get to know the communities they patrol. I feel that always being in a vehicle can lead to an atomosphere of isolation on the officer's part.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 08:13 PM

Please be safe. More people care about yall and appreciate you men and women in blue then you know

Anonymous

9/17/2020 08:37 PM

Vote out majority of city council, mayor

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:15 PM

None

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:36 PM

Although I personally am not a Fayetteville resident, our relative works in a nearby community as a police officer, (perhaps backing up your department). How can your city even consider "defunding" after the terrible tragedy that occurred in your city less than a year ago. An officer was ambushed and killed at point blank range. I think LEOs and most communities would all benefit if part of the drivers education training and early civics education curriculum included how to appropriately respond if one is pulled over or arrested by an officer.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 11:46 PM

Grateful & thankful for those who serve.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 05:48 AM

I have complete confidence in our police dept. I think they are outstanding. All officers I have met seem to be really great people.

Anonymous

Hit and run situation person had outstanding warrants. Officer didn't seem

9/18/2020 05:53 AM

real interested in following up after incident.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 06:06 AM

Police department is doing a great job they need a raise.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 06:38 AM

Tell your officers not to jump sides when they first pull up on scene.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 06:43 AM

My experience is that when I or others I know have made a report of some wrong doing the response from the department is slow and appears to be of little interest to the department. I myself had an issue and visited with a detective who was very good at taking the information, but not much action. Matter of fact I was the one that located the criminal and told the police. Then the prosecutor did a 0 out of 10 job on the case.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 07:22 AM

I was very disappointed that the school security officers that were recently debated could not be trained social workers who worked within the police department. I think that we need police officers who specialize in mental illness, domestic abuse, homelessness. We need to have many more black and brown people in our police department. I also want the department trained in ways to stop violence without shooting to kill. Shooting someone should be the very last resort. White officers need to learn what it means to have white privilege, because all of us who are white certainly have it.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 07:29 AM

Most of my interactions with FPD have been with professionals doing their job properly. From a public perspective though, the city does the police department a disservice. That is this: when police are seen as the "gotcha guys" to enforce silly rules whether it be a few miles over a low speed limit, a seat belt, or a trashcan out of place, they are not trusted as the public safety servants that they are. The city of Fayetteville should focus police efforts on safety instead of city ordinances and that would go a long way toward improving public perception.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 07:52 AM

Retract the defunding of our police. We need they protection. If any defunding needed, it's the pay of our city's officials, for making this decision with out the vote of the Citizens. Very discussed with our City's officials that we put in office.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:16 AM

I suggest more training and stricter hiring requirements, in general, to prevent what is happening elsewhere.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:20 AM

My cousin was murdered around 3 months ago and the Fayetteville police department have yet to do anything about the investigation and did not arrest his murderer until after he had shot someone else. Not to mention the low income neighborhoods are over policed so much. And yet I never see any police in the middle class neighborhoods and I feel like that needs to be evened out so as to be more inclusive of everyone instead of only low income neighborhoods which have a higher population of people of color.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:28 AM

Fully support FPD and new building can't happen soon enough!

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:58 AM

It seems as though some of the officers will use any excuse that they can come up with to stop you. I have been stopped twice (so far) for not wearing my seat belt even while I had it on the whole time. They just used that as an excuse to stop me and check me out. I consider this to be harassment.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 09:24 AM

Police should be respected, not feared. If you have fear there is a tendency for trouble.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 09:37 AM

They are great.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 09:41 AM

Officer Cody Strange spent hours with my daughter last month, got her in the WC Stabilization Unit on Mill Street, and they got her in a 90 day program at Arkansas Cares in L.R. WITH both of her children. Officer Strange rocks as well as the big officer from California that was with him! He got my daughter in re-hab after years of my futile attempts! His compassion but sternness! FPD you ARE needed and appreciated!!!!!!

Anonymous

9/18/2020 10:05 AM

I pray that the officers in our community will protect us and not back down like other communities have with destruction of property and business. The citizens want to be assure our officers won't be defended because that jeopardy our community here NWA. I'm grateful to have officers and through God eyes all lives matter we must move in love. We can make it through this together with love. May the Lord keep you all in perfect peace!

Anonymous

9/18/2020 10:09 AM

I moved to Fayetteville last November and had an auto accident the first week I was here. The officers were polite and helpful but my NY State license was lost in the scuffle. It was dark - late afternoon - and raining. I tried to reach the police department later that week but could not get the person I wanted to talk with.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 10:13 AM

Longer patrols in Neighborhoods and Traffic Enforcement.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 10:45 AM

A lieutenant was unprofessional regarding a police report that was inaccurate.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 11:00 AM

Stay safe, and know the community overall supports you.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 11:11 AM

I was arrested for DWI and wasn't even in the car no keys forced to be humiliated in front of family then approx. year later, I was arrested 2 days ago and let go for no reason. My rights were violated. Also harassing the community and fighting 2 civil law suits. I recommend drug testing all officers and weekly psychological check ups.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 11:48 AM

Our city needs a liason program to bridge the gap between civil/domestic cases and criminal cases in order to increase efficacy of case outcomes in the local court system. Protect women and children.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 11:51 AM

The discrimination towards people, the belittling to citizens who are not police, showing zero respect or care for women who need their help, and lack of communication, as well as loosing case numbers repeatedly.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 01:23 PM

I'd like to see the police department collaborating more with social workers. I'd love for the budget to be more geared towards towards prevention and mental health versus the proposed shooting range. Thank you for all you do to help us feel safe.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 02:22 PM

The state would be a better place if surrounding jurisdictions adopted Fayetteville's policies, procedures and law enforcement attitudes.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 02:33 PM

There seems to be no traffic control up near the mall area in the evening and it becomes a drag racing area. I am also concerned that swifter measures were not taken to secure the parking of the Police Department after the shooting. I think it is important officers are allowed to "police" and not cave to the current public opinion of law enforcement.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 04:22 PM

I had the unfortunate experience with one of your officers back in 2018 where their actions were unprofessional and borderline rude. Most of the other officers I have dealt with since have been quite professional.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 04:52 PM

Traffic cameras. People in this town are terrible drivers and there aren't enough police to deal with it.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 09:14 PM

I don't view thre FPD as favorably as I used to. Recently I've realized that FPD are just government employees with guns. If Lioneld tells you to kneel on the square with the Commies and anarchists, you do it. You also make yourselves available to enforce mask mandates, and to investigate graffiti as long as it offends one of Lionelds little pet Leftists. You don't have any integrity left, so you've lost my respect.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 06:38 AM

Transparency while generally good has room for improvement. An independent community oversight board on policing with access to all records and ability to investigate would help with transparency and acoutability.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 11:37 AM

I have had the opportunity to work with officers at events such as passing out back packs to kids. It was great to have them there doing this kind of thing for the public, right in the public eye. I hope they will continue to do these types of activities and show the caring and compassionate side of officers who at times have to stand firm when dealing with those who are breaking the law.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 12:35 PM

Thank you for all that you do! I'm proud of and very thankful for our FPD! I do think we need more of your presence on West Wedington closer to Double Springs, if possible.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 01:16 PM

Train the police to see people as people first. Not everyone is a criminal. Sometimes people just need some help.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 07:45 PM

I believe they are doing a fine job!

Anonymous

9/19/2020 08:29 PM

Keep up the great work! My family supports the men and women in blue!

Anonymous

9/19/2020 08:30 PM

Always professional we are praying for all of our brothers and sisters in blue

Anonymous

9/19/2020 10:32 PM

I left a lengthy review below. Our city council members and mayor need to be more supportive. I was very angry when federal grant money for additional resource officers was voted down by our city council with mayor being deciding vote. Our police department needs more funds so expansion of personnel can be done as needed. The extra training they need does not come free. Well trained officers will keep our community safe as well as keeping themselves safe . It is just as important they go home safe at the end of the day as the citizens of Fayetteville. My voice will be heard in November when I vote. It seems as if they have their own agenda that will not benefit our city.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 04:34 AM

We are very fortunate to have such good police officers in the City of Fayetteville. They are fair and compassionate and are professionals at their jobs.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 04:42 AM

Lets embrace having unarmed officers around more often. Uniformed but unarmed. Like courtesy officers. Public servants.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 04:49 AM

I think the men and women of the Fayetteville Police Department are some of the best officers I have ever met and that perform their duties with the utmost professionalism.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 07:45 AM

Stop acting like traffic predators.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 09:15 AM

I love FPD the officers are kind and compassionate.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 11:11 AM

I called because a neighbor's friend shot through multiple apartments. The a number of police officers arrived after being notified by via 911 and treated it like a joke all except one. I spoke a to a Sergeant over the Investigation Department and the gentlan who appeared to care and just left it alone. I no longer reside there. I wish FPD took it as seriously as it was. I almost lost my son to the careless act.

Anonymous

Officers be chosen for understanding of and trained in non aggression,

9/20/2020 11:21 AM

mediation, and implicit bias. De militarize as much as possible.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:50 AM

I think getting rid of the idiots on the city council will help in improving the performance of the FPD. They are all idiots.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 08:52 AM

I understand you have incredibly difficult jobs. The foundations of prejudice or racism in our nations institutions (judicial, housing, education, workplace etc) make it nearly impossible for some of those same biases to be present in otherwise great law enforcement personnel. Please continue awareness programs, training, identification and enforcement within our police department. There is always room for improvement.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:09 PM

Train the police officers to not be incredibly rude and make assumptions they know nothing about.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:09 PM

Don't have any experience with them other than fraternity functions

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:12 PM

I have had the opportunity to work with them on many educational programs at the University and they are always eager and willing to help out in any way they can.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:12 PM

I think they are doing a good job.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:13 PM

Actually doing something about loud music!! yall only come and knock and tell them to turn it down but never actually ticket ppl regardless of the amount of times, its ridiculous. loud music disrupts the entire neighborhood but you don't care.

Anonymous

9/22/2020 08:19 PM

Patrol speeding. All over Fayetteville.

Anonymous

9/23/2020 06:00 PM

Officers behavior was entitled and arrogant. Their interaction with civilians was condescending. Appeared cocky but were unable to communicate effectively with the public.

Anonymous

9/23/2020 07:52 PM

I was a third party arriving to pick up a friend from a car crash scene. The police present were extremely professional and showed genuine care.

Anonymous

9/23/2020 09:28 PM

Haven't lived there for 8 years, but have had interaction with officers on Dickson when visiting. Always very professional, and helpful. Never had any problems.

Anonymous

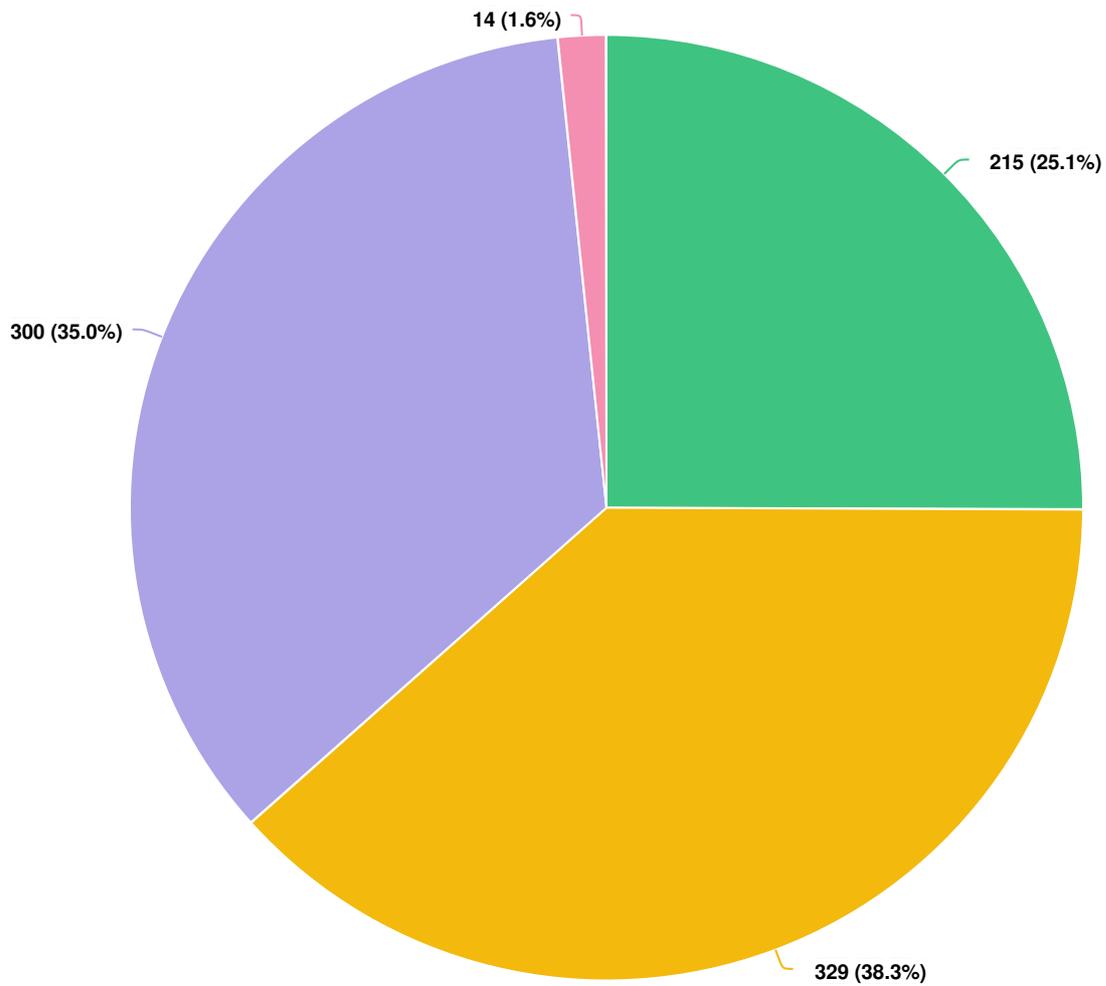
9/23/2020 10:23 PM

I think they're pretty great!

Optional question (394 response(s), 471 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q12 How concerned are you with overall safety and security in the City of Fayetteville?

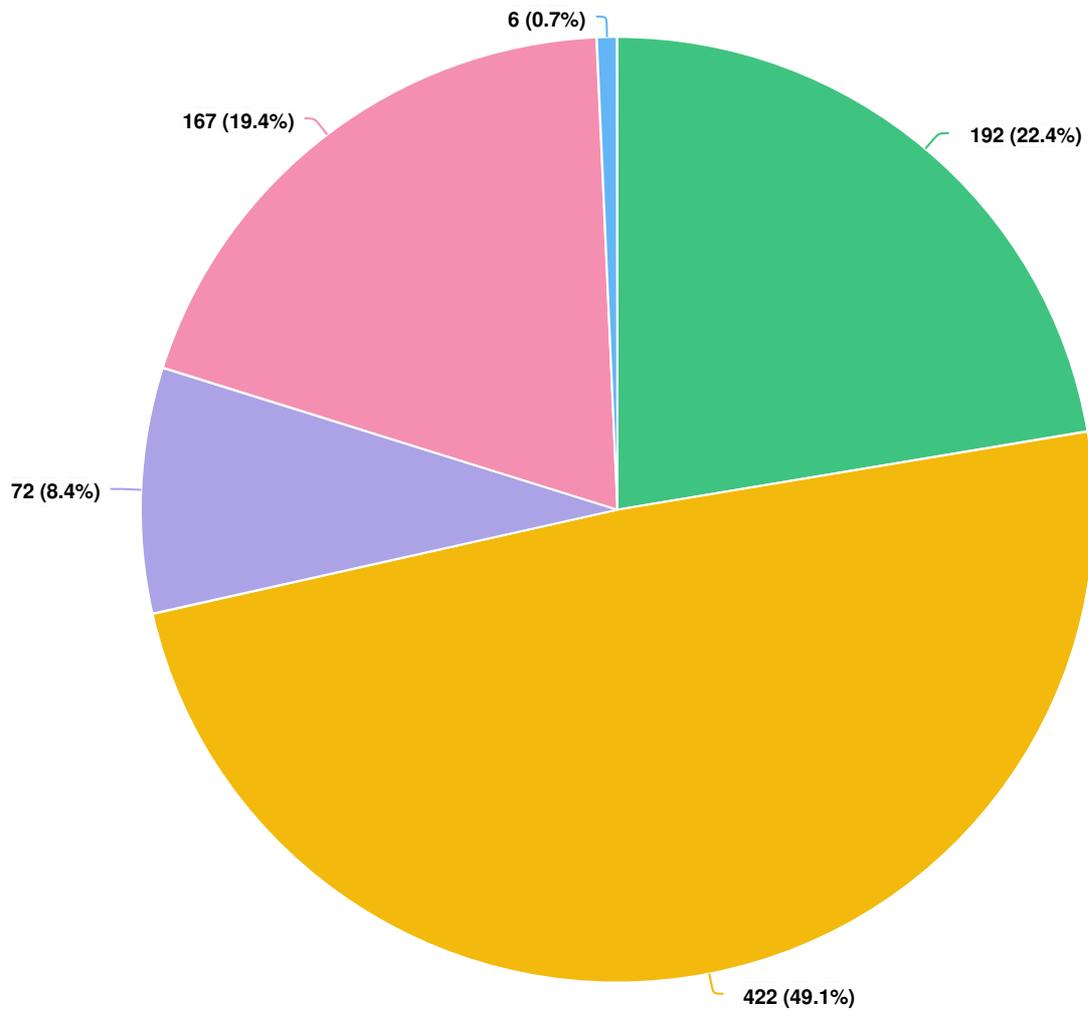


Question options

- Very concerned
- Concerned
- Not concerned
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (858 response(s), 7 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q13 | How safe do you feel while utilizing the City's trail system during the daytime hours?



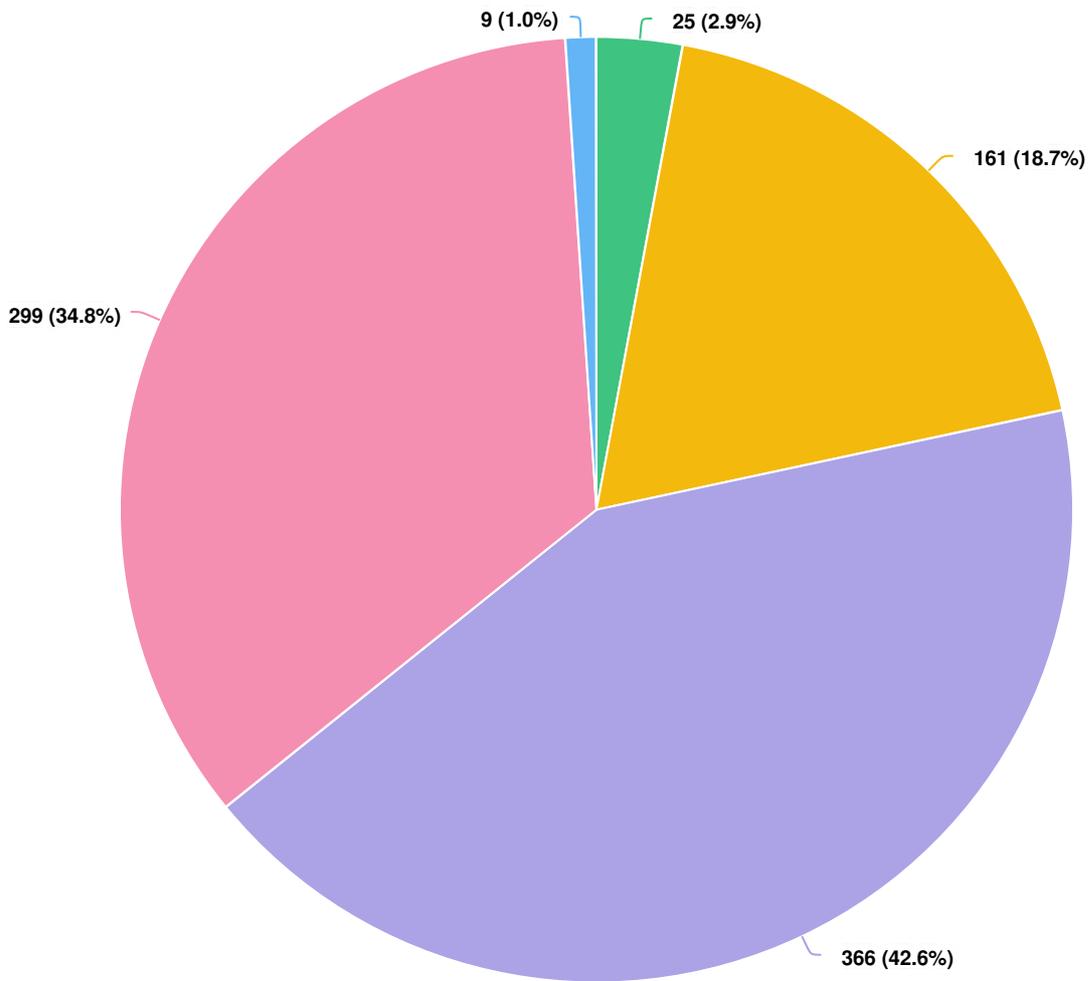
Question options

- I feel very safe
- I feel safe
- I do not feel safe
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (859 response(s), 6 skipped)

Question type: Radio Button Question

Q14 | How safe do you feel while utilizing the City's trail system during the nighttime hours?

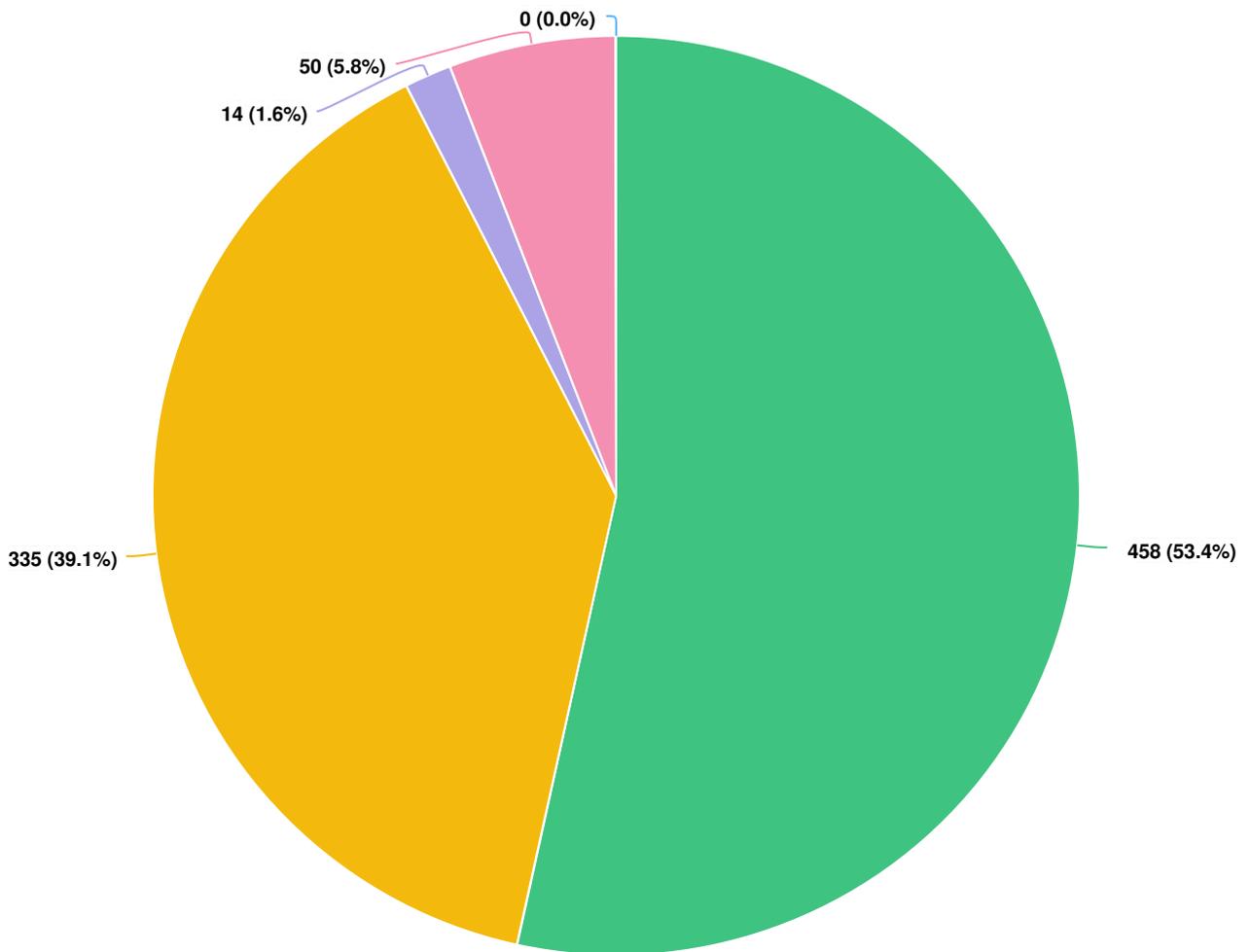


Question options

- I feel very safe
- I feel safe
- I do not feel safe
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

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Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q15 | How safe do you feel in your neighborhood during the daytime hours?

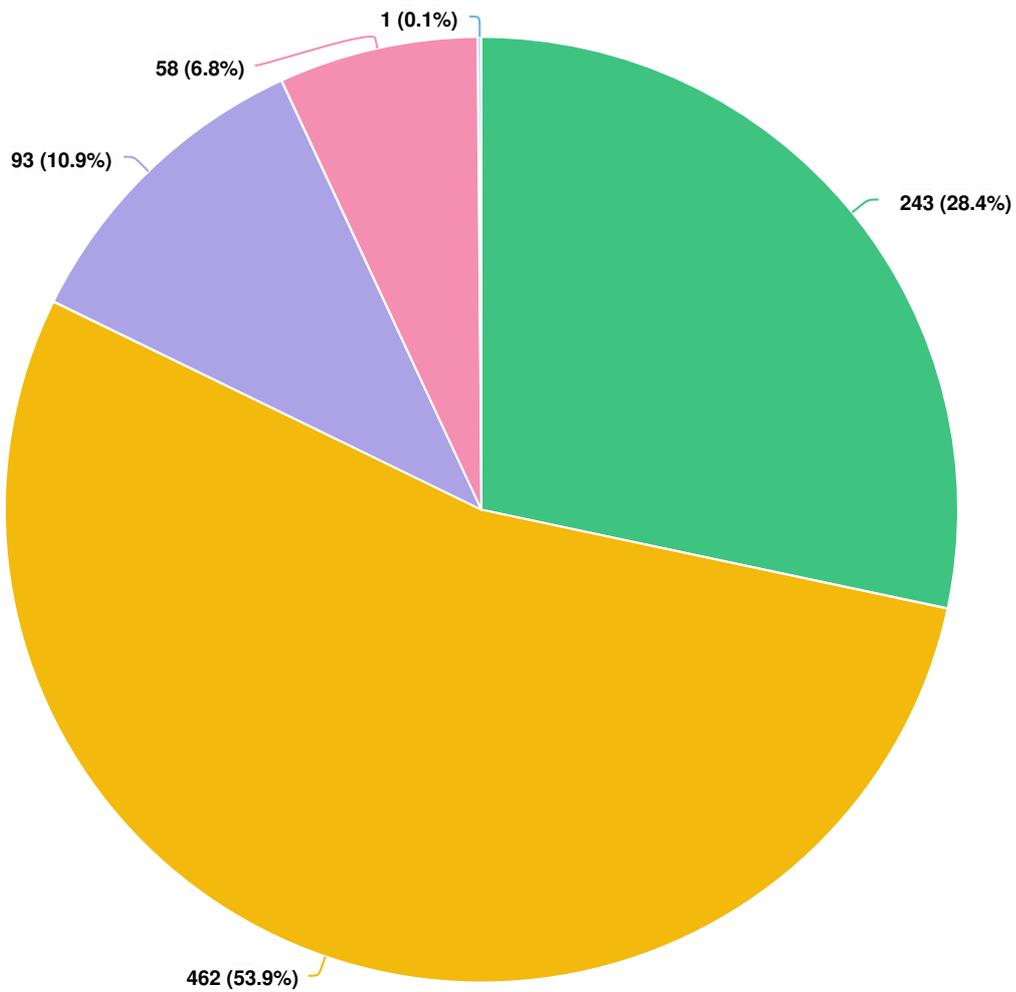


Question options

- I feel very safe
- I feel safe
- I do not feel safe
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

*Optional question (857 response(s), 8 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q16 How safe do you feel in your neighborhood during the nighttime hours?

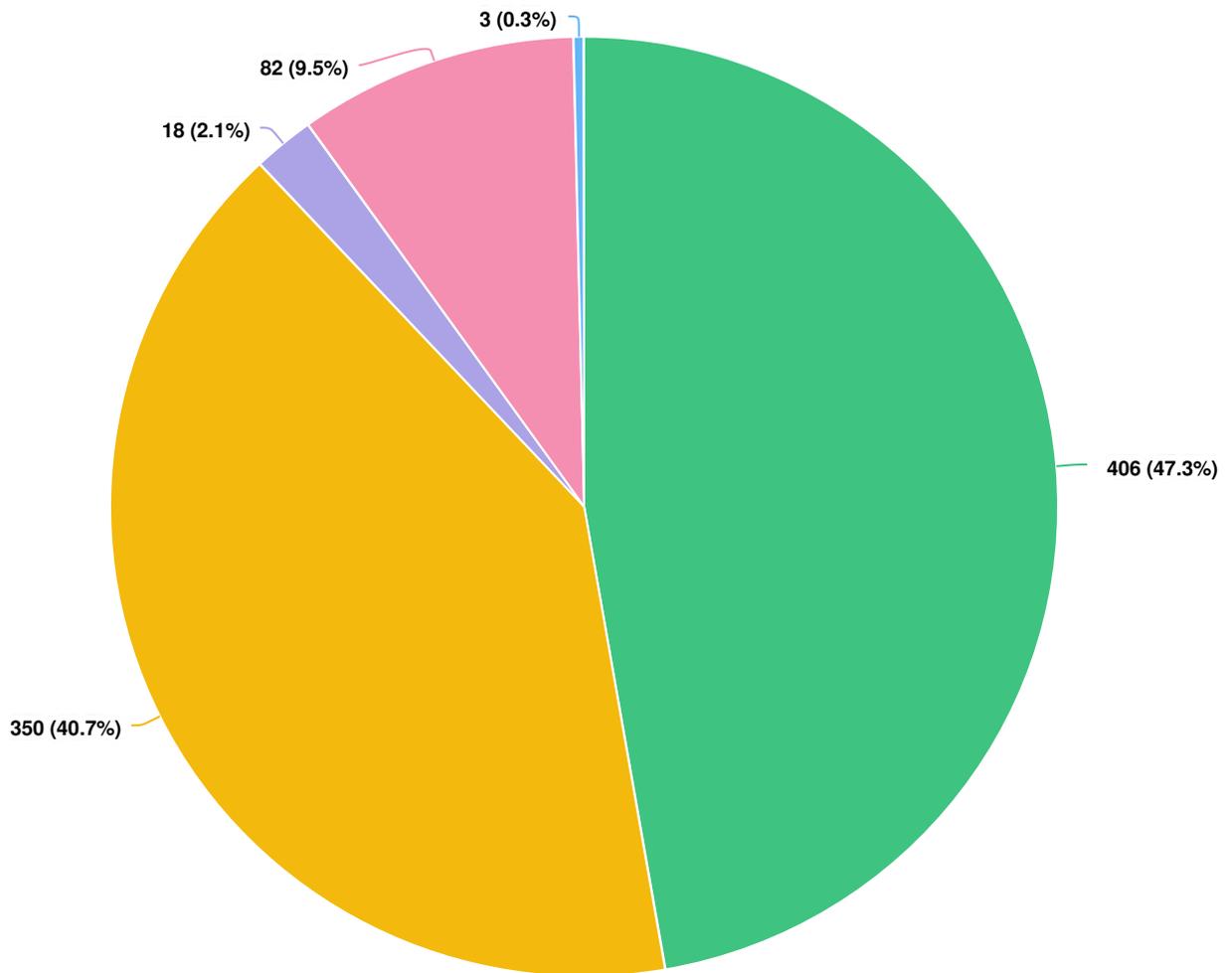


Question options

- I feel very safe
- I feel safe
- I do not feel safe
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

*Optional question (857 response(s), 8 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q17 How safe do you feel in the City's Entertainment District during daytime hours?

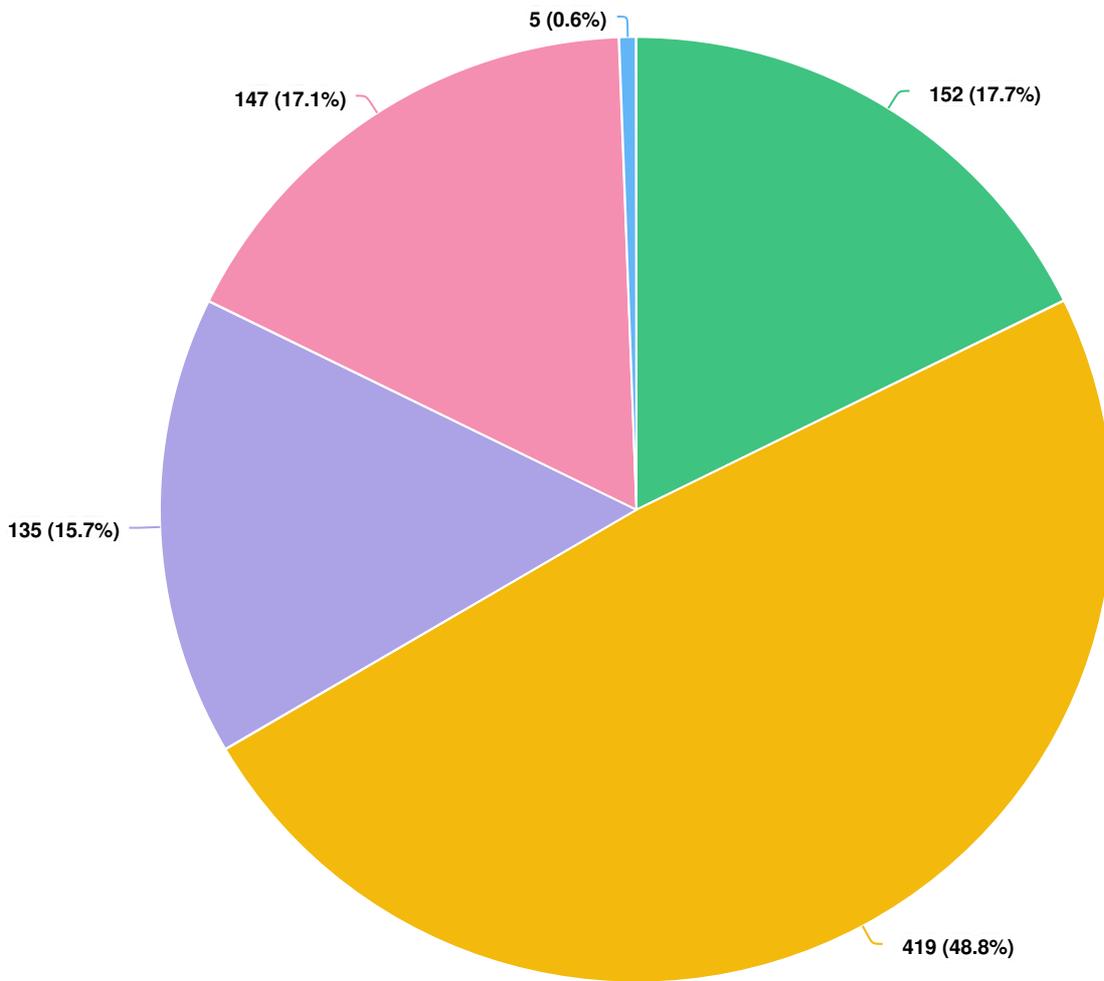


Question options

- I feel very safe
- I feel safe
- I do not feel safe
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

*Optional question (859 response(s), 6 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q18 | How safe do you feel in the City's Entertainment District during nighttime hours?



Question options

- I feel very safe
- I feel safe
- I do not feel safe
- Not applicable
- Prefer not to answer

*Optional question (858 response(s), 7 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q19 | Please use the space below for any comments, recommendations, and/or suggestions for improvements relating to the City's overall security.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:42 AM

Too many homeless loitering on Dickson St.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:43 AM

I live in Rogers but have spent many days and nights on Dickson, at the mall, movie theatre etc. plus I work in Fayetteville. I feel very safe, however not too safe when a pan handler knocks on my window asking for money and I'm alone. There's too many around Wal Mart.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:51 AM

The FPD is doing their best to protect us. But there are some that would cause havoc and have bad intentions. I am confident that if I call for FPD they will be there. But the FPD can't predict everything and can't be everywhere at the same time. The citizens need to do what we can to make sure our belongings are safe (lock doors, keep cars locked, etc).

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:52 AM

More patrols on Dickson to help C19 and kids ignoring ordinance.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:56 AM

I know when officers are present, I feel very safe. There are times, I've been in the wrong place at the wrong time and got myself in a situation. From being beaten up outside my apartment or on trail when a homeless man lost it and hit me. I was on trails alot in previous years. As I enjoyed walking alone on trails a lot. My health is such I can barely walk trails anymore. The job the trail officers are doing is great! All officers are doing a wonderful job in our city. Thank You!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:57 AM

Portions of the entertainment district feel safe, others do not

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:58 AM

The only thing that scares me about our City is that our Officer's will walk out from what our City Council is doing to them.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:59 AM

Perhaps a CCTV system on dickson street with officers or dispatchers watching cameras to keep up with more area around dickson and the bike trail after dark

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:01 AM

I have volunteered at WAC 3 years, til COVID. I was always a little apprehensive on shows ending 10pm or later walking to parking garage. Too many homeless folks hanging out. I do donate to 2 homeless shelters so I believe we shouldn't allow ourselves to become San Francisco. I realize much of this is impacted by City Council.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:01 AM

Higher vigilance durement night time patrols. More frequent night patrols.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:07 AM

I wish there were more police presence on trail system, as I utilize it often.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:07 AM

More officers hired to increase response time.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:11 AM

City leaders need to leave police funding intact.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:12 AM

The homeless are gathering more and being aggressive in asking for money.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:16 AM

Add more officers and more school resource officers. Your department has less than a third of Springdale's SROs yet your schools district is almost as large. Stop pandering to the small group of parents who say police officers in the schools are bad and protect the kids.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:17 AM

More lighting!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:20 AM

More police presence on the trails is needed.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:21 AM

Continued presence in neighborhoods. We had increased patrols last year when mail was being stolen in our neighborhood, and visibility really helped.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:25 AM

Ultimately I am responsible for the security of myself and my family and those who are in my presence at any given time. The police certainly aid in times of need and act as a deterrent to criminal behavior. For me, knowledge is key. How I can better improve my own efforts at creating a blanket of security around me. Best practices, tips and tricks, awareness of new/alarming trends, etc. In the past I have seen the FPD communicate in this way and appreciate it. Keep it up.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:27 AM

i'm a large white male, so I benefit from that privilege. I understand others may and probably do have a very different experience.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:28 AM

My recommendation is that the city continue to provide ample funding for our police department. Should the city council and/or mayor decide we need to follow a different path regarding our police force the issue needs to be voted on by the residents of Fayetteville.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:31 AM

As the population increases, crime will as well. Currently, police presence seems to be quite obvious and I feel safe knowing police are close to respond if need be. Job well done.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:32 AM

Like to see more bike officers on the trail system. Can't say I've ever seen any. I knew the person who was attacked on the trail in daylight years ago so

that is in the back of my mind when on the trails.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:37 AM

Quit letting liberal leaning Mayor sway city decisions on law and order

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:38 AM

My concerns with the security of Fayetteville lie with the dangerous views of the city council , and several of the candidates running for the open seats such as Smith ward 4 and Jones ward 1 to just name a few. I fear that Fayetteville will end up looking like places like Seattle or Portland.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:38 AM

Thank you for the work you do! I enjoy the trail system. However, I will not use the south Fayetteville trail by myself. None of the trails feel safe at night to me. I support the police department and look forward to voting for new leadership within the city council and mayoral positions.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:39 AM

As an old woman, I mostly stay indoors after dark. I wish I felt safe enough to walk around Walker Park before dawn. Take care of poverty, homelessness, and mental illness, and safety would greatly improve.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:41 AM

Why are police cars just sitting at the parking lot at Baxter and College ?

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:42 AM

I think keeping up the friendliness and kindness. The FPD are some of the most caring officers I have ever been around (after living in multiple cities and towns growing up) and the amount of care they exude is noticeable. I see so many of them trying to work with people and educate citizens instead of just arresting them. They want a better and a safe city, and want our citizens to know they have a police force that just wants to help.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:42 AM

I feel safe living in Fayetteville and feel the FPD is a wonderful community partner with its citizens, Like most anywhere awareness is key to safety, my only concern at this point is the potential defunding of FPD if that happens I will not feel safe living here. God Bless The FPD.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:45 AM

Homelessness has run amok over the past 5 years, particularly on the city's south side. I feel it needs addressed. These people aren't down on their luck. They're drug addicts and mentally ill.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:47 AM

I hope that City management (mayor & city council) treat the police force with due respect and grace.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:47 AM

Since the trail system banned legal firearms I no longer use it.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:48 AM

There is not an option between safe and not safe. That is where I would put my safety in all areas of Fayetteville. Safe but not guaranteed.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:48 AM

Focus on violent crimes, not speeding tickets or small level drug use. Certainly don't focus on business owners and whether, on their own property, they enforce mask usage.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:48 AM

I'm concerned that FPD is investing too much focus into the masks rather than what FPD should be doing. I don't want to question whether an officer would be available if something happened because he may be too busy asking someone to put on a mask.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:49 AM

I wish the city council would have voted to keep the 2 resource officers. As a parent, of course I have a bit of anxiety sending my kids to school. Do I buy a bullet proof back pack? What about our "triggers" for not having the ROs there? I have only witnessed the resource officers with positive interaction with all the children, no matter the race and will remain baffled as to why this even had to go to a vote let alone tabled. Misti Pattillo

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:50 AM

Creepy things come out at night

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:58 AM

The mask hotline is absolutely an overreach. In no universe is it acceptable to have a phone line where you can tattle on other people choosing to not wear a piece of cloth. Sound familiar to you? Maybe the masks should have gold stars on them to bring the metaphor home. You need to stop this ridiculous pandering. Just because the majority think something does not mean it's correct.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:01 AM

My responses to feeling safe at night are based on how I think I would feel. I don't go out at night unless necessary. I never go on the trails at night.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:02 AM

our apartment at the cliffs has no lights at night and it's very hard to see

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:05 AM

If the homeless situation could be dealt with, it would help a lot.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:12 AM

I like seeing officers walking around the entertainment district. It allows them to make connections, get to know business owners & patrons. It helps them keep their finger on the pulse of the city.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:13 AM

We need non-armed community assistance patrols. Having FPD respond to every issue is inappropriate. Kansas City has an excellent program: <https://www.downtownkc.org/about-us/cids/>

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:13 AM

I wish there was a larger presence of officers on the trails. Having a strong presence of police on bicycles would definitely be a huge improvement.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:14 AM

We need more of a police presence in our parks and trail system.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:22 AM

Yall do an amazing job.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:26 AM

Encourage gun ownership and open-carrying firearms.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:34 AM

Our homeless population is sometimes concerning but not too bad I guess.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:39 AM

I am not happy with the department spending millions of tax payer money on a new station when there are much better ways to allocate our money. The FPD should invest in hiring social workers that go on routes with patrolling officers. We do not need more police, we need more mental health professionals and social workers to work as a team with the FPD.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:42 AM

Same thing, just more contact by foot or bicycle vs SUV cruising by. You guys are awesome!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:44 AM

the PD should get their new department as voted on with an emphasis on a secure parking area for employees

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:46 AM

Keep the kids off the sidewalk on those scooters on dickson. Someone could get seriously hurt and the law is not being enforced. Enjoying the increased presence of officers on foot on Dickson area.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:50 AM

We don't often go out at night and we live out in the county so my suggestions are not super helpful. However, on the rare occasion we do go out I feel very safe and prepared.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:55 AM

Some areas need more lighting or repair what is already available.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:13 AM

Many neighborhoods are lacking sufficient street lights. There are too few lights in neighborhoods, and the ones that are there are not bright enough.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:21 AM

There seems to be more people roaming neighborhoods at night trying to get in cars. I don't have a solution because I know law enforcement cannot be everywhere.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:23 AM

Drugs and homeless issues are not being addressed by the city government and their policies are making these issues worse. Marijuana is still illegal, even though our council members are drug users doesn't mean that ALL of our drug laws should not be enforced

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:24 AM

Those who are not wearing masks are making us unsafe on the trails, in stores and in all entertainment venues.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:27 AM

FVPD has always done an outstanding job protecting its citizens. Especially on Dickson Street.

Anonymous

It probably isn't feasible, but I would love to see all FPD in teams for their

9/14/2020 09:33 AM

own safety.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:34 AM

I would like to see more compliance with the face mask order in businesses, in common outdoor areas. I approve of the mask hotline and of mask enforcement.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:40 AM

I spend roughly 10 hours a week on the trail system. Either walking, running or biking. I'm 100% opposed to not being able to carry a gun. When did the city strip my right to protect myself with a gun? Why was this implemented? How does this make the trail system safer? If anything it's now prime for criminals to victimize citizens, especially after sundown. The 2nd amendment is an inalienable right. This is a topic that needs a 2nd look.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:44 AM

The trail and parks are a joke, I'd never let my wife or kids out there at night. I carry so I'm not worried about it. That isn't your fault though, it's political..

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:47 AM

There needs to be a night time patrol of the bike trail that crosses Dickson.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:53 AM

Fayetteville has one of the best police departments in the country!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:53 AM

Most of the incidents that have made me feel unsafe are from men sexually harassing me. I like to go for walks and men pull over and ask me if I want a ride, whistle at me, and make sexual comments. I would like to see FPD take a leadership role in ending sexual harassment so that women feel safer living their lives and going about their business in our community. I really appreciate FPD's efforts to enforce masks and other risk reduction strategies to help keep our community safe in the era of COVID. Please do something about the menacing gangs of trucks that are speeding through town and the congregations of gun toting extremists. These thugs and their guns make our community feel unsafe.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:54 AM

I think showing face in more high crime areas in a positive way. I understand you guys are hindered by the city council in some aspects but most citizens would rather see real criminals go to jail instead of face mask calls and wasting extra manpower on entertainment district for mask enforcement.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:59 AM

The mask mandate is ridiculous and absolutely has no business being "policed" by the police. Go take care of rapists, murderers and thieves.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:08 AM

Too many officers in poor neighborhoods

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:11 AM

I don't want officers to feel that their hands are tied because of all this anti police stuff going on. Let them do their jobs as they were trained to do

Anonymous

More lighting and emergency buttons

9/14/2020 10:16 AM

Anonymous

Again, I would feel much safer if the mayor and city council were in jail.

9/14/2020 10:20 AM

Anonymous

I would like to see homelessness services to continue to be supported (like 7Hills) with minimal police interaction.

9/14/2020 10:27 AM

Anonymous

Get that new station built and protect our officer's safety! I feel that officer safety is of paramount importance in light of the war being waged against law enforcement.

9/14/2020 10:28 AM

Anonymous

Defund the police and redirect that money to help the growing homeless population.

9/14/2020 10:33 AM

Anonymous

If you want people to respect police and community policing as a safety metric, ditch the authoritarianism and actually value what you are charged to do, SERVE and PROTECT.

9/14/2020 10:43 AM

Anonymous

I would prefer to see the department patrol the stonebridge neighborhood more especially by the bridge. Cars speed so fast and it's scary to walk over there to access the public park. Police are rarely in the neighborhood and usually are leaving parking violations rather than citing speeders and reckless drivers. I feel like our neighborhood is often forgotten in terms of patrolling. I feel somewhat safe in my own neighborhood, but recently we have had some strange encounters with people who seem to wander around by the various lakes and I'd feel safer if police patrolled the area more. There are lots of children in the neighborhood.

9/14/2020 10:45 AM

Anonymous

I think the PD is doing the very best they can! We need more officers!

9/14/2020 10:51 AM

Anonymous

The safety feeling depends wholly on how many people are out. I am opposed to the lines outside the bars on Dickson during the pandemic. I was out this Saturday night at WAC - I saw no police presence on Dickson, and I believe there should have been. The student population does not monitor themselves well.

9/14/2020 10:53 AM

Anonymous

I feel safe when officers are NOT present. When they are present they antagonize and provoke behavior.

9/14/2020 10:58 AM

Anonymous

More patrols near the low income housing. The Sang Ave. area near Asbell School has a lot of questionable looking people walking the neighborhood. Several that are obviously high on something.

9/14/2020 11:11 AM

Anonymous

Don't hire anyone who has been fired from other police depts for bad behavior. Don't protect officers from their own unlawful behavior.

9/14/2020 11:13 AM

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:14 AM

Communicate to our young people, possible in schools, how to stay safe during interactions with you. What they should and shouldn't do to not escalate volatile and tense interactions. I believe for the safety of all your department needs to be a part of the conversation.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:15 AM

I don't go out much at night unless I'm armed. The police can't be everywhere.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:17 AM

When a citizen contacts the department multiple times about the same blocked sidewalk the police department should ticket/tow the vehicle instead of writing off pedestrian safety as a non-issue. At minimum the police officer should speak directly to the property owner/renter whose vehicle is blocking the sidewalk. A safe sidewalk and my life is more important than the convenience of parking on a sidewalk.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:20 AM

I think the Fayetteville PD should have a program where families who are going out of town could call the FPD and see if they could watch after their come while they're gone. The Bella Vista PD has a program like this and I wish Fayetteville did. It would give families a peace of mind

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:22 AM

More security on Dickson Street. More patrols through N Garland Ave neighborhoods.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:24 AM

just clarifying I listen to too much true crime stories to feel safe on a path at night anywhere

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:25 AM

I'm so proud of the job our PD does. Thanks!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:26 AM

Please keep up the good work. I know you sacrifice a lot for us all.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:30 AM

Meth has become an epidemic in our area. I am shocked to hear the city council has decided to defund the drug task force. They provide an extra level of needed, protection, investigation and arrests that frankly I do not believe our regular police could possibly have the time or man power to accomplish.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:31 AM

I think our town is pretty safe, for as big as it is and as many students as we have.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:40 AM

City Council is the issue. I am concerned with them not building the new or upgraded PD. I am concerned about them not voting in the positions of the new SRO. I am also concerned with the chief's concern for public protection. I don't think this chief will back his officer's and I feel like Fayetteville left officers completely unsafe in the BLM protest.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:05 PM

I do love having dinner at the entertainment district and feel very safe

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:09 PM

Install a mental health task force staffed with social workers, nurses. Need more response than just police

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:25 PM

FPD should focus less on random patrol and arguing with citizens about why more SRO's are necessary and spend more time in efforts that are likely to increase trust and legitimacy. Stop hiding behind the concept that Fayetteville is different or exceptional and start addressing citizen concerns. A good place to look is they report of the Presidential Committee on the Status of Policing in the 21st Century

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:35 PM

The new police department needs to be built for better security for our officers.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:50 PM

More trail patrols

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:52 PM

I think panhandlers make negotiating intersections a bit unsafe. These are probably private property issues, but I'm concerned about being approached by people in the larger parking lots, day or night. These people seem to come out of nowhere. I don't ever shop at night anymore because of that. My teenage granddaughter had a situation in which she was approached by 4 men with a car with an open trunk in the Mall Ave parking lot. Something about perfume? They didn't want to take "no" for an answer. Luckily my daughter rescued her when she pulled up to pick her up. Just creepy. The Motel 6 on College seems to be a haven for less than savory characters, who sometimes walk our neighborhood.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:57 PM

Please have more cops out patrolling the trails. It's so comforting as a female using the trails mostly by herself to see them out. There has been less homeless activity since clearing many of the trailside brush areas out in SoFay, but police presence is still nice.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:02 PM

I feel the FPD does an upstanding job for the people of Fayetteville and with the city council would quit following the wolves in sheep's clothing regarding things that are not even happening in our city. They are a typical blue city causing hate and discontent for no other reason but to start problems for the FPD and the citizens of the city.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:06 PM

You can always see a officer patrolling anytime from anywhere. It help deter crime & is a nice reminder

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:12 PM

I'm a little surprised I haven't heard about more of these thieves breaking into folks' cars getting caught, particularly since some areas have continuously been hit and they've even been caught on camera from time to time. Overall I feel pretty safe in our town aside from listening intently to my cul-de-sac at night for such behavior. I also am afraid to use the trails at night, so I simply don't - but I'm not sure how much more could be done about that besides

	more lighting and patrols, perhaps.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 01:23 PM	I live in farmington so I don't know much on the entertainment or trail system sorry
Anonymous 9/14/2020 01:34 PM	BUILD YOUR NEW POLICE STATION! Please! Rogers, Bentonville, and Arkansas State Police have updated theirs. None of them are in the main hub area. POLICE OFFICER SAFETY!
Anonymous 9/14/2020 01:49 PM	The trail system in south fayetteville is not a safe place during the day or night due to the homeless population.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 01:55 PM	In the places I live and work and hang, I feel safe, although I wouldn't go out by myself simply because I am a female. I know my friends of color and friends living in poverty do not feel the same level of safety as I do.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 02:00 PM	Keep up the good work!
Anonymous 9/14/2020 02:08 PM	N/A
Anonymous 9/14/2020 02:30 PM	I hate seeing the station moving out of downtown, but I understand that they need a new building and more room and better facilities, like a gun range. The officers are awesome.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 02:43 PM	I am 88 years old and handicapped. Live alone. Have had problems with students harassing and bullying in my neighborhood. Unable to obtain prompt help.....
Anonymous 9/14/2020 03:17 PM	Our PD does a great job.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 03:23 PM	Trail system needs better lighting for evening security.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 03:25 PM	Operate as usual and don't be intimidated to change policy that could be deemed unnecessary
Anonymous 9/14/2020 03:27 PM	I trust our police admin to make appropriate recommendations for our community safety. I don't feel like I am in a position to offer better ideas.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 03:51 PM	I am a female with a newborn baby so I generally feel unsafe outside. Not much our officers can do about that. Keep up the good work.
Anonymous 9/14/2020 04:26 PM	The city has put a lot of money in parks and trails. However they have not provided adequate police coverage for these projects

Anonymous

9/14/2020 04:48 PM

I think the city of Fayetteville invited issues by declaring, with no verified research, that racism was a public health emergency. They have validated racist groups believes they are discriminated against systemically when they can offer no description of a policy, law, or actions that are racist.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 04:56 PM

In today's world and the many crimes you here about it's time we look at the needs of our community and equip or Police force!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:04 PM

More street lights.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:09 PM

We need serious patrol on the trails. Too much goes on there that isn't addressed or taken care of.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:27 PM

I've seen the state numbers and we are under staffed. Even with that being the case, the city is very secure with the officers we have but it can be better if the funds were made available for more officers. The new police station is a must in the center of the city.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:27 PM

I am a single woman who lives in the condos just off of the Western I-49 access road near the MLK exit. The MLK exit and the nearby strip mall has become a congregation spot for the homeless. Many seem to be under the influence of illicit narcotics.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:53 PM

More officers hired.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:02 PM

I would like more police presence in my neighborhood for speeding cars

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:11 PM

Some bike cops out towards Kessler would be nice. I've never had a problem with the homeless camp but it makes me nervous at night riding through there.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:11 PM

I do not feel safe at night because people have been seen on cameras creeping vehicles and I need to be able to exercise early in morning.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:26 PM

More funding for more vehicles and more officers. Particularly at night time to better cover the city

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:39 PM

I feel relatively safe right now honestly. But if we let what's happening in other cities in the nation happen in our city I won't feel safe. Because in other cities the police have had to basically stand down because they have no support.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:40 PM

The city should not have motorcycle FPD officers on the trail system.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:12 PM

No issues here.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:46 PM

I would like to jog the trails after dark but I don't feel comfortable doing that alone.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:49 PM

Keep up the great work!!!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:46 PM

I'm proud of our PD! Way better than the Bentonville PD. Thankful and proud to be a Fayetteville resident.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:54 PM

Trails need improved lighting and unarmed patrol.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:00 PM

I feel there could be more monitoring of the trails due to the increase number of the homeless population. And as a female not feeling safe alone with men possibly being on the trails.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:08 PM

The Dickson St Officers are so kind and do so well!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:13 PM

The Officers provide a high level of safety and security throughout the city. My main concern is THEIR safety. Is the city providing ALL the Officers need to ensure their safety? Currently, Officers park in an open area at the PD which potentially puts them in harms way going to and from the department. Very concerning!!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:45 PM

Patrol Troublesome areas more often. You have done a good job in our community and you are VERY MUCH APPRECIATED 🍷 Thank You So Much for Your Service 🍷

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:53 PM

Security issues that arise from ignoring community public health issues are not going to be solved by more police.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:11 PM

Overall, in my experiences, Fayetteville is a fairly safe place. The only terrifying experience I have had here was at the hands of police.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:40 PM

I am confident our city is safe and secure.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:15 PM

I love police! Thank you for putting your lives on the line to keep us safe every day & night

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:31 PM

Replace Mayor Jordan

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:32 PM

Bring the DTF and STOs

Anonymous

9/15/2020 12:07 AM

I feel the overall security of Fayetteville is not an issue with the FPD, but more of an issue with the population following the anti-police rhetoric looking to fuel controversy.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 03:32 AM

When you have former DTF as your communicator, you are representing the lies and scandals you forced onto people in order to make a case. Just like the previous chief of police that was oh so mysteriously retired within hours of his part in bullying the public was revealed. Now what about the rest of you crooks he left behind? You will all have your minute of shame coming up sooner than later

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:06 AM

Strictly control homeless population on trail system; enforce public sanitation and health hazards; threats from people living/squatting/congregating/urinating/defecating on trails und under bridges

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:26 AM

There is a big leap between 'I feel safe' and 'I do not feel safe' in between there is also a degree of heightened awareness and cautious behavior. The trail system at night, with less people around, would make me a little more anxious. But I am not sure that I could reasonably say I do not feel safe or feel that I would not be safe.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:46 AM

Though I feel safe most times in Fayetteville, the only time I don't feel safe is around 15th and school due to the number of homeless j-walking and panhandling. Can't fault them, but when they come up to your car, you just get concerned.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:50 AM

We have one of the best police departments... I despise the anti-police sentiments that have become popular. I believe the narrative is stating the opposite of what's true: While in reality, there may be a few bad cops in our nation (who are usually fired/prosecuted)... overall, the system is GOOD. Most cops are good. I'm so tired of constantly hearing that there are a few good cops but it's a bad system. Totally untrue.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 06:13 AM

Increased patrol of neighborhoods Better streamline reporting incidents such as meet ups in parks (obvious drug deals), speeding cars, etc. Reporting to property owners repeat offenders at rentals so problem areas can be addressed

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:38 AM

It wouldn't hurt my feelings to see a bike patrol on the trails at night.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:02 AM

More obvious presence at night

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:00 AM

Thank you for being there and be safe and blessed!

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:14 AM

The focus of our security efforts should be on making sure everyone has enough. Food security, housing security, work security.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:37 AM

My safety concerns are more related to the overall state of the community and our world than it is related to safety due to policing. The trails and city's entertainment district are showing more and more visibility of homelessness.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 10:47 AM

I really don't have much to say on this. One of the things I love about Fayetteville is that, especially as a former New Yorker, it feels very safe and that the police take our safety seriously.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 10:55 AM

My only concerns come from the fact that our police can't be everywhere. They do the absolute best they can with the staff they have. It's just scary to hear of non-support of our men in blue. That's not going to go anywhere good. I appreciate you all so much for what you do to keep our communities safe.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 11:14 AM

The city has created a big problem by enabling the homeless population. We should spend money on treatment for drug addiction and mental health not on Art Districts and a unneeded library expansion.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 11:36 AM

Concerned with drifters all living under the bridges

Anonymous

9/15/2020 11:49 AM

I really wish the Fayetteville police officers had a safer place for themselves!!

Anonymous

9/15/2020 12:56 PM

Message to city leaders - Please continue to support the police department in all facets not just here and there especially in times of crisis . I am concerned that the minority screams so loudly that they will win out when the majority of us who love and support our police are ignored . I do not want to end up like Portland or Austin

Anonymous

9/15/2020 01:12 PM

I don't feel safe running or walking in the Fayetteville trails by myself. When I do, I usually ask my husband to go with me. I recently received my Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Combatives Belt, and I'm currently training Gracie Jiu- Jitsu Women Empowered to o learn how to defend myself. I would suggest if you could offer free self- defense training for women. Also, add some police officers in the trails in Fayetteville. They could ride their bikes around the trail, especially the mountain bike trails.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 03:33 PM

We need more security on the trails. They're super scary at night.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 04:05 PM

We need more officers driving around at night.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:44 PM

Crack down on homeless that make our city look bad

Anonymous

9/15/2020 06:25 PM

I think the last couple weeks we have seen increased crime and we have always felt safe here but now not as much. Vehicle theft and break ins seem to be occurring more often

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:37 PM

I am completely confident in the police department - it's the behavior of other citizens that concern me.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:44 PM

I worry about the police. How tensions escalate when they arrive.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:44 PM

Wish there was a way to call about mental health situations and know that the response would be from an unarmed responder that would connect people w resources needed. The city of Denver has a STAR response team that does this

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:26 PM

More patrols are needed

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:34 PM

I feel safe when I am aware that police are patrolling areas and have stations around Fayetteville to allow them to have great response time. The vandalizing and car fires make me feel unsafe but having the Fayetteville Police Department as a reliable source for dangerous situations helps me feel more at ease. I believe if we increase police traffic, the crimes would be stopped in the act. I support funding the Fayetteville Police Department for any outside resources or technology they need to purchase to keep Fayetteville safe for families, students, trail users, etc.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:04 PM

I would like to see police and/or other appropriate civil agents respond to non-violent calls with out firearms equipped.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:21 PM

More lighting on lots of streets, safer and more secure police station.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 10:27 PM

The homeless need way more support. We have an incredible meth problem too. Desperation brings crime, and so does METH PSYCHOSIS.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 12:47 AM

SROs are very important to fight for. More critical is the new police facility that will provide basic safety for officers. What we have now on Rock St. makes them sitting ducks, as we have unfortunately discovered.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 03:15 AM

The only security we need to improve on is from the radical democrats and the destruction they want of law and order. They need to leave law and order up to the professionals and allow the new precinct to be built.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 07:29 AM

More light posts!!

Anonymous

Other than dogs off of their leash when I am walking, and loud neighbors, I

9/16/2020 08:01 AM

feel safe in my neighborhood.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 10:29 AM

I work in Fayetteville daily. I feel reasonably safe in the places I choose to go. However, there are areas that I avoid even driving through after dark if I am alone or with my children. Parking near the square to see the Christmas lights would have been uncomfortable if i had been the only adult. Many of the streets were not lit.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 11:35 AM

The homeless population is very aggressive on the trails on on Dickson. They worry a lot of people

Anonymous

9/16/2020 02:09 PM

Only reason I would not feel save is your city council putting a hot line in to report on people not wearing a mask. The police have enough to do with out something like that to waste their time. Those folks are scary that want to report on you. So I try to go around Fayetteville but police have always been there to help and if your council will let you work all would be good

Anonymous

9/16/2020 05:32 PM

More officers.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 08:48 PM

I'm concerned about the recent vehicle fires and I'm concerned about a lack of safety and crime ramping up as the election nears.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 08:59 PM

The only area I worry about is the south side of town where sometimes the homeless get agitated .. especially by the batting cages and park.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 09:28 PM

Crack down on these delinquent college kids.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 10:53 PM

Pressure the U of A to ban undergraduate personal vehicles.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 11:02 PM

Overall I feel safe during the day but a little on edge at night. We have had many items stolen in the last year in Fayetteville so that plays a role.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 04:17 AM

I fully support the Fayetteville Police Department. I would like to see more police patrolling Old Wire and Gulley Park between 5:00 a.m and daylight. Thank you for your service.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 05:41 AM

Anytime there is a "preventable" violent incident downtown it usually involves drunken college kids. If we are going to keep begging these kids to come here we need to keep them in line

Anonymous

9/17/2020 05:44 AM

We need more crisis intervention, trail system workers, social workers, we need mediums that actually want to help people

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:33 AM

I live in a nice neighborhood. I think I'd feel less safe in certain areas of town.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:51 AM

Some friends of mine have been attacked on the trail along with many other people. The trail needs to be safe at night.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:58 AM

Better lighting in entertainment district. West street to Maple to be specific. Because parking not always easy to find other streets around Dickson need better lighting as well.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 10:06 AM

I think the bike cops and added presence in the entertainment district and on the trails do a great job helping our citizens feel safe. Especially when they are friendly with the public who are using those spaces appropriately, and I think for them most part they are!

Anonymous

9/17/2020 10:23 AM

I haven't seen an officer riding around the trails and it may be advantageous to patrol the area.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 10:45 AM

Love the police! Don't break laws and there won't be problems.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 10:53 AM

I don't feel safe with the dangerous views of that of our mayor and city council. Having lived in Fayetteville for 20 years I have seen it taking a turn for the worse. Seeing the results of these views and policies in other cities such as Portland, Seattle, Chicago, NYC, etc. concerns me for here. It seems like Fayetteville has been going down the same path. I love some of the pet projects that our city council has put forward, but they are just that pet projects that do nothing to improve safety in the area. I am for sure very upset that they are stonewalling the building of the new police station, Councilman Smith's attempt to get the building cancelled, along with all of the political games being played. The actions of the city council/mayor are making me question my decision to buy a house here.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 11:06 AM

One thing about safety in Fayetteville is the speeds of drivers nearby schools. Although I do see officers stationed at Owl Creek school after school sometimes, I wish it was every day. I've been a parent at Owl Creek School for ten years. Since Ruppel extension has opened, the traffic has increased. It's like a darn raceway between mlk and persimmon. Normally hundreds of kids are walking to the Boys and Girls Club everyday after school from OC school. Traffic is just zooming by and parents are honestly the worst about that sometimes.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 11:19 AM

building two additional police stations in this political climate is tone deaf af. Yall are the arm of a fascist state who terrorize their own citizens.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 11:41 AM

none

Anonymous

9/17/2020 12:07 PM

FPD does a good job regarding response and balancing patrol/harassment of college students.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 12:11 PM

I've never used trails so cannot answer I live out of city limits but feel safe all over town day & night but am concerned with the newest reports of graffiti & car fires & occasional shootings I want this town to stay safe & nice not turn into Minneapolis

Anonymous

9/17/2020 01:24 PM

For safety in heavily pedestrian trafficked areas such as Dickson, illuminated-when-in-use crosswalk would greatly improve safety (although this is maybe a city rather than PD matter).

Anonymous

9/17/2020 02:03 PM

I don't think it's a good idea to convince young people that instead of "ruining" their lives w trivial drug charges that working as a snitch is ethical behavior and a good solution. Bad practice. Education and community support is a better approach.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:26 PM

Not wearing a mask is constitutionally protected and should not be enforced by police.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:28 PM

Get rid of mask hotline. Cops have better things to do and emergency's to deal with.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:37 PM

Fayetteville is going down hill fast. There has been an increase in shootings and crime. Taking SROs out of the school and defunding the DTF is not the answer.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:53 PM

The city should reallocate funds and certain responsibilities such as mental health checks and nonviolent drug offenses away from police and towards more appropriate professionals. The city's police officers should live in the neighborhoods they patrol.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:55 PM

I would not use the trails at night due to feeling unsafe.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 07:58 PM

I would love to see more routine patrolling on the trails - if I knew there would be a cop passing by every 15-30 min that would really help

Anonymous

9/17/2020 07:58 PM

The officers I've dealt with have generally been dismissive or been able to help or even followed up after reports.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 08:10 PM

I would like to see more of cop on the beat program set up. That way police can get to know the communities they patrol. I feel that always being in a vehicle can lead to an atmosphere of isolation on the officer's part.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 08:13 PM

Police department does great. It's not them that is an issue, it's more of disrespectful people

Anonymous

9/17/2020 08:37 PM

Police department is great. City politicians are going to ruin it

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:15 PM

None

Anonymous

9/18/2020 05:48 AM

As unemployment rises, so will crime. It is inevitable.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 06:43 AM

leave the homeless drunks somewhat alone and deal with bigger issues

Anonymous

9/18/2020 06:49 AM

I submitted a survey earlier complaining about the response to wrong doing. Prime example is our local jeweler that swaps out customers good diamonds for lesser quality ones and take in jewelry for repair which is never returned to the owner because Pete sold it and used the money for his personal use. Everyone in town that has lived here for any length of time is aware of Pete's doings and questions why nothing has been done. If Pete McBee's actions are not being addressed. I wonder how many other similar situations of non response are on file.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 07:22 AM

We need to help the homeless to feel more secure and safe. They need a free locker somewhere to store things like their ID, important documents, etc. We need City trashcans near homeless camps. They need clean water and bathrooms available. We need counselors who work for the police department who are trained to work with mentally ill people.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 07:29 AM

The city needs to change the panhandling rules. That is the largest source of unnecessary health and safety risks.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 07:52 AM

Retract the defunding of our police department.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:16 AM

Actually try to find and prosecute white supremacists that are vandalizing our city and threatening our citizens.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:20 AM

Again just increased security in the rich neighborhoods as well because it is not fair that the low income neighborhoods are so over policed.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:28 AM

The trail system is probably fine but as a senior female, I don't feel comfortable being on the trails alone.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 09:41 AM

Speed limit is 25 mph on East Oaks! Cars and trucks fly down it 60 mph. Kids getting on the bus! We need a speed bump across from apartments on south end of East Oaks. Car fires have me especially concerned!

Anonymous

9/18/2020 10:05 AM

Don't let what's happening in other communities the destruction of property and business prevail in our area.

Anonymous

I hAVEN'T

9/18/2020 10:09 AM

Anonymous

I love living in Fayetteville, and I think the police do a good job here.

9/18/2020 10:10 AM

Anonymous

Treat us like we are equal to you. We aren't all criminals. No one in your dept. is better than non employees

9/18/2020 10:45 AM

Anonymous

I walk the trail at Lake Fayetteville nearly daily, and rarely see police presence. I would like to see more officers in the area if possible.

9/18/2020 11:00 AM

Anonymous

I do not feel safe with these kind of officers. It seems to be a group of rogue officers on the loose and nobody can do nothing but grieve and go through life paying fines and being extorted. This is not a lifestyle that can be forced onto human lives.

9/18/2020 11:11 AM

Anonymous

We must enforce social distancing and mandatory mask wearing.

9/18/2020 11:48 AM

Anonymous

If funding is available start a human trafficking unit or cold case division.

9/18/2020 02:33 PM

Anonymous

Nothing I write here will change anything y'all stand for. That's apparently all decided by our socialist clown of a mayor.

9/18/2020 09:14 PM

Anonymous

Have police walk or bike the trails. I've noticed they tend to drive police cruisers and large buggies on it when patrolling. I find that disconcerting unless there is an actual emergency in which they need to bring a patrol vehicle onto the green way.

9/19/2020 06:19 AM

Anonymous

My biggest concern is with the Washington county sheriff's department.

9/19/2020 06:38 AM

Anonymous

I would like to see people stopped for running red lights. This is the only place I've been where a light turns green and you have to wait for 2 or 3 cars running the red before you can go.

9/19/2020 11:37 AM

Anonymous

I think they should have a separate traffic division, then the other branch would be free to concentrate on security and crime

9/19/2020 12:23 PM

Anonymous

Our City has lots more riff raff and troublemakers than we used to have decades ago. FPD is doing a good job to manage an influx of growth while maintaining safety. Thank you to ALL at FPD!

9/19/2020 12:35 PM

Anonymous

it would be nice if the police would wave and get to know the people in the area that they are patrolling.

9/19/2020 01:16 PM

Anonymous

9/19/2020 01:46 PM

I believe in the policeman and women in all our county's needs respect and who cares if they have tattoos on them Its their body .not ours

Anonymous

9/19/2020 07:45 PM

Keep funding the department.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 08:29 PM

Until we get a new Mayor and a new group on the city council I'm not sure anything else can be done. We need resource officers in our schools! My kids that live in California say Fayetteville is getting worse than California.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 10:32 PM

Even though my neighborhood has seen an increase in crime. These include a shooting and vandalism in an apartment complex 2 blocks away I still feel safe walking in the day and early evening. I feel safe even when door is unlocked to my home. I personally know several police officers. I am thankful they have chosen their profession. These are polite , courteous, brave young men whom I don't doubt would not hesitate to protect me and my family. This is why I feel safe in my neighborhood. Our police department needs more funding not less. The refusal of Federal Grant money for additional resource offices by our city council was a grave mistake. Our children need protection at school. These officers are great role models for students. The difference is their life is a positive one. Many people like me are upset with this decision and will make our voices heard in November. The silent majority is larger than it appears to be. The duty of the City Council is to make decisions based on the public's best interest and safety. Also, when a community voices their concerns the city council should listen . An increase for the police department was voted on and approved. Does this sound like we want less funding? No. Also, I have heard new designs being proposed for the police department will be taking away space our officers need for other projects. This is not acceptable . Our officers should be fully supported by our city council and mayor. If they can't do that they should not be in office. Our police department has an excellent reputation and should not be punished by politics being displayed in large cities in regard to their police departments. NO defunding of any police department needs to be done. I know without a doubt if I was in trouble and called police they would come. Not 3 hours later but in a very timely manner. The situation would be handled as safely as possible and in a professional manner. I have only respect for the Fayetteville Police Department.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 04:42 AM

I am a tall white man. Everyone else may not feel as safe as I do.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 04:49 AM

Keep up the good work, we the people support you and thank you for your service. I back the Blue.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 11:21 AM

Ban assault and handguns in the city.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 06:13 AM

Don't forget about the people that live out west.....!

Anonymous

9/21/2020 08:52 AM

Expand and maintain trail lighting. Identify and address less secure, potential "ambush areas.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:09 PM

n/a

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:12 PM

I do think that more lighting on the streets would help me to feel safer. I live off of Maple and Dickson which I know is a spot that some creeps go to harass women. More lighting may discourage them because we could see them better.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:12 PM

Need cops walking around dickson, there are frequent fights and degenerate people.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:13 PM

Its been going downhill for quite some time.. more rapes, crimes, etc YOU NEED to observe wedington more I rarely see cops when 90% of the crimes are occurring over here.

Anonymous

9/22/2020 08:19 PM

People speed on every major road. Wedington is like a nascar race. Most cars averaging 10-15 mph above the limit. Crossover road as well as N College and Joyce. I never see speed patrol in Fayetteville. Our police are wonderful and supportive, but speeding is just how it is in Fayetteville these days.

Anonymous

9/23/2020 06:00 PM

When fpd officers are present I feel less safe. They antagonize and instigate conflict.

Anonymous

9/23/2020 09:28 PM

Felt safe in entertainment district at night, unless very late and on side streets. Downtown square is way too dark! Can hardly see..not a good nitetime environment at all! Can hardly see even what businesses are there in dark..why go there if like that?

Anonymous

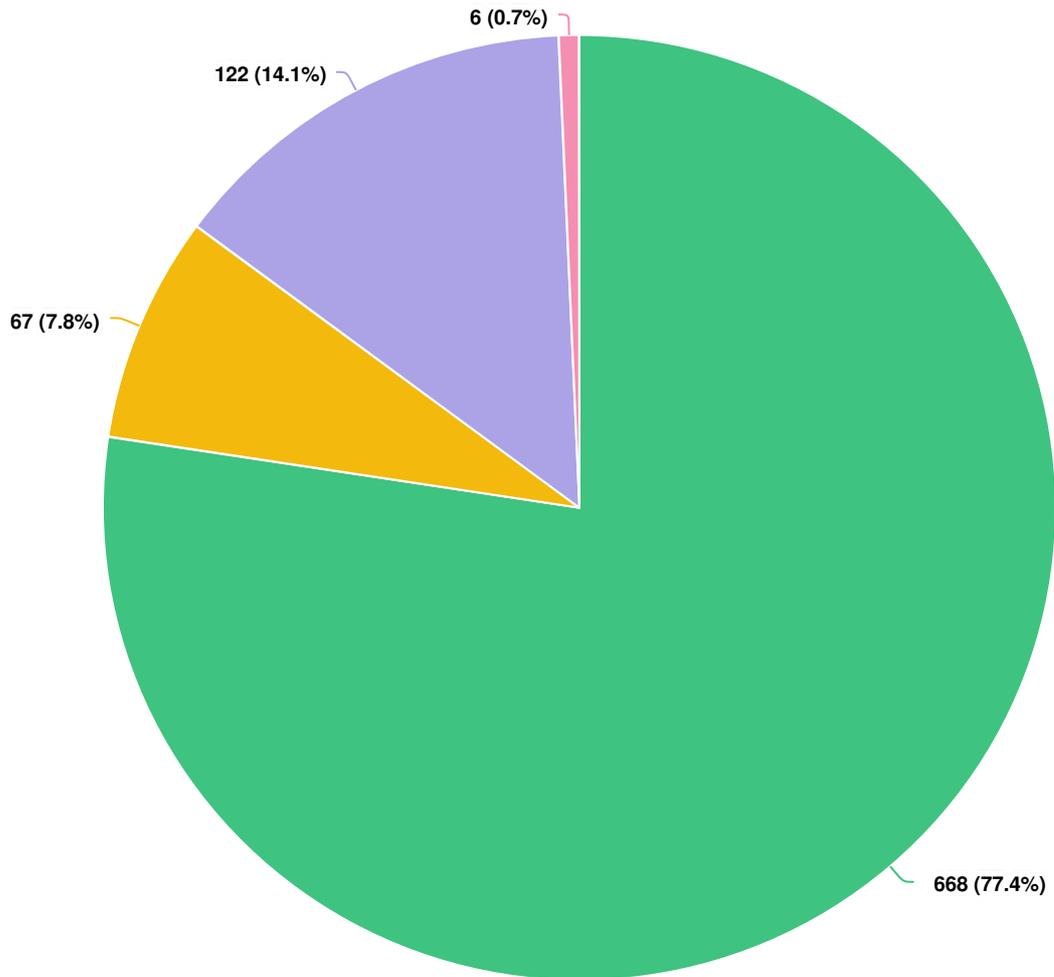
9/23/2020 10:23 PM

More cops on trails

Optional question (260 response(s), 605 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q20 | Should Fayetteville Police Department officers be allowed to expose approved tattoos on their arms while on duty?

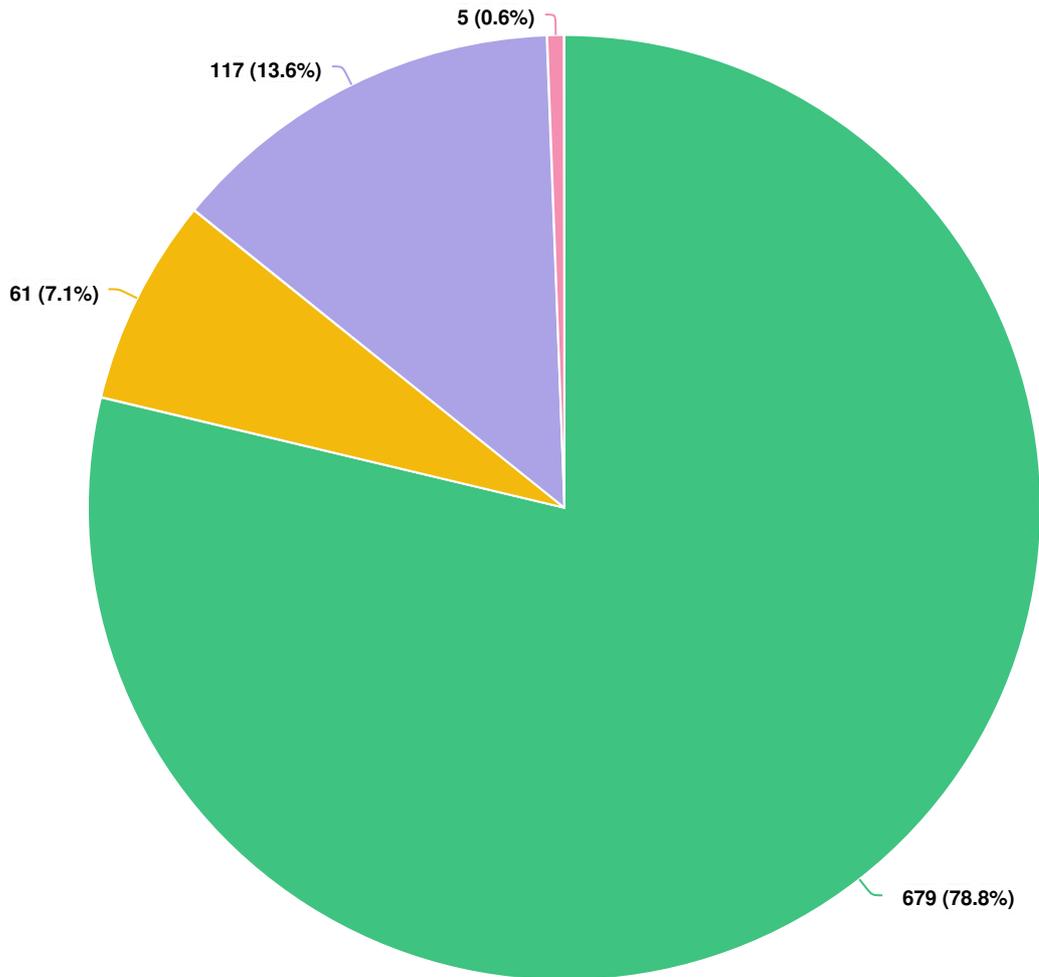


Question options

- Yes
- No
- No opinion
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (863 response(s), 2 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q21 | Should Fayetteville Police Department non-uniformed personnel be allowed to expose approved tattoos while on duty?

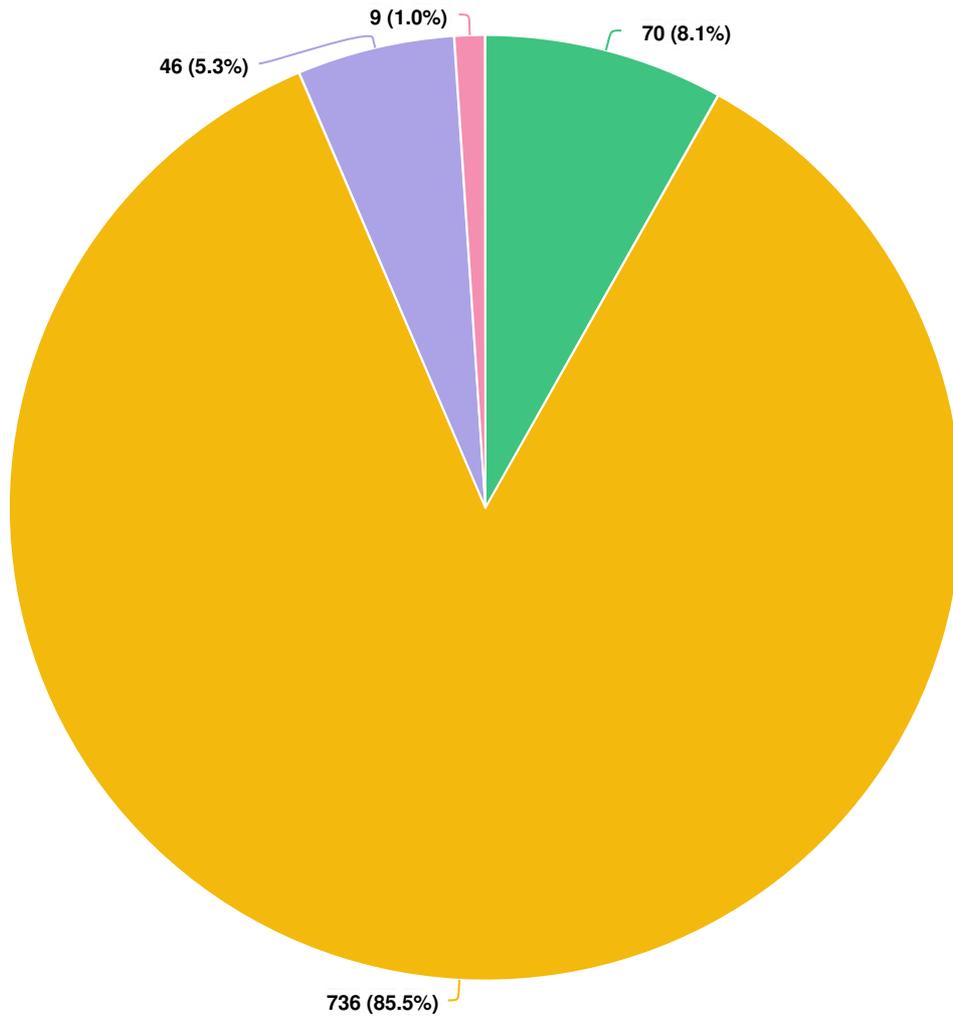


Question options

- Yes
- No
- No opinion
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (862 response(s), 3 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q22 | Would officers or other employees with exposed tattoos cause you to have a negative view of the Fayetteville Police Department?



Question options

- Yes
- No
- No opinion
- Prefer not to answer

Optional question (861 response(s), 4 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q23 Please use the space below for any additional comments on employees displaying approved tattoos while on duty.

Anonymous
9/14/2020 06:43 AM
I have a few tattoos myself and I do not see a problem at all. My PCP has a half sleeve and he is still an amazing doctor. :)

Anonymous
9/14/2020 06:48 AM
Tattoos have no bearing at all on an individual, their work ethic or abilities to perform work. They should completely be allowed!!

Anonymous
9/14/2020 06:51 AM
Love the tattoos

Anonymous
9/14/2020 06:51 AM
I don't think a tattoo has any impact on how a police officer interacts.

Anonymous
9/14/2020 06:52 AM
As long its not hateful message.. i.e. swastika, death, confed flag, ss etc

Anonymous
9/14/2020 06:53 AM
As long as it's not tattoos of gang affiliation, it doesn't matter

Anonymous
9/14/2020 06:56 AM
Just because someone has a tat does no harm.

Anonymous
9/14/2020 06:58 AM
I have tattoos, and having tattoos has never made me perform any less at my job. I think tattoos are a way of expression and art.

Anonymous
9/14/2020 06:59 AM
Unless the Tattoo is meant to be insensitive and cause issue it should not be an issue

Anonymous
9/14/2020 07:01 AM
I dont care for them but think they are fine. Summertimes are hot. They need to wear short sleeves.

Anonymous
9/14/2020 07:01 AM
Tattoos show personality and allow better humanization of the badge.

Anonymous
9/14/2020 07:02 AM
Tattoos are a piece of the person and it allows to see that they are real people.

Anonymous
9/14/2020 07:04 AM
Would probably be viewed more negatively the more tattoos that were showing, eg small and discreet vs covering much of exposed skin area

Anonymous
This is an out-dated policy, in my opinion. While I do not like tattoos for

9/14/2020 07:07 AM

myself, I see nothing wrong with anyone else having one. Seems like an old-fashioned policy that could use some adjusting to fit modern times.

Anonymous

I feel Fine with approved tattoos.

9/14/2020 07:07 AM

Anonymous

Tattoos should not have an impact on how an officer works or does their job. I think Fayetteville PD is doing a great job.

9/14/2020 07:09 AM

Anonymous

I don't feel that tattoos which have been approved would reflect anything about the quality of a job an officer or employee would do.

9/14/2020 07:09 AM

Anonymous

Tattoos would non change my perception of a police officer's professionalism or capabilities.

9/14/2020 07:11 AM

Anonymous

It's 2020 we have more to worry about than if the officer has tattoos.

9/14/2020 07:12 AM

Anonymous

As a person who has tattoos myself, I feel that it shouldn't matter if their artwork is visible or not. To an individual or as myself, I feel that they tell a story or gives a sense of who the person is. There will always be someone who has a different opinion but that's their right as a person.

9/14/2020 07:13 AM

Anonymous

A tattoo does not define your ability to perform your job.

9/14/2020 07:15 AM

Anonymous

I don't believe that a tattoo has any bearing on whether or not a police officer, or anyone for that matter, is professional and can adequately do their job. I'm more concerned whether or not that person has adequate training and support that they need to fulfill their duties.

9/14/2020 07:16 AM

Anonymous

The fact that this is still an issue with your department is embarrassing. Officers risk their lives every day for citizens and yet you want to criticize them for a form of expression. Fayetteville is the most liberal city in NWA and yet for some reason officers who have tattoos must be held to higher standard or dress code than others. Obviously if their tattoos are racist or crude they would still need to be covered up but you probably should not have hired them in the first place.

9/14/2020 07:16 AM

Anonymous

All I care about is integrity and don't care if an officer has a tattoo.

9/14/2020 07:17 AM

Anonymous

This is a non issue.

9/14/2020 07:17 AM

Anonymous

Let them grow facial hair too. These policies are outdated and make the department seem like they want to be paramilitary.

9/14/2020 07:20 AM

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:21 AM

My mom is a police officer in Little Rock. I've seen many departments miss out on excellent officers because of tattoo policies. We should be more concerned over character than physical appearance.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:21 AM

As long as the tattoos aren't threatening, vulgar, or hateful, no concerns. :)

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:21 AM

Tattoos are quite common in society, and they shouldn't be a big concern.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:23 AM

Doesn't look professional

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:25 AM

I have no problem with tattoos at all!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:25 AM

Don't have any issue with this topic.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:26 AM

I don't like tattoos

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:27 AM

unless, of course, they are codes or images from white supremacist groups, etc... then: no.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:28 AM

Tattoos do not offend me. In fact, if I could ever decide where to place a dog paw I would already have one as well.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:29 AM

Tattoos are so common these days. I think this is wonderful!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:31 AM

I believe the key word is "approved." Some tattoos are actually encouraging especially from a Christian and a patriotic standpoint. I trust that the department administration will keep a tasteful "approved" list on visible tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:32 AM

I do not like when people need to cover up tattoos. I believe in personal expression and as long as tattoos are not hateful I have no issues and find people more relatable when they are free to also be their self.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:37 AM

If you have vetted and properly hired on the front side why now are you worried about physical appearance of a person skin markings I don't like tattoos at all but this survey should also ask how can we assure we properly pay our brave officers! My instead of stupid scooters all over town or bike lanes done properly first time ie rolling hills we will quit letting or driving business to Springdale with stupid no styrofoam or new plastic sack possibly law which is being reversed everywhere it's been implemented we could look

at ways to give our officers better cars equipment etc it's sad we have a Mayor who wants to be Eureka Springs this is Fayetteville Ar heck Johnson Ar even has a Hum V riot squad car we have a Scooter yeah ! Anyway THANKS for letting me blow of steam .. love Fayetteville been here better part of all my life Our Police just need our Support Tks

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:37 AM

While being uniform serves to show unity and solidarity, it is wonderful to see an officer's uniqueness and individuality as well. They can be professional and still show who they are at the same time. It makes them appear as human as they really are.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:38 AM

As long as they are professional and friendly that is all that should matter.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:38 AM

I'm not a fan of tattoos and the image it projects- strictly personal opinion. Officers and other employees with tattoos does not change my view of the department.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:39 AM

As long as they are not racists, promoting something illegal or offensive, I have no issue with it.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:39 AM

Depends on what the tattoo is. Hearts and unicorns are fine, swastikas and religious symbols aren't.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:41 AM

It invites distraction and reactions.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:42 AM

I mean, tattoos are usually really personal, so it shows a human being behind the uniform.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:42 AM

Tattoos on officers would not affect my trust in them or their ability serve and protect.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:42 AM

Let them have beards as well!!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:45 AM

Doesn't bother me a bit.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:47 AM

It all depends on the tattoo doesn't it? We live in such a hyper-sensitive offended time where people don't see our shared humanity.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:47 AM

A lot of cops are ex-military. Those tattoos are fine. Tattoos are very popular with young people and if they want to display I don't care at all.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:48 AM

I hate that we have to decide what tattoos are approved for officers to get as it should be an individual's choice. However, there is also no point in allowing

them to get just any tattoo as many tattoos can be considered controversial. Personally I'm not a fan of tattoos but that's my choice for my body.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:48 AM

Fayetteville should try to minimize the use of non-uniformed personnel.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:48 AM

It helps the citizens of this city feel more at ease and as if they are speaking to someone equal to them by allowing officers to show tattoos and other unique characteristics to that officer's own personality.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:48 AM

Not allowing tattoos to be seen is outdated. This also takes away part of one's identity whether an officer or not. That should be left up to the individual. Not to mention being too close to the line of discriminatory.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:50 AM

Why is this a question? What right does anyone have to judge a police officers tattoo? I'd hate to think my job would do this to me.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:58 AM

The mask hotline is absolutely an overreach. In no universe is it acceptable to have a phone line where you can tattle on other people choosing to not wear a piece of cloth. Sound familiar to you? Maybe the masks should have gold stars on them to bring the metaphor home. You need to stop this ridiculous pandering. Just because the majority think something does not mean it's correct.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:01 AM

I would prefer not to see tattoos on the face and neck. I would be less likely to view that officer as approachable because those face and neck tattoos are kind of scary to me. I think children would view it the same way as well. I know my autistic son does.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:01 AM

As long as the tattoos do not portray a prejudicial view of any group there is nothing inherently wrong.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:02 AM

I dont feel tattoos define a person. I have some myself

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:05 AM

Should be a non issue.. nothing unprofessional about a tattoo, as long as there's no vulgar or offensive subject matter.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:12 AM

I think there are more pressing issues to worry about than if an officer has tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:14 AM

A tattoo has nothing to do with an officers ability to do his job.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:16 AM

Tattoo are now a norm, I have them as a business professional as do many executives I know. Tattoos will only humanize the police more for the younger generations.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 08:22 AM

Anonymous

They're proud of that ink. As long as it isn't vile, it should be allowed.

9/14/2020 08:26 AM

Anonymous

I think this is also relative to what kind of tattoos - I don't have a problem with them but I think this could be seen as a negative with many people & many professional organizations frown on them.

9/14/2020 08:33 AM

Anonymous

I have tattoos of patents from famous inventions on my arm. My brother has a nude lady on his arm. There is going to be gray area but if they aren't dumb, I think you should allow.

9/14/2020 08:34 AM

Anonymous

tattoos are fine

9/14/2020 08:44 AM

Anonymous

Totally fine, people are people and they should be free to express themselves.

9/14/2020 08:46 AM

Anonymous

Tattoos are no longer taboo. I may be slightly biased since I have 5. I think they are an expression of people's attitudes and symbols of loved ones. They also "humanize" officers in a way. Stephen had beautiful tattoos and lots of people loved them. I say let them show!

9/14/2020 08:50 AM

Anonymous

It's 2020 and tattoos are the least of my worries in regards to an officer interaction. I am more interested in the the training they receive and the ability to deal with the situation at hand. I have tattoos myself and I feel it actually makes the officers more relatable. I think that the officers should be able to show tattoos that are not offensive and have facial hair as well as long as it is well groomed and not over grown.

9/14/2020 08:55 AM

Anonymous

It's 2020. If you exclude tattoos you will diminish your pool of qualified candidates.

9/14/2020 08:58 AM

Anonymous

This is a ridiculous issue to have on this survey compared to all the other many serious issues facing our police and city.

9/14/2020 09:23 AM

Anonymous

As long as tattoo's are not supportive of hate groups I don't see an issue. Tattoo's are a very normal thing these days.

9/14/2020 09:24 AM

Anonymous

Unless they are racist or in other ways divisive tats, I have no problem with ink on our officers. Art is a good thing.

9/14/2020 09:24 AM

Anonymous

Take Officer Carr's sleeve for example. That tattoo was magnificent. You should be allowed to show art work off that is that miraculous.

9/14/2020 09:27 AM

Anonymous

Personally, I feel that it could be a start on making people more aware that Officers are just people like the rest of the community. Common points of

9/14/2020 09:33 AM

interest/expression.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:36 AM

It's common now and if I see a tattoo on anyone it's a conversation starting point. They should be able to show them. It gives people a chance to "know" them by artwork.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:40 AM

Tattoos having no bearing on professionalism in 2020. I make no judgements about those who have tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:44 AM

Tattoos do not hinder anybody's ability to do their job well.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:47 AM

As many citizens of Fayetteville have tattoos I feel like it could increase relatability with the community

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:53 AM

They are people just like us. It makes them who they are.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:53 AM

Unless the tattoos depict imagery associated with bias against members of our community, such as racism or sexism, then I support officers creative personal expression. If officers have tattoos that depict bias then they shouldn't be on our police force.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:54 AM

We are progressive in almost every aspect these days some with negative result. Tattoos as long as they are not racial or blatantly disrespectful towards race or religion should absolutely be shown. It honestly, in most situations makes the officers more human so to speak when dealing with the public. We must get away from this robot policing mentality, personalize and relate to the public.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:56 AM

The military allows it why shouldn't the police force. Sometimes that could be used to defuse a situation just because it maybe something they have in common.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:59 AM

Times have changed and tattoos are now commonplace. There is no reason for officers to cover their tattoos unless there is inappropriate images or language.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:59 AM

Only tattoos that disparage God, Country or our community including any BLM related tattoos! And I want to know if the officer coming to my aid is a supporter of BLM as I believe it to be a terrorist organization.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:08 AM

No racist tattoos

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:11 AM

I think approved arm tattoo are fine. Its part of their character and I think they have earned the right to not cover their arms. I vote yes,,let them not have to wear arm coverings.

Anonymous

For question #22, it would have been nice to have an "other" answer option,

9/14/2020 10:16 AM

because my answer is mostly no, but also it depends, because if the tattoo is something hateful or hate-related, then it is absolutely a problem. Apart from that, tattoos are not an issue whatsoever. People and institutions must make a large effort to "get with the times," so I appreciate that Fayetteville PD is doing so in this regard.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:20 AM

Could you possibly get a tattoo of the mayor and city council in a jail cell?

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:27 AM

Tattoos would not make me uncomfortable at all unless they had political connotations, like a "thin blue line" tattoo.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:28 AM

Chief Reynolds is an exemplary leader of an outstanding department that needs the full support of our City leaders and community members. If our City Council can't fully support them, GET OFF the City Council!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:29 AM

It's 2020. Quit acting like it's 1950. Tattoos are a fact of life. Who cares.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:33 AM

It's 2020, tattoos aren't a big deal so long as they're not blatantly racist/offensive. How crazy that you trust a person to carry a gun but somehow think having tattoos could effect work performance.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:36 AM

As long as they're not tattoos of hate speech, no worries!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:41 AM

I know tattoos aren't bad nor are the people who have them. But it just doesn't look professional. However if someone already has tattoos and is now an upstanding police officer, I don't think they should be penalized just for the tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:43 AM

Who gives an actual fuck about tattoos? Show off a thin blue line tattoo or something white supremacist and at least you are letting those that you stop know exactly who you are.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:45 AM

Tattoos are becoming more acceptable. As long as they aren't offensive (rebel flags are going to cause a negative interaction every time), I see no problem with them admitting that they're human and have tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:45 AM

Tattoos do not bother me at all as long as they aren't derogatory in nature.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:46 AM

Tattoos have no bearing whatsoever on whether an officer is able to execute his/her duties efficiently and compassionately; I feel that tattoos do not at all reflect negatively on the individual or the department

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:50 AM

Tattoos are common. Unless they are images related to white supremacy or gangs, I think they are fine.

Anonymous

Unless it is offensive tattoos don't bother me one bit!

9/14/2020 10:51 AM

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:53 AM

Non-inflammatory tattoos would be fine. I would hope the officers in our city support social responsibility and would not display racially charged/violence-provoking tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:58 AM

That's bar you're spending your time on?!? If visible tattoos give the public a negative view of police? How about their entitled behavior and poor treatment of citizens? Mike knows there's guys on the force with ties to alt right groups, and y'all are asking about tattoos. Stupid.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 10:59 AM

It depends on what's in the tattoo. Presumably display of offensive images or messages would still be disallowed.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:05 AM

Police should look like normal people. Tattoos and beards help with that.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:11 AM

I don't personally like tattoos, but as long as they stay don't go crazy with the tattoos it won't cause me to object.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:13 AM

It seems everyone except me has tattoos. I don't care.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:15 AM

N/A

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:17 AM

I have no problem with tattoos as long as they are not in reference to white nationalist, Nazi, or other hate groups. However, anyone with a Dallas Cowboys tattoo should be fired immediately.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:19 AM

The trail system between chestnut apartments and Leverett is super sketchy

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:20 AM

Tattoos have nothing to do with job performance. Worry more about training them in how to respond to mental health situations.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:20 AM

Don't bother me at all

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:22 AM

Not the biggest issue, it just seems less professional though. I've worked at restaurants where they don't allow tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:24 AM

BRING ON THE TATS... normalize that ink, guys, all for it!!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:26 AM

Not a fan of tattoos but they dont reduce the professionalism of an officer.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:28 AM

As long as the tattoos are below the neck.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:30 AM

They would probably be very helpful in plain clothes work.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:31 AM

It depends on the tattoo! Any hate symbols or slogans would not be OK - in fact, any officers associated with any hate groups should NOT be on our force. But aside from that, I think showing non-hateful tattoos would humanize the officers, give a point of common interest between the officer and the public.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:31 AM

If the tattoos have to go through an approval process, I don't see why they can't be shown. I personally am not a fan of them for myself, but I know many who are. If they're approved, I assume they wouldn't be anything bad or hurtful to anyone.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:33 AM

A tattoo is a form of personal expression. The majority of tattoos have special meaning to the person wearing them. If the tattoo meaning is not disrespectful to others then I don't see the harm in it being visible.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:37 AM

Tattoos are becoming more acceptable but I don't like them.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:39 AM

I am more concerned with an employees ability to successfully do their job than I am with their tattoos. While I understand that the interpretation of what is or is not "offensive" can sometimes cloud this topic, there are far more pressing matters that our employees should be focusing on and that's not whether their tattoos are covered or not.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:39 AM

It is not the job of the city to be monitoring tattoos. A no show policy, I believe, is the best policy. What if a tattoo was offensive to one group, but not another. Who is to say which ones can be visible and are appropriate? All tattoos should be covered.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:40 AM

I can't believe you're asking me about tattoos. Ridiculous. As long as a tattoo isn't cuss words or derogatory... it's not your business.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:42 AM

I would actually feel MORE comfortable dealing with an officer who had tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:55 AM

This seems extremely discriminatory to even ask about exposed tattoos. I'm disappointed in the City and the FPD for implying bias against expressive art.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 12:05 PM

Some tattoos are works of art. Beautiful

Anonymous

I think there should be a limit. One tattoo is not alarming but several is.

9/14/2020 12:06 PM

Anonymous

Seems like a non-issue

9/14/2020 12:09 PM

Anonymous

Please take care. It's a very hard time in history to be a police officer. Please be on the right side of history.

9/14/2020 12:18 PM

Anonymous

I think they should be themselves and it does not offend me at all

9/14/2020 12:19 PM

Anonymous

Think it's greAt

9/14/2020 12:24 PM

Anonymous

Tattoos have no bearing at all on my opinions of people. Tattoos do not affect how well people perform their jobs.

9/14/2020 12:24 PM

Anonymous

Tattoos are so mainstream now that this should be a non-issue. It only becomes an issue if the tattoos are not socially acceptable for the circumstances (i.e. nudity) or if the tattoo is derogatory or racist.

9/14/2020 12:25 PM

Anonymous

Tattoos are simply a form of expression. I have no issue with them unless they are symbols of hate (i.e. Nazi symbols, discriminatory words, etc.)

9/14/2020 12:33 PM

Anonymous

I do not know what constitutes "approved, tattoos, but I hold no brief against tattoos in general. My fave has a dragon on her back.

9/14/2020 12:40 PM

Anonymous

Tattoos are a reflection of the individual not of the company it is likely to give a more human view of the police rather than people associating them with robots.

9/14/2020 12:45 PM

Anonymous

How is that stopping them from doing their job? That's just maintaining biases we shouldn't.

9/14/2020 12:50 PM

Anonymous

I know that you cannot get rid of tattoos but they don't need to be exposed

9/14/2020 12:50 PM

Anonymous

I personally don't care for tattoos. But they don't offend me unless the subject matter itself is offensive. I would hate to think that a great officer had to wear a long sleeved uniform on a very hot day, just to cover up tattoos.

9/14/2020 12:52 PM

Anonymous

Tattoos, so long as they aren't offensive (like white power, anti-LGBTQ+ etc) are totally fine to have exposed! You can end up having awesome conversations with people by seeing a tattoo and starting from there. I think tattoos are interesting, though I don't have any myself.

9/14/2020 12:57 PM

Anonymous

To me, unless it's offensive in some way, it just demonstrates that policemen are people too with their own set of interests and self expression.

9/14/2020 12:57 PM

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:02 PM

Question #11: I'm concerned with the fact that the City Council is pulling the strings to jeopardize the department by withholding funding for the new complex that was voted on by the people of Fayetteville

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:06 PM

Tattoo are art, cost a lot, & require long detoration of sitting. If they can go through that who are we to tell them no

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:09 PM

People in general appear more professional without tattoos. The tattoo itself does not bother me.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:12 PM

I think anyone in any profession should be able to display their non-controversial tattoos (short of the artwork being racist, for example). It's 2020, let them show their ink.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:16 PM

Would not think face tattoos would be okay. Arms, no problem. Very prevalent among younger persons who could be really good candidates for police work.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:23 PM

Tatoos are personal. I don't have them but my sons do and there is always a story behind each one so I'm not against it.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:34 PM

The determination of approved tattoos will most likely be a sticky issue in today's society. I feel as long as its not vulgar or political, why not?!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:37 PM

Freedom of speech applies

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:49 PM

Let's join the 21st century and allow officers to have visible tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:52 PM

I'm not a fan of non-uniformed police.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 01:55 PM

I'm curious to know what is considered approved. I would worry about tattoos that might be offensive to people. I admit I probably have a stigma against tattoos when I think about public officials displaying them, but I do want that perception to change.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:00 PM

I do not approve of any tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:02 PM

Since you have not included the approval guidelines, I wouldn't be ok with tattoos related to hate speech. For example - nazi flag/symbol or the confederate flag etc.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:05 PM

Any tattoo with even a whiff of white supremacy/militia should not be on the approved list

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:08 PM

N/A

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:24 PM

Allow their personalities to shine. Makes them more approachable.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:25 PM

It would, of course, depend on the style and number of tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:30 PM

Tattoos are very common today. I don't see any issue with it. Before retirement I was a Sr. Operations VP of a large communications company. In recent years we relaxed the tattoo policy for service techs, as it has become acceptable and common place. I fully support it for Fayetteville City Police officers.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 02:57 PM

Tattoos are a personal preference. As long as they are nit racist, negative, or inappropriate I don't see a problem.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 03:01 PM

They should be allowed to have tattoos. No one should dictate what they do to their body.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 03:23 PM

Tattoos are not as taboo as they used to be. Tattoos have no bearing on job duties. It's just ink unless it exhibits discriminating content.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 03:27 PM

I don't think tattoos should even be a topic of importance.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 03:28 PM

Tattoos are fine as long as they are not racist or hateful.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 03:51 PM

Let them show off their tattoos! Having tattoos does not mean you are not professional. This is 2020. Let them live.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 04:16 PM

I believe that visible tattoos are unprofessional and reflect negatively on those with them.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 04:26 PM

Tattoos have become very popular. However, my view is they do not look professional . This is my overall view not just with law enforcement

Anonymous

9/14/2020 04:40 PM

Feel they should be free to express themselves as long as the tattoos are tasteful and without negative ideals.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 04:56 PM

Police officers protect and serve. We have a wonderful group in Fayetteville!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 04:59 PM

Get over the tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:04 PM

Completely insane

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:09 PM

If tattoos are tasteful then it should be just fine.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:27 PM

Our officer are real people that come from all different background. Some from the military and places that are significant to them where tattoos are very personal. That shouldn't and doesn't play a relevant issue on the high quality job they perform.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:39 PM

I don't care if they are purple and green or if their entire body is covered in tattoos. An trained officer is always appreciated even with tattoos.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 05:45 PM

tattoos can be perceived as a statement from the police so I would caution a,losing tattoos to be visible. They have negative connotations for a number of minority groups who also pay taxes and question the objectivity of police.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:11 PM

Everyone is different! Keep up the good work! Back the Blue!

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:11 PM

If we are going to screen tattoos for acceptability, Fayetteville should ensure that no one bearing symbols of white supremacy, pro-Confederate imagery, or other violent organizations is allowed to display them (they also shouldn't be hired in the first place).

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:17 PM

Tattoos do not effect one's ability to perform their job/duty.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 06:58 PM

As long as the tattoos are not inappropriate (racist, lewd, sexist, etc.) I feel that no person should be required to cover their body art to appease others while they do their job. Tattoos are chosen by the people they are on for all kinds of reasons and may even help open up a conversation between an officer and community member.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:12 PM

I can't believe the tattoo questions are actually real questions being asked.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 07:45 PM

Concerned that our police force should be impartial while in uniform, and typically, tattoos are of values based ideals that may not be held by the citizens the officer is protecting. It should not matter for an officer to have exposed tattoos; however it may deter citizens from requesting support if a tattoo is off-putting or per an opposing viewpoint.

Anonymous

I believe responses to the last few questions would depend on the tattoo. I

9/14/2020 07:46 PM

don't have a problem at all with tattoos unless it was some white supremacy, confederate flag or other racist symbol or words.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:00 PM

I don't have a problem with tattoos as long as they're not obscene.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:08 PM

It's 2020 and artwork on a person's body is no longer considered an indicator of someone's character, intelligence, or deviancy. As long as they are not offensive tattoos, it is time for the Fayetteville Police Department to enter the 21st century with every other department in the NWA area.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:13 PM

My only concern would be for undercover officers. Tattoos may compromise their safety.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:13 PM

It's fine with me.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:45 PM

If a tattoo is clean and could not offend anyone I don't have a problem with an officer having one.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 09:53 PM

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-08-20/lasd-gangs-who-are-the-compton-executioners> <https://abc7.com/lasd-executioners-deputy-gang-sheriff-alex-villanueva-art-gonzalez/6343979/> <https://witnessla.com/new-report-says-la-county-sheriffs-deputy-gangs-promote-a-secretive-violent-us-against-them-police-culture-but-also-points-to-ideas-to-fix-the-50-year-problem/>

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:15 PM

Nearly everyone has tattoos these days, it seems. As long as they're not gang, nudity, or profanity, it seems fine

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:31 PM

Tattoo's are a form of art. As long it's not representing the city in a negative way, who cares.

Anonymous

9/14/2020 11:32 PM

So on base of this questionnaire, if some citizens don't like tattoos are you going to allow officers not to expose them? Good grief Sgt... the majority of Fayetteville citizens have tattoos. So should I feel unsafe around tattooed citizens?

Anonymous

9/15/2020 12:07 AM

I have no concerns with officers having tattoos. They are humans just like the rest of us.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 03:26 AM

If a person is otherwise competent for employment, tasteful ink should not factor in to consideration for a position.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 03:32 AM

If you don't look into these crooks employed but your city than you yourself are cook cops all the way from the mayor down to the community representative. Your department ruins lives of innocent people in order to make a case.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 03:51 AM

My only concern would be the types of tattoos. Racist or hateful tattoos obviously are unacceptable but artistic tattoos I don't see any problem with.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 03:57 AM

As long as the tattoos are of appropriate images (non-sexual, non-violent, non-racist) it doesn't really matter. The person in the uniform is what makes the officer/personnel.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:06 AM

Should be a non-issue

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:14 AM

Tattoos are tricky. Generally it isn't the tattoo but the placement that makes me feel uncomfortable. I personally have no issue with arm tattoos when visible unless they are vulgar or violent in nature. But facial, hand, and neck tattoos give me a negative feel.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:26 AM

It's 2020. Assuming that the tattoo is not derogatory to others or indicative of a support of a position prone to profiling, let them have the tattoos! I.e. indicating white supremacy, racial profiling, or a general disregard for the impact of certain iconic graphics to people of color.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:37 AM

I'm in favor provided the tattoos are not controversial or inflammatory.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:46 AM

As long as they follow the approved tattoo guide set forth by the department, there should be no issue. Again, its the people and the police's attitude that makes the difference.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:50 AM

I'm not familiar with what sort of tattoos would be approved, and what sort would not. Generally, I'm not offended by tattoos. But the obvious problem of controversial symbols, glorification of evil, or depiction of scantily clad "persons with a cervix," (I think it's hilarious that people feel obligated to say things like that now, & I'm being facetious) should probably be covered up.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:51 AM

As long as they're appropriate.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 06:13 AM

Tattoos aren't what they once were. To each his/her own

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:00 AM

Exposed full sleeve arm and leg tattoos should be permitted as long as they aren't inappropriate or offensive to a reasonable individual.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:14 AM

If the tattoos are offensive then yes I do oppose them and yes they would definitely change my view of the department. I think this is a fine line you are crossing with so many people being offended so easily these days.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:38 AM

I think if anything, exposed tattoos could help create a common ground or a place to start a conversation amongst officers and some marginalized citizens who may feel less important, as there is a higher percentage of

citizens who feel like they're in that category that also have tattoos.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:53 AM

I suppose perception of officers with exposed tattoos would be influenced by the nature, quantity, and placement of tattoos.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:02 AM

Their body, their temple

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:14 AM

Tattoos don't bother me unless they are clearly belittling another person. For example, I wouldn't be happy with a confederate flag or swastika on anyone's exposed arm, especially someone in a role of authority. But if it's a flower, name, numbers, whatever they feel is wanted to them, that's up to that person and what they feel they want to express and show on their own bodies.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:11 AM

Wow. It's 2020. As a tattooed person, it's deeply concerning to me that our police department understands that they are judged by their appearances but don't seem to understand the way they judge their community on its appearance. Maybe y'all should be less worried about tattooed officers and more worried about systemic issues surrounding race, gender, and sexuality in your own department.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:37 AM

I have no issues with tattooed officers. They may be conversation starters for folks in the community! Unless, there are tattoos related to something offensive.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 10:09 AM

I don't think visible tattoos portray a professional image.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 10:47 AM

Tattoos are fine unless they express a political, religious, or social position. Personal expressions are fine.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 11:36 AM

I'm x military, tattoos aren't a big deal

Anonymous

9/15/2020 11:55 AM

the tat questions are stupid ...

Anonymous

9/15/2020 12:32 PM

Best police officers in any city I've had interactions with.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 12:56 PM

If anything I would think it would make the police more relatable. Tattoos are not taboo anymore and very socially acceptable

Anonymous

9/15/2020 01:12 PM

I don't have any problems with officers showing their tattoos, as long as it doesn't contain profanities.

Anonymous

I think tats are fine unless they are offensive or something negative that they

9/15/2020 01:23 PM

may have put on before coming a cop

Anonymous

9/15/2020 01:52 PM

I don't care for tattoos but they don't bother me. My brother is a police officer in another state and he has lots of tattoos. He received his first one in the Army and has gotten more as the years have gone by. Each one with a memory of something.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 03:33 PM

I don't think a tattoo is unprofessional. It's something someone put on his/her body and they shouldn't have to cover it up.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 04:05 PM

It doesn't look professional and who moderates what it can say. Tattoos are a symbol of rebellion for some and a symbol of expression for others. Neither are qualities we need to see from our police officers. The purpose of a uniform is uniformity. Visible tattoos are counter to that. Plus it's a slippery slope. What's next, neck and face. No tats please.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 05:44 PM

No issues with tattoos

Anonymous

9/15/2020 06:25 PM

We care about our safety and protection of our property. We do not care about tattoos and we appreciate the Fayetteville Police Dept.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:44 PM

So petty. Shame on you for letting this issue into serious conversations about community safety and police effectiveness. Stop hating poor people.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:44 PM

As long as tattoos are not violent, sexual, scary, hate group related, etc, I'm ok w it

Anonymous

9/15/2020 07:55 PM

It's ok to show tattoo as long as they aren't evil or sexual content

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:26 PM

There is nothing wrong with exposing tattoos that are not offensive in nature

Anonymous

9/15/2020 08:34 PM

If the tattoos are appropriate and have been approved by the Fayetteville Police Department they do not have any negative feedback from my family. Tattoos are considered art and should be allowed to be seen if appropriate. Fayetteville is typically art friendly (hint: murals all over Fayetteville). We have tattoo artists in Fayetteville and if anything, tattoos show they are supporting our local businesses! (support local businesses has been a trend for Fayetteville for a decade).

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:04 PM

As long as the tattoo is appropriate it wouldn't bother me. (i.e. a confederate flag or other racist symbol tattoo would be inappropriate)

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:10 PM

Tattoo approval should reside with the city attorney.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:21 PM

No problem here, I know lots of respectable people and work with that have tattoos. Has nothing to do with a person's ability to do their job.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 09:47 PM

I prefer no tattoos a on anyone. But I will not condemn for having one.

Anonymous

9/15/2020 10:27 PM

Tattoos are art, but please no politics or hatred.. show your dogs portrait or those sweet chili peppers.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 12:47 AM

Who cares. While tats at one time were associated with low-lifes, today they are not. No reason to make life any more difficult for our officers.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 02:16 AM

Fayetteville police do a great job! When I first moved here 18 months ago I was surprised by how high the crime rate is. Shootings, theft, car break-ins, etc. I wonder if having police on bicycles and/or horses would help especially on trails and downtown.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 03:15 AM

I don't mind them, I'm a Christian conservative but my husband was military. I think tattoos make them look tough. I don't mind them at all.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 05:22 AM

In my opinion visible tattoos for some might be a subject that is able to build rapport with some people. A topic of conversation.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 10:29 AM

Some tattoos should not be shown because they are crude. But most are fine. I feel like a lot of people who have had bad experiences with cops might find tattoos a good conversation starter, something that normalizes that officer as a person to them. Conversations like that could greatly improve public relations because it is a normal people conversation.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 10:38 AM

Young people have tat's its how it is

Anonymous

9/16/2020 11:35 AM

Keep the tattoos because it is no longer taboo to have tattoos in 2020

Anonymous

9/16/2020 12:18 PM

Don't mind tattoos at all.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 02:09 PM

Unless a tattoo stopped you from doing your job why would it matter

Anonymous

9/16/2020 05:32 PM

None

Anonymous

9/16/2020 08:48 PM

Mixed feelings on tattoos. I have one on my wrist and I would hope it wouldn't be a problem with an employer for it to be exposed. I think that a

laege number of tattoos including neck and face could be very distracting and be considered unprofessional. Certainly, don't want to see dark or morbid tattoos or of a highly sexual or graphic nature. A few arm tattoos would probably not bother me too much.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 09:28 PM

No comment, should be a non issue. This is how we concern ourselves with the FPD?

Anonymous

9/16/2020 10:53 PM

I don't like tats, but people with them should be treated like people without them.

Anonymous

9/16/2020 11:02 PM

Tattoos in no way impact an officers performance. I will say however I cannot condone any tattoo that represents hate group insignia such as Nazi symbols on any public servant as hate groups are contrary to the role of protecting and serving ALL residents.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 04:17 AM

I am 55 and used to judge people with tattoos, now they are more common and a form of expression.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 05:41 AM

I don't have any personal issues with tattoos and body art. It's an antiquated idea that having tattoos makes you a bad person or untrustworthy. But I guess it depends on the tattoos. Body art that represents messages of hate or division should not be aloud. Confederate flags, "Southern Pride," militia stuff, biker stuff, coded white supremacist imagery, etc shouldn't be aloud. Those officers should really be let go.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 05:44 AM

Kind of funny that you ask 4 questions about police display of tattoos when we all know we have much bigger things to discuss in regards to the Fayetteville police department. Further proof that y'all aren't listening and this "outreach" is a joke and a half.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:15 AM

I don't see why it should matter.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:22 AM

Tattoos are great conversation starters.

derek.benjamim

9/17/2020 10:15 AM

It's a tough job. It's a time when departments should be taking a hard look at policies, but this isn't one of them. Let them show their tats.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:51 AM

Tattoos don't mater, what's matters is the content of their character and ability to serve the public to the best of it's interest.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 09:58 AM

Tattoos are so common these days, I don't feel like it is out of the norm.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 10:06 AM

Tattoos are a form of art and personal expression. If we expect police officers not to judge us based on what they see we definitely need to extend the

same to you guys!

Anonymous

9/17/2020 10:24 AM

Tattoos are fine unless it is something racist, controversial, or political. Tribal tattoos or names of kids, family, etc. are fine and I have no issues with this.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 10:53 AM

As long as the officer is friendly or at the very least professional, it doesn't matter to me if they have tats or not

Anonymous

9/17/2020 11:06 AM

I am not concerned at all with tattoos showing on any job.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 11:19 AM

That is beyond stupid. Who gives a f about pigs with tattoos. If someone is up in arms about police with tattoos but not police brutality and militarization then they are a POS.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 11:41 AM

no reason to cover them up as long as they are none offensive.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 11:44 AM

It does not directly affect their work, let them show them. Stop trying to kill morale.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 12:07 PM

Tattoos, we are dealing with blm and much bigger issues than tattoos as a country/city. Cmon

Anonymous

9/17/2020 12:11 PM

Tattoos does not have anything to do w job performance people need get over being offended by everything & move on people get tattoos at young ages & later change or decide on careers this should not be held against them

Anonymous

9/17/2020 12:57 PM

While i do not have issues with showing tattoos they need to at least be tactful ones... if a officer showed up with a skull or cobwebs on his arms I wouldn't feel comfortable.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 01:24 PM

Any issue would come down to what is an 'approved tattoo'.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 02:06 PM

"Approve" tattoos is not defined here, but as long as they are not swastikas or other negative symbols, I don't really think this is an issue.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 02:08 PM

So long as tattoos are not vulgar, unkind, or provocative it doesn't bother me.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:26 PM

Fayetteville police officers should be allowed to express their tattoos. Many departments around NWA allow tattoos on duty. Fayetteville should be no different.

Anonymous

9/17/2020 06:28 PM

Allow officers to have tattoos while on duty

Anonymous 9/17/2020 06:29 PM	I personally do not feel that tattoos affect a person's ability to work; however, I do worry that some older and/or more conservative citizens or city visitors would not be as open minded.
Anonymous 9/17/2020 06:37 PM	To have a negative view? Who cares what opinion a citizen has if an officer is called to handle an emergency. The focus should be on the officers training and how they do their job. This question is absolutely ridiculous!
Anonymous 9/17/2020 06:53 PM	I am concerned that some of the tattoos would be of a white supremacist nature, increasing the perception that many citizens have that police are not constructive members of the community working for our benefit.
Anonymous 9/17/2020 06:55 PM	I am biased against tattoos. They don't seem professional to me. I know many people with tattoos that are wonderful human beings but I still do not like seeing them.
Anonymous 9/17/2020 07:58 PM	Why is the tattoo question being asked? I don't care unless it is a white supremacy tattoo like a confederate flag or swastika or coded terror language. Is this seriously what was important to survey? What about police enforcement priorities, use of force, or social work/mental health intervention solutions.
Anonymous 9/17/2020 09:15 PM	None
Anonymous 9/17/2020 11:46 PM	While I do not like tattoos, if tasteful it is okay.
Anonymous 9/18/2020 05:44 AM	There is nothing wrong with showing tattoos. It's who they are!!
Anonymous 9/18/2020 05:48 AM	Tattoos are fine unless they are racist or offensive. Neck and face tattoos are difficult for us old people to accept, however!
Anonymous 9/18/2020 06:38 AM	We have more and bigger problems in Fayetteville other than this issue!!!
Anonymous 9/18/2020 06:43 AM	no comments
Anonymous 9/18/2020 07:22 AM	Tattoos are common now and it is unnecessary to cover them up unless they are offensive. I'm 69 years old, and I used to react to tattoos, but not anymore. I consider them personal art. They are a part of a person's personality.
Anonymous 9/18/2020 07:52 AM	I have NO problem with tattoos. If we should not judge criminals for their's then we should not judge others. All for one and one for all. That is what this Country is all about. The Freedom to express our personal rights. If we have No right to not hire a person that expresses their rights to disfigure their face

with tattoos, Piercings do to Discrimination, then YOU can not Discriminate..
ONE LAW FOR ALL!!!!

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:16 AM

Please ban ALL political, religious, and hate symbols from being displayed.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:20 AM

I think it's a great idea it helps people to relate to the officers more instead of feeling afraid of them. And fear tactics aren't as effective as just talking things out.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:28 AM

I don't like tattoos personally but if other people have them, it's fine.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:33 AM

Tattoos are common these days. They are also expensive. I'm happy to see they dont have to cover them & hope the policy continues.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 08:58 AM

Their tattoos would tell me a lot about them. Bullies, criminals and social trash like them.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 09:41 AM

Google "Matt Taylor UK astrophysicist" with the European Space Agency he's fully sleeved.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 10:05 AM

The only thing that matters is what is in a person heart.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 10:09 AM

I have't been in Fayetteville long enough to know how to answer some of these questions. I have met officers twice on Mud Creek Trail but not often enough.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 10:10 AM

As much as I think people should have freedom of self expression and be employable with tattoos, I have been pulled over by an officer in Oklahoma who had exposed tattoos and it scared me. It made me think he was a police impersonator at first or may not treat me well. I know these are bad assumptions about people with tattoos, but my gut reaction was poor.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 10:20 AM

Most tattoos are just unprofessional

Anonymous

9/18/2020 10:45 AM

The tattoos are individual expressions. I don't view them as police tattoos just personal ideas. All should approve since Mr. Rogers had lots of them.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 11:47 AM

I personally feel that it makes the officer more relatable when their tattoos are exposed. You see them as a real person.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 11:48 AM

Police officers are members of our community! They are people too! Tattoos are great!

Anonymous

If there is nothing related to race/gang/hate allow them to show. But every six

9/18/2020 02:33 PM

months everyone resubmit documentation of anything new and show proof.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 04:22 PM

I think if an officer or other employees of the department should have the ability o display their tattoos.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 04:50 PM

Unless the tattoos displayed something offensive, such as a swastika or any other negative meaning, I do not feel like tattoos are looked negatively upon by myself.

Anonymous

9/18/2020 05:35 PM

I thank FPD is doing a great job,no complaints here..

Anonymous

9/18/2020 07:08 PM

Seems like a silly thing to be concerned with in 2020.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 06:19 AM

Freedom of expression is great. I would find the police more relatable if I could see their tattoos.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 06:38 AM

I am concerned with how officers act, not what they look like other than being able to identify that this is an officer on duty.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 09:46 AM

A tattoo I can see means I can see that it's not a swastika or something else terrible

Anonymous

9/19/2020 11:37 AM

Although I said tattoos can be exposed, many are these days, I do feel a truly professional look for any job is to not have them exposed while on the job. Definitely not full sleeves showing. Maybe one partially covered.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 12:23 PM

As all as the employees are doing their job, tattoos shouldn't be an issue.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 12:35 PM

I think 'approved tattoos' is the key here, some tattoos are tacky or sensitive, while some tattoos are more appropriate such as military or family symbols. I think the FPD will do just fine to determine best regulations for tattoos and what is appropriate and approved based on area culture.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 01:16 PM

As long as the tattoos aren't nasty or controversial, I don't think I could care less.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 01:46 PM

Why should we care unless it's racist then no .it shouldnt be seen

Anonymous

9/19/2020 07:45 PM

As long as they have been approved.

Anonymous

9/19/2020 10:32 PM

How do you define approved tattoos? An excessive amounts of tattoos I do not feel is appropriate. Also, I do not like to see tattoos on women if the

tattoo is on upper chest, neck or legs. I realize this is a double standard but do not think this is a professional appearance at work.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 03:16 AM

Police men and women are, or should be, professionals. Clothed with enforcement, they portray the culture of the community. Fayetteville has a culture all its own, in large part because the police force takes seriously its responsibility "to protect and serve". This was especially displayed in the recent protests in Fayetteville related to the unnecessary killing of black Americans in other cities.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 04:34 AM

Tattoos have nothing to do with how professional an officer is.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 04:49 AM

I support you, and thank you for taking a oath and putting your ass on the line, for us, and protecting us. I think those that have never served for something greater than themselves are ignorant and dangerous to public safety. I support Law Enforcement and I am for Law and Order, anything else is just plain stupid.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 11:11 AM

It's okay, it is a form identification and is used to identify civilians so I find it plausible.

Anonymous

9/20/2020 11:21 AM

This is important? How about monitoring staff for ties to white supremacy groups?

Anonymous

9/20/2020 02:05 PM

I don't think police should have any political tattoos. Justice should be blind right?

Anonymous

9/20/2020 02:25 PM

Are tattoos really this big of an issue in 2020?

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:50 AM

This is a stupid question. Hopefully you aren't more concerned over tattoos than making sure that you are supporting the men in blue. We need the police. We need the police to be tougher on crime.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:09 PM

Tattoos should not be a problem

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:11 PM

Tattoos are just something that some people have, and I don't think that people should look at individuals differently because they have them, especially officers.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:12 PM

Tattoos are a form of expression and many times they have a deep and impactful meaning to them. If they have tattoos and feel comfortable rocking them, let them show!

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:12 PM

I don't really care, if showing their tattoos makes them feel better than good for them.

Anonymous

9/21/2020 04:13 PM

This is not a concern.

Anonymous

9/22/2020 08:19 PM

Fayetteville seems very conscious of professionalism. I've dealt with patrols in Oklahoma and other areas where they could easily have been a biker on sons of anarchy. Rude, cocky, Long hair, covered in tattoos. It doesn't create a sense of safety. It creates the idea this guy thinks he's a "bad ass".

Anonymous

9/23/2020 06:00 PM

Who cares about tattoos? You have much bigger problems.

Anonymous

9/23/2020 07:52 PM

Unless the tattoo was a hateful message or symbol I would have no problem with officers showing tattoo.

Anonymous

9/23/2020 09:28 PM

Tattoos are too personal..takes away from uniformity of officer clothing.

Anonymous

9/23/2020 09:32 PM

I didn't even know this was an issue. Please give your employees the freedom to be themselves.

Anonymous

9/23/2020 10:23 PM

It all depends on what the tattoo is. Some tattoos could be viewed as too militaristic (maybe not good for officer in this environment) while a tattoo of cartoon character might mean officer wasn't taken seriously. It's good to review FPD tattoo policy because so many people have them.

Optional question (336 response(s), 529 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question