

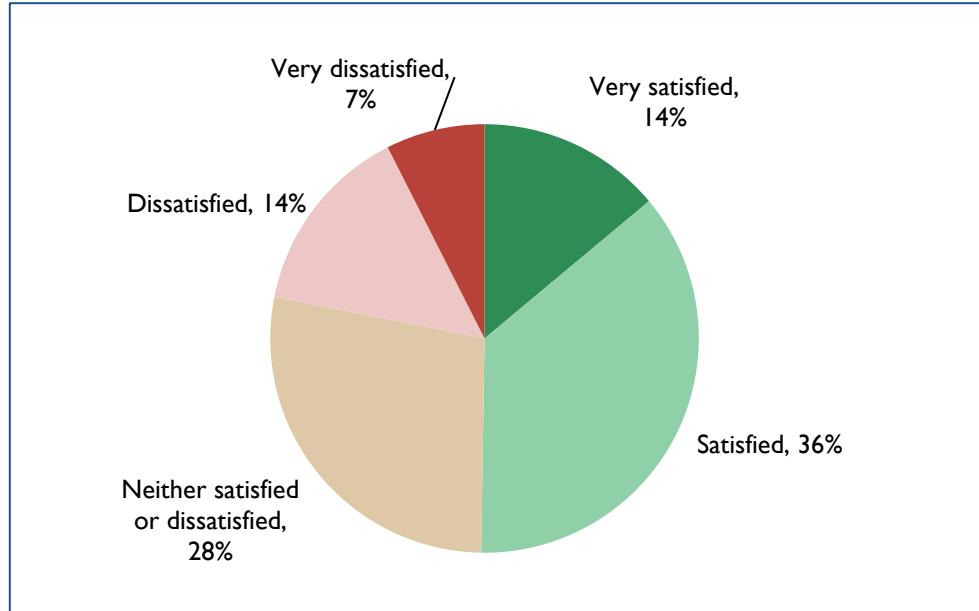


Cordova Conversation on Community Policing: Community Survey Results

Developed by Agnew::Beck Consulting | Survey Period: August 7th through August 31st, 2020 | 203 total responses

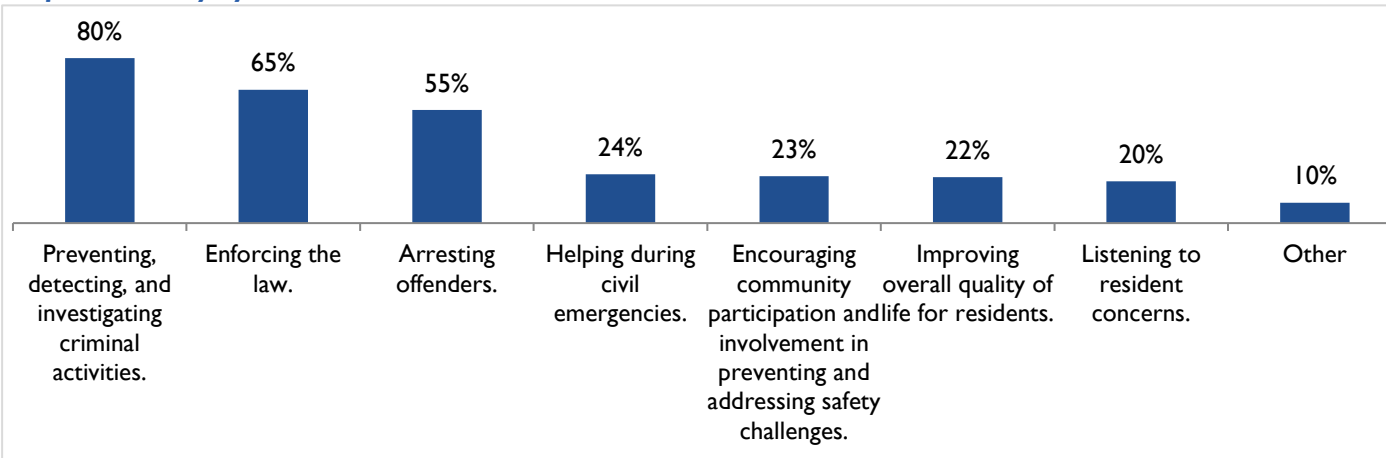
Satisfaction with Cordova Police Performance.

Responses to: "How satisfied are you with the work the Cordova police are doing in our community?"



Most Important Ways the Cordova

Police Can Meet Their Mission. Responses to: "What are the TOP 3 most important ways you believe the Cordova Police can meet their mission?"



Survey topics where divergent viewpoints emerged:

Oversight
 ← More independent oversight of the department
versus
 Trust the department to operate independently →

Department Size & Budget
 ← Department is understaffed and should be expanded
versus
 Department should be downsized →

Enforcement Priorities
 ← Focus on major crimes (drugs, theft and violence)
versus
 More consistent enforcement of all laws (traffic violations, leash laws) →



Public Safety Priorities. Responses to: “What do you believe are the best uses of Cordova’s public safety resources?”

Priorities: Top 10 Themes (in descending order of frequency, out of 168 responses to this question)

- **Drug Crimes + Use Prevention:** Address illegal drug importation and use in the community.
- **Police Presence:** Maintain a more active, visible presence in the community and expand engagement.
- **Enforcement:** Enforce the law.
- **Other Supports:** Expand social services and supports so police are not having to act as social workers.
- **Community Education + Outreach:** Provide education and community outreach within the community, especially to youth.
- **Protection:** Protect the community from criminals and criminal behavior.
- **Theft Prevention:** Prevent and prosecute theft.
- **Training:** Conduct training on key topics such as racial bias, trauma informed response, evidence collection, etc.
- **Safety + Peace:** Preserve the safety and peace in the community.
- **Expansion:** Expand the police force to meet needs.



Understanding Our Police. Responses to: “What is the one thing you would really like to know about our community police but have never asked?” – Top 10 Themes (in descending order of frequency, out of 147 responses to this question)

Drug Use: Why is the police department not more proactive in addressing drug use?

Police Perspectives: What are the perspectives of officers on the policing needs and priorities of Cordova?

Retention: Why the high turnover? How can the community increase retention?

24/7 Coverage: Is police coverage 24/7? Does the community need 24/7 coverage?

Training: What training is required to become an officer in Cordova?

Repeat Offenders: Why are repeat offenders not charged/convicted?

Patrols: Why is patrolling not done more regularly?

Resources: What is the size of the Cordova police force and can you summarize its resources/equipment?

Budget: What is the policing budget and how is it spent?

Motivation: Why did Cordova’s officers choose to go into law enforcement?