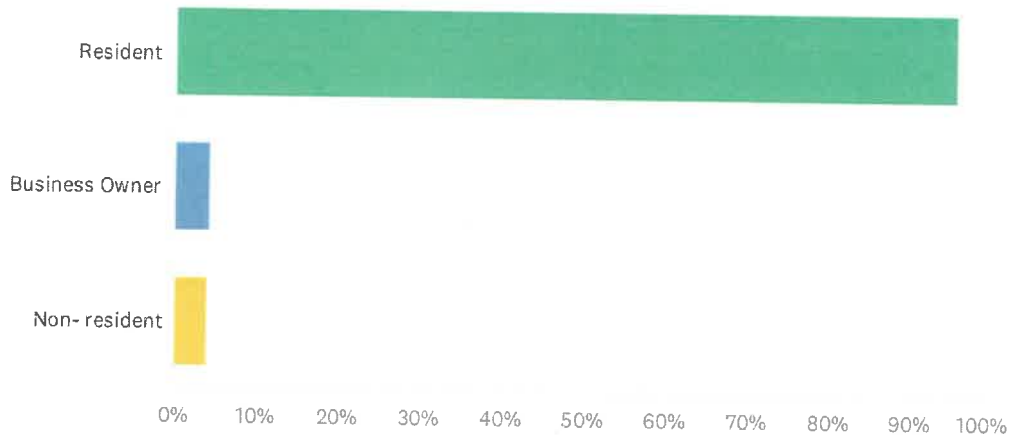


Q1 I am a _____ of the Town of Belmont? (Select all that apply)

Answered: 539 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

Resident

Business Owner

Non- resident

Total Respondents: 539

RESPONSES

95.73%

4.27%

4.08%

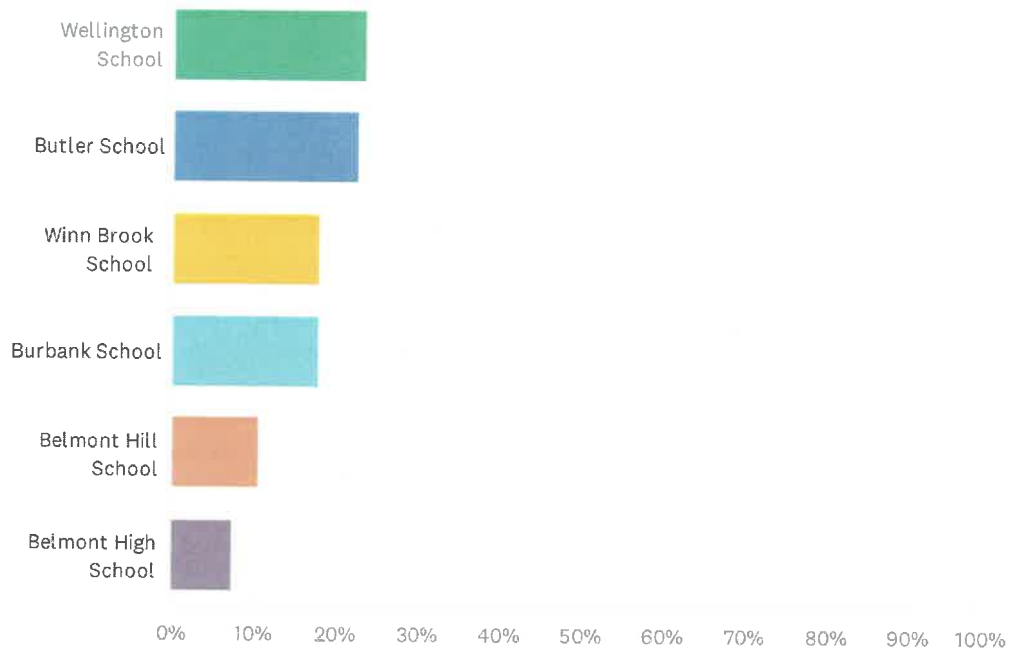
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Q2 If you are a resident of Belmont which School is closest to your home?

Answered: 518 Skipped: 22



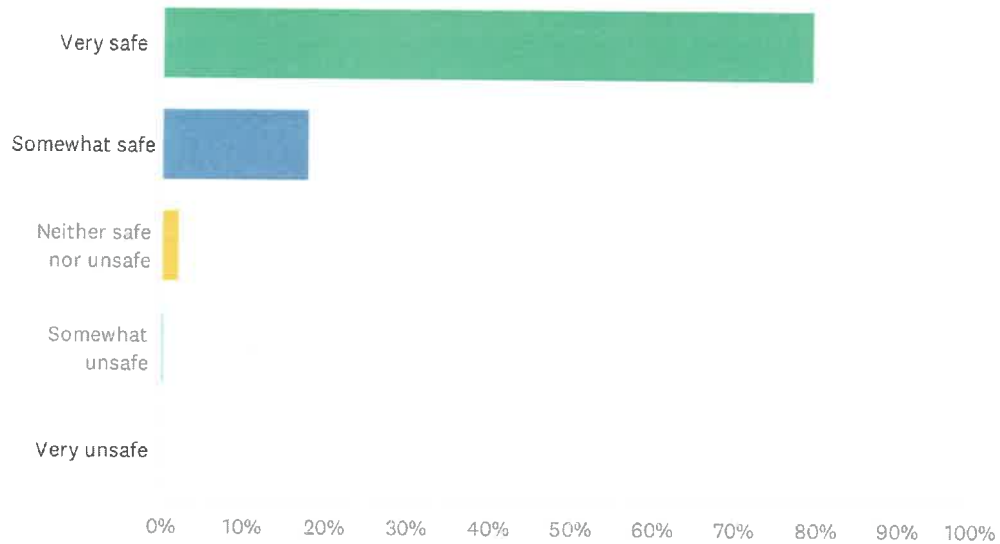
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Wellington School	23.36%	121
Butler School	22.59%	117
Winn Brook School	17.95%	93
Burbank School	17.95%	93
Belmont Hill School	10.62%	55
Belmont High School	7.53%	39
TOTAL		518

Q3 I feel safe in my home or business in Belmont?

Answered: 533 Skipped: 7



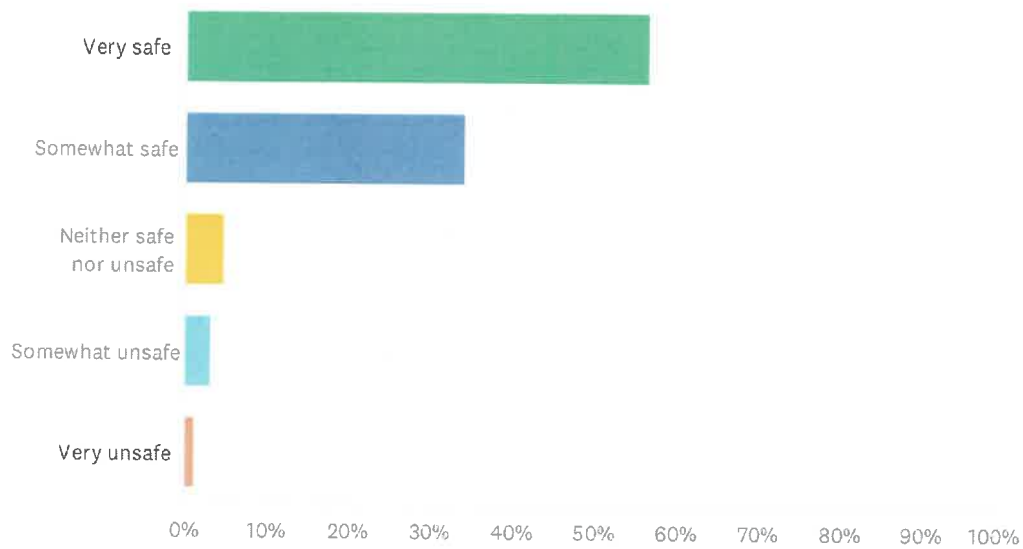
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Very safe	79.55%	424
Somewhat safe	18.01%	96
Neither safe nor unsafe	2.06%	11
Somewhat unsafe	0.38%	2
Very unsafe	0.00%	0
TOTAL		533

Q4 I feel safe walking alone in my neighborhood after dark?

Answered: 532 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES

Very safe

Somewhat safe

Neither safe nor unsafe

Somewhat unsafe

Very unsafe

TOTAL

RESPONSES

56.58%

34.21%

4.70%

3.20%

1.32%

301

182

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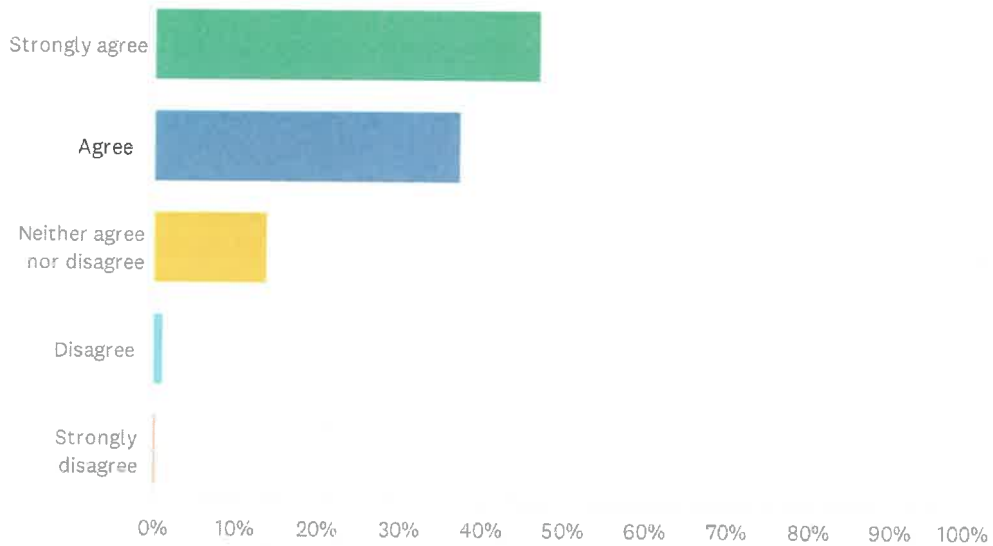
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Q5 The Belmont Police Department does a good job keeping Belmont residents safe?

Answered: 535 Skipped: 5



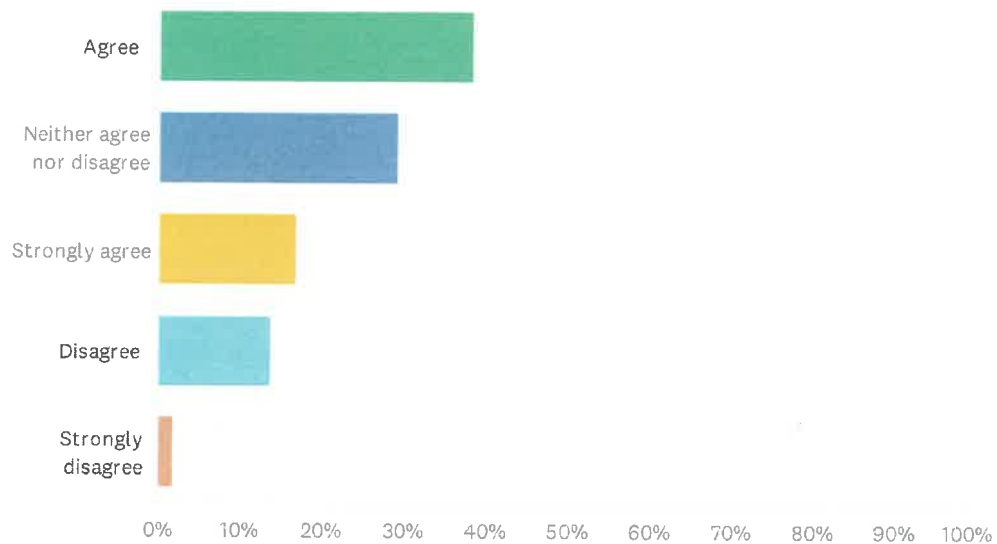
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Strongly agree	47.10%	252
Agree	37.38%	200
Neither agree nor disagree	13.83%	74
Disagree	1.31%	7
Strongly disagree	0.37%	2
TOTAL		535

Q6 The Belmont Police Department keeps citizens informed about crime in Belmont?

Answered: 535 Skipped: 5



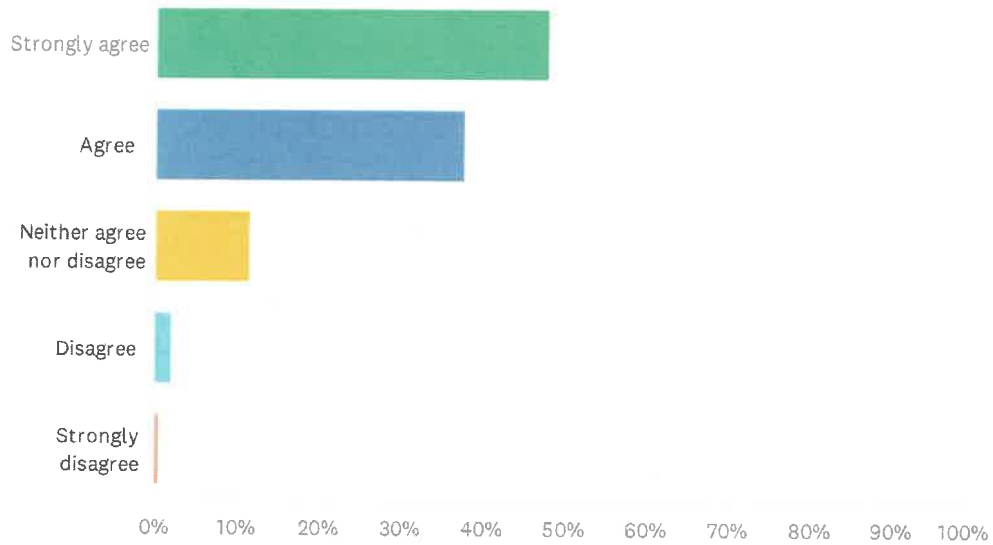
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Agree	38.32%	205
Neither agree nor disagree	29.16%	156
Strongly agree	16.82%	90
Disagree	13.83%	74
Strongly disagree	1.87%	10
TOTAL		535

Q7 Belmont Police Officers are courteous?

Answered: 534 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

TOTAL

RESPONSES

47.94%

37.83%

11.61%

2.06%

0.56%

256

202

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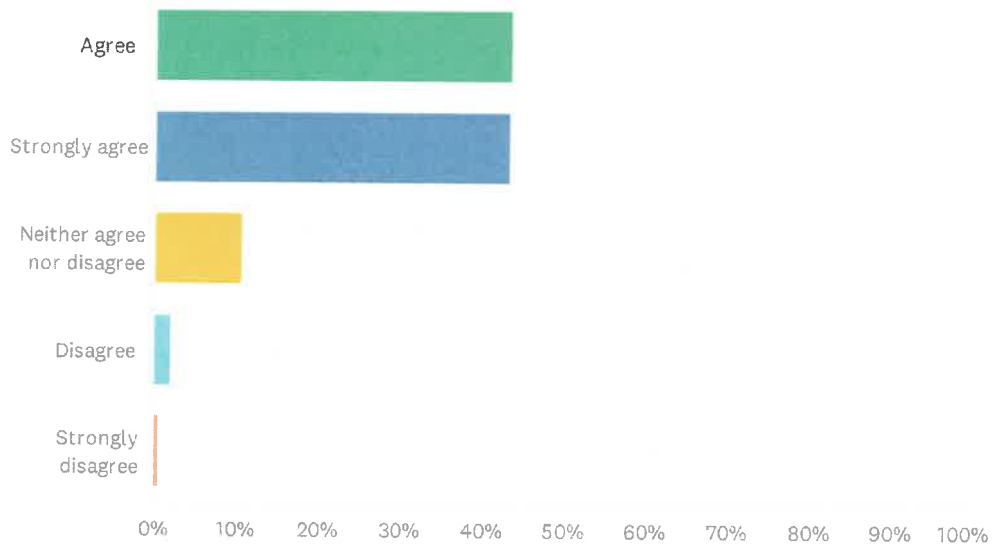
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Q8 I have confidence in the Belmont Police Department?

Answered: 539 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

Agree

Strongly agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

TOTAL

RESPONSES

43.41%

43.23%

10.58%

2.23%

0.56%

234

233

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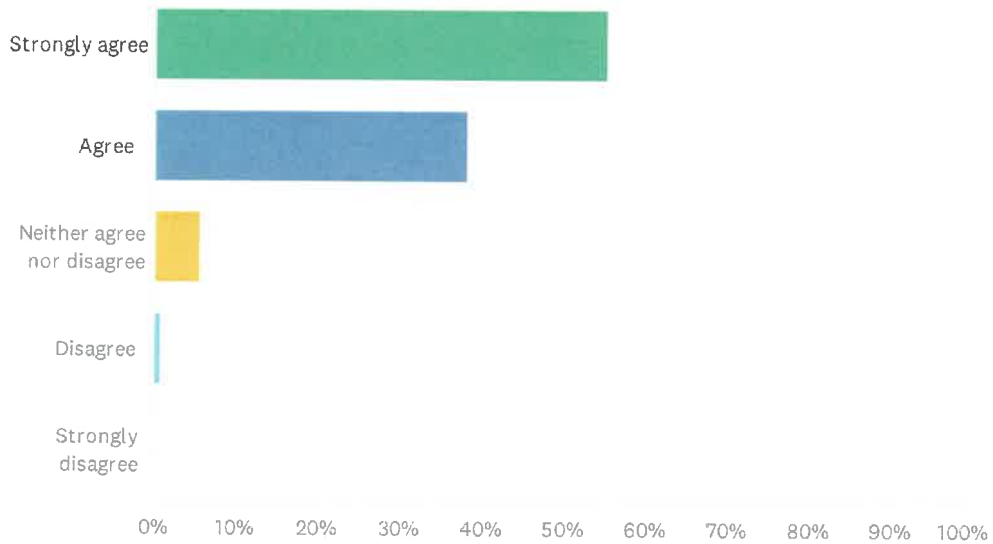
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Q9 Belmont Police Officers are professional in their appearance?

Answered: 537 Skipped: 3



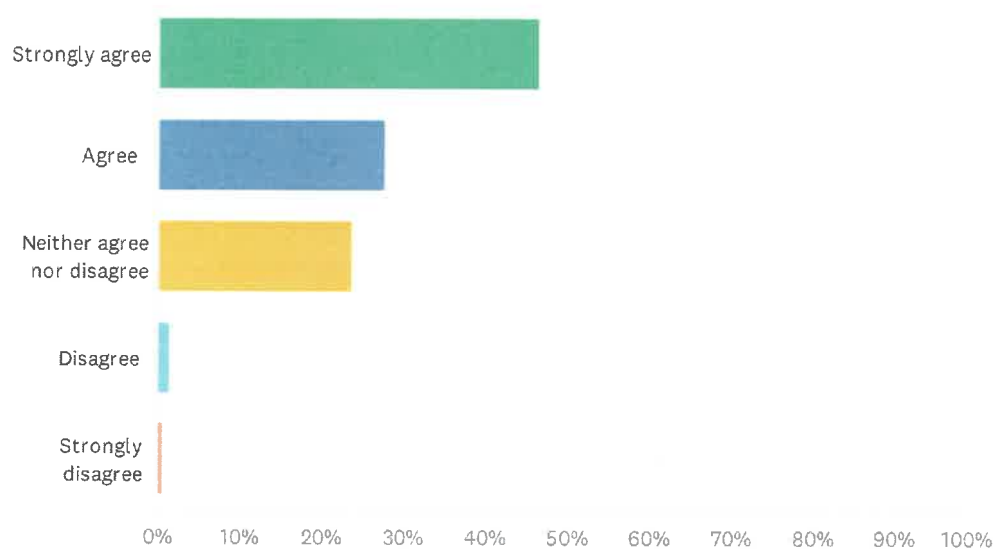
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Strongly agree	55.12%	296
Agree	38.18%	205
Neither agree nor disagree	5.59%	30
Disagree	0.93%	5
Strongly disagree	0.19%	1
TOTAL		537

Q10 Belmont Police Officers respond promptly when called?

Answered: 533 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

TOTAL

RESPONSES

46.53%

27.77%

23.64%

1.50%

0.56%

248

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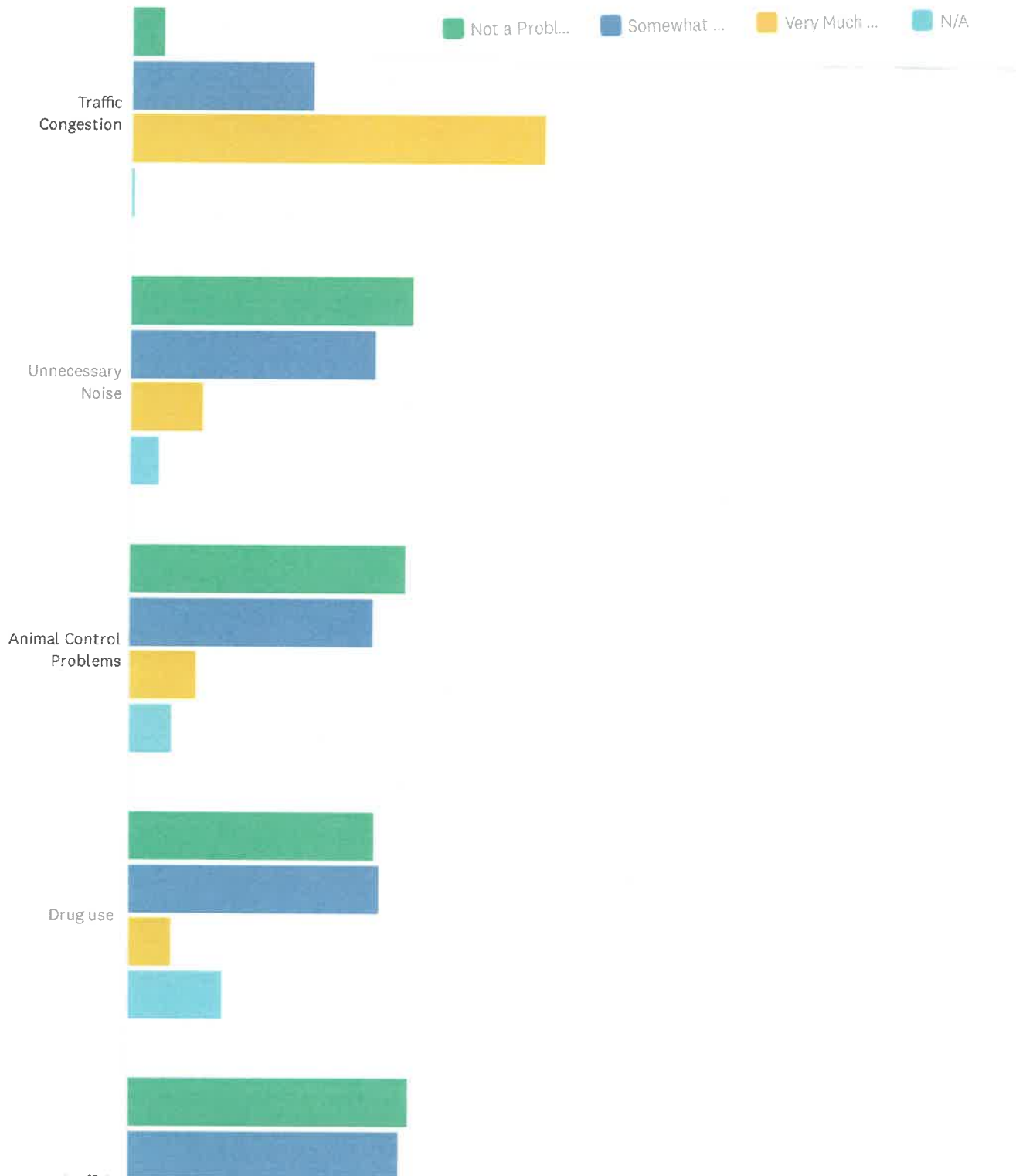
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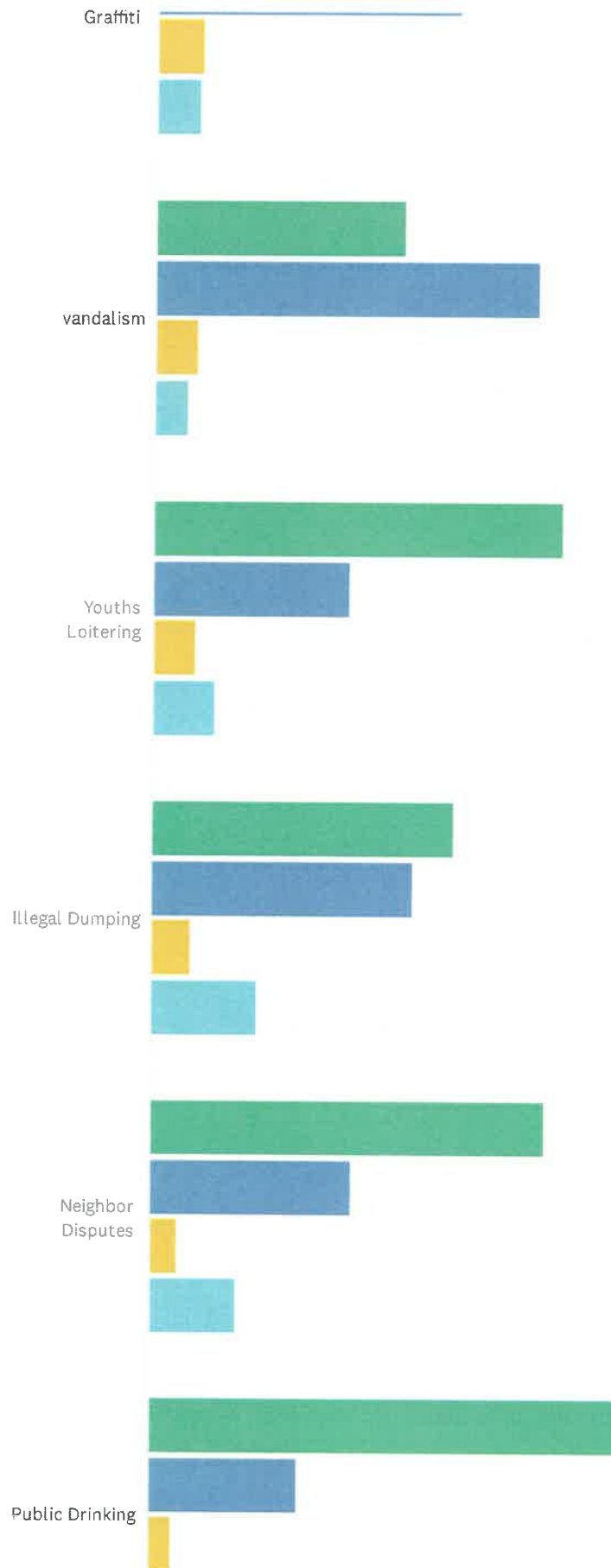
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Q11 Please respond to how you identify certain quality of life issues as being a problem in the Town of Belmont.

Answered: 538 Skipped: 2



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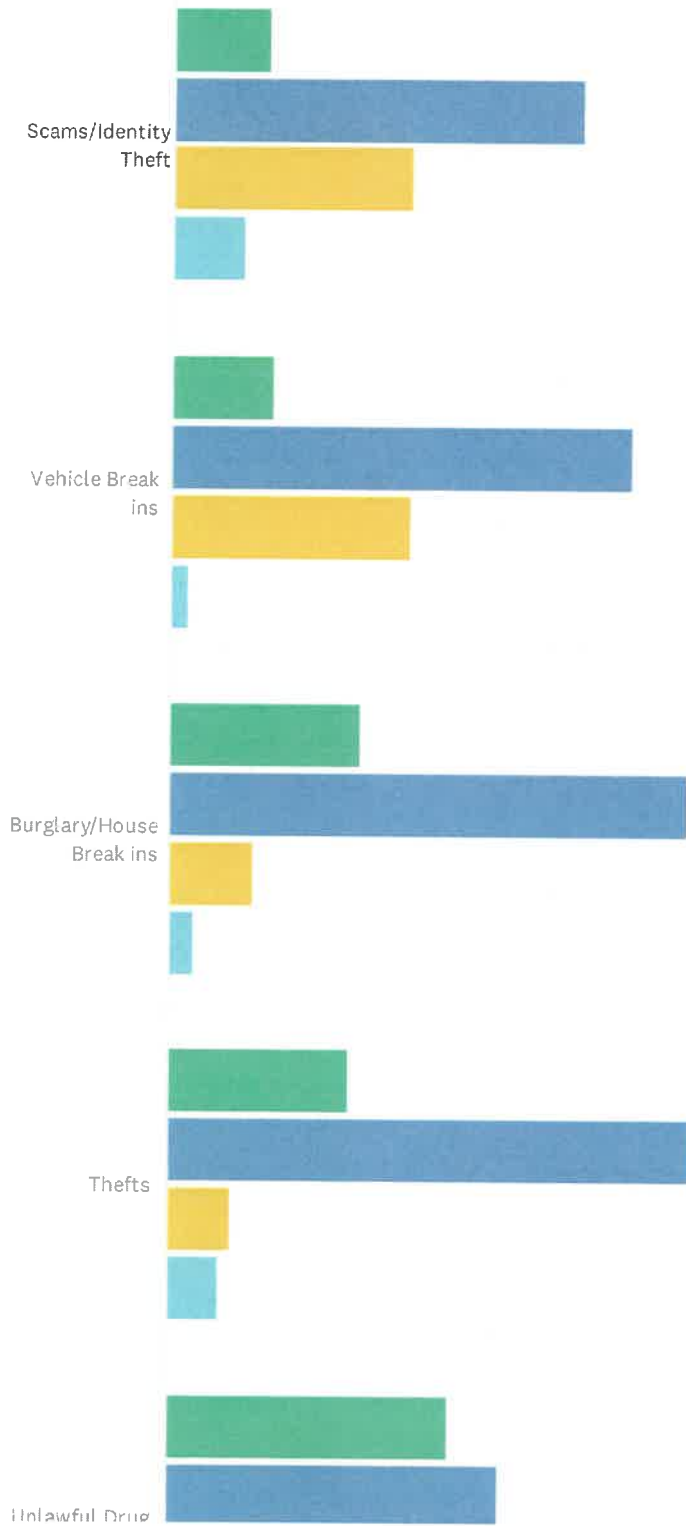
0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

■ Not a Probl...
 ■ Somewhat ...
 ■ Very Much ...
 ■ N/A

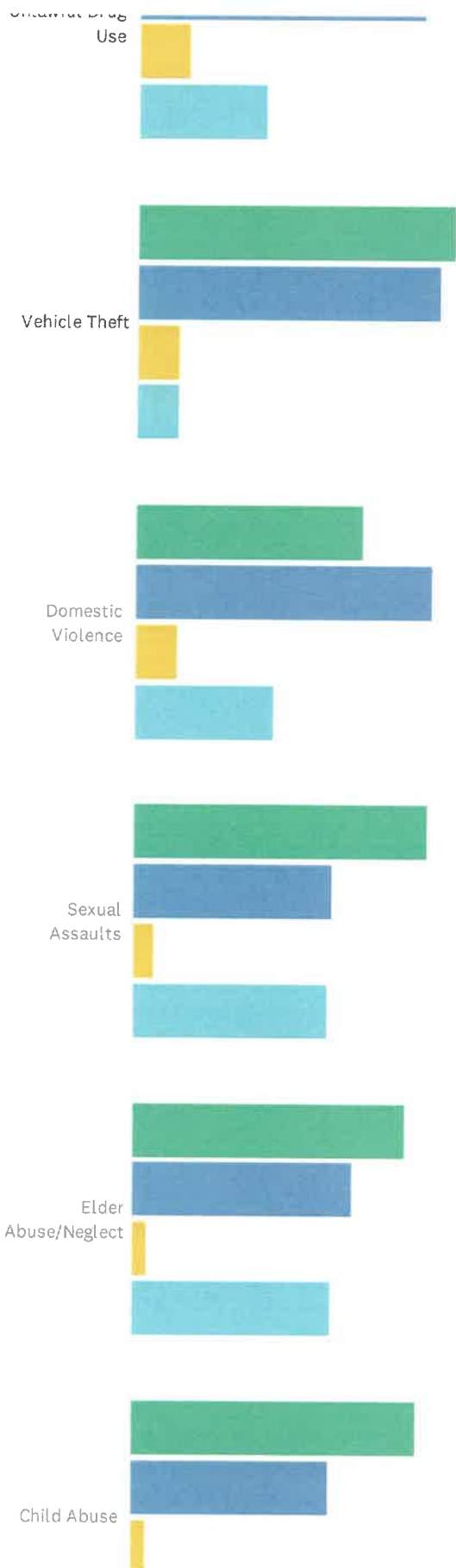
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Traffic Congestion	5.20% 28	28.81% 155	65.43% 352	0.56% 3	538	2.61
Unnecessary Noise	44.76% 235	38.86% 204	11.62% 61	4.76% 25	525	1.65
Animal Control Problems	43.81% 230	38.67% 203	10.67% 56	6.86% 36	525	1.64
Drug use	38.80% 201	39.58% 205	6.76% 35	14.86% 77	518	1.62
Graffiti	44.25% 231	42.91% 224	6.70% 35	6.13% 32	522	1.60
vandalism	35.19% 183	54.23% 282	5.96% 31	4.62% 24	520	1.69
Youths Loitering	57.77% 301	27.64% 144	5.95% 31	8.64% 45	521	1.43
Illegal Dumping	42.72% 223	36.78% 192	5.56% 29	14.94% 78	522	1.56
Neighbor Disputes	55.60% 288	28.38% 147	3.86% 20	12.16% 63	518	1.41
Public Drinking	66.67% 346	21.00% 109	3.28% 17	9.06% 47	519	1.30

Q12 Please respond how you identify certain crimes as being a problem in the Town of Belmont.

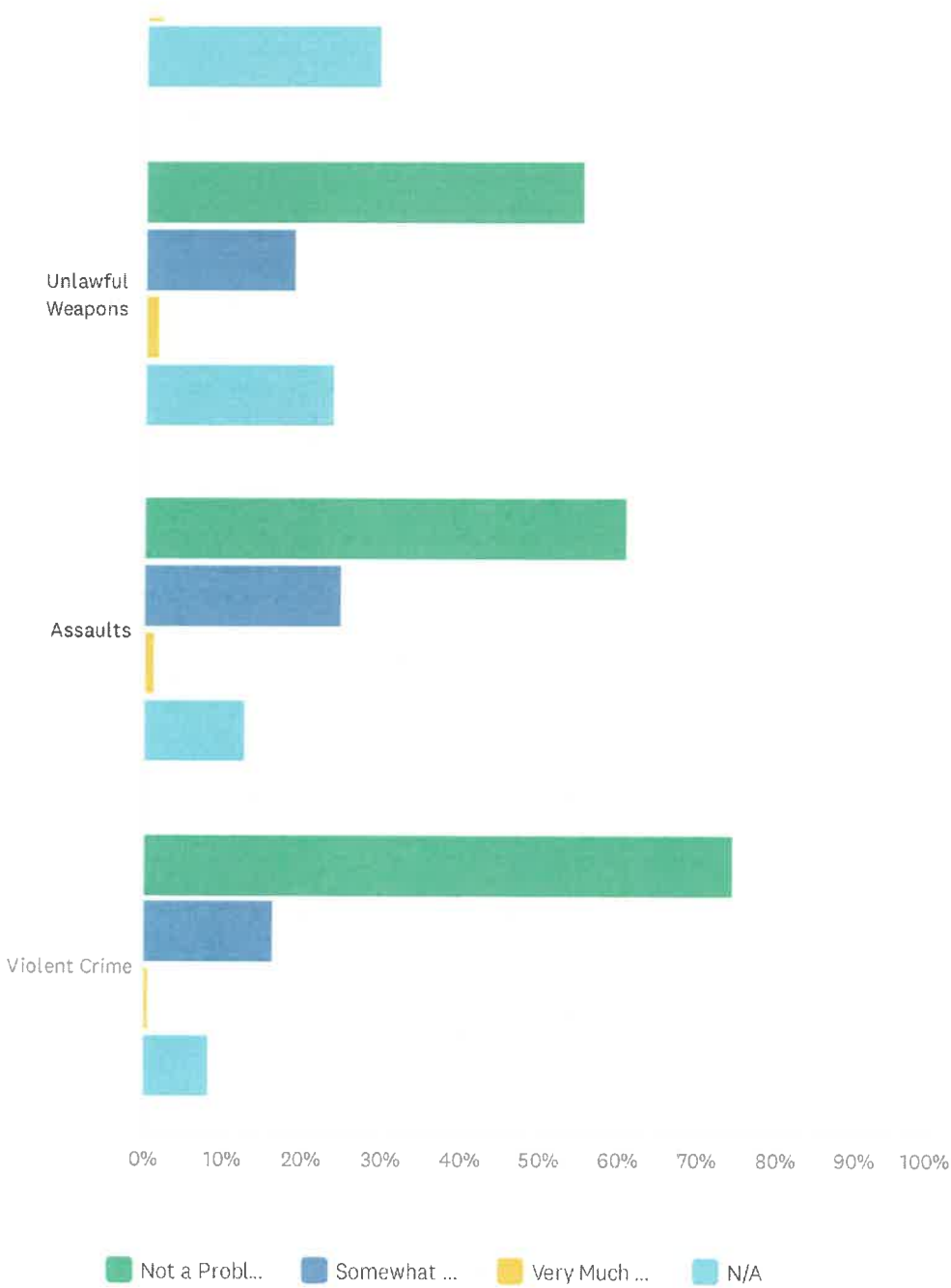
Answered: 532 Skipped: 8



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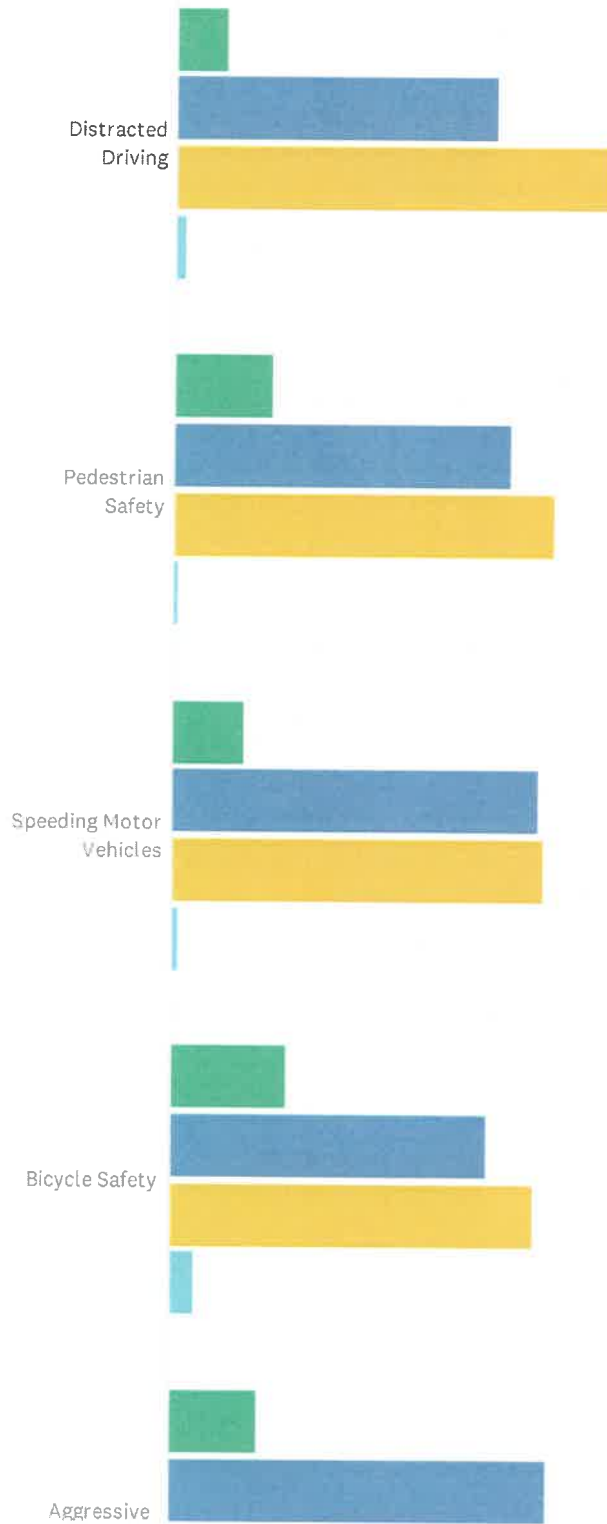


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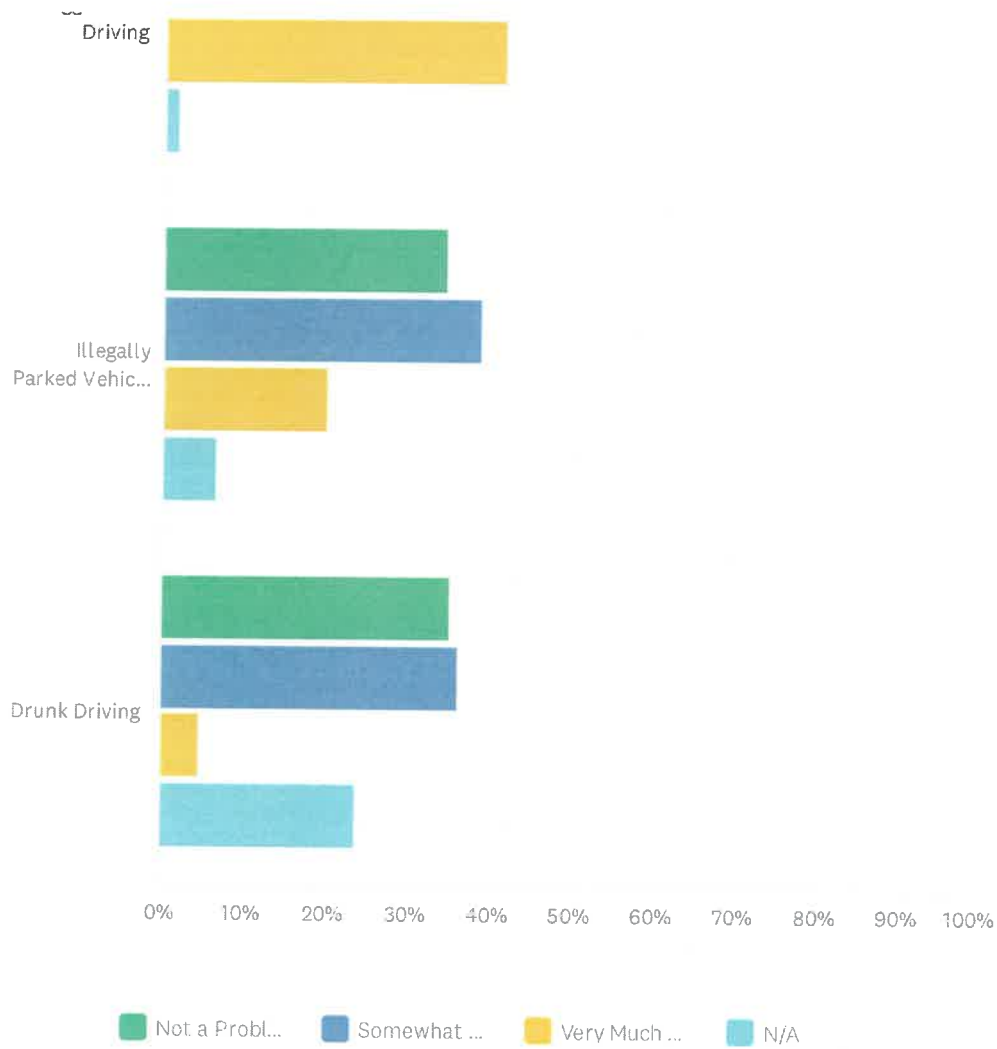
	NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL	SOMEWHAT A PROBLEM	VERY MUCH A PROBLEM	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Scams/Identity Theft	11.79% 62	50.19% 264	29.28% 154	8.75% 46	526	2.19
Vehicle Break ins	12.36% 65	56.27% 296	29.28% 154	2.09% 11	526	2.17
Burglary/House Break ins	23.34% 123	63.38% 334	10.25% 54	3.04% 16	527	1.86
Thefts	22.03% 115	64.18% 335	7.66% 40	6.13% 32	522	1.85
Unlawful Drug Use	34.24% 176	40.47% 208	7.20% 37	18.09% 93	514	1.67
Vehicle Theft	45.07% 233	42.94% 222	6.00% 31	6.00% 31	517	1.58
Domestic Violence	32.30% 166	42.02% 216	6.03% 31	19.65% 101	514	1.67
Sexual Assaults	41.57% 212	28.04% 143	2.94% 15	27.45% 140	510	1.47
Elder Abuse/Neglect	38.55% 197	31.12% 159	2.15% 11	28.18% 144	511	1.49
Child Abuse	40.32% 204	27.87% 141	2.17% 11	29.64% 150	506	1.46
Unlawful Weapons	55.51% 282	18.90% 96	1.77% 9	23.82% 121	508	1.29
Assaults	60.94% 312	25.00% 128	1.37% 7	12.70% 65	512	1.32
Violent Crime	74.61% 382	16.41% 84	0.59% 3	8.40% 43	512	1.19

Q13 Please respond how you identify certain traffic issues as being a problem in the Town of Belmont.

Answered: 537 Skipped: 3



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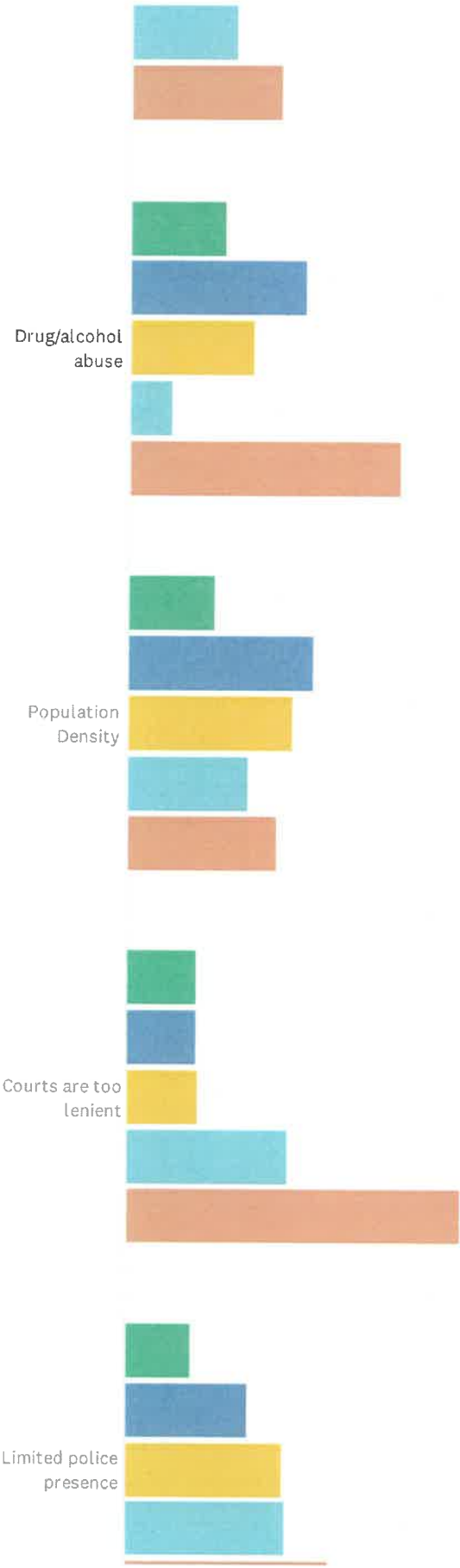
	NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL	SOMEWHAT A PROBLEM	VERY MUCH A PROBLEM	N/A	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Distracted Driving	6.23% 33	39.25% 208	53.21% 282	1.32% 7	530	2.48
Pedestrian Safety	11.84% 63	41.17% 219	46.43% 247	0.56% 3	532	2.35
Speeding Motor Vehicles	8.83% 47	44.74% 238	45.49% 242	0.94% 5	532	2.37
Bicycle Safety	13.99% 74	38.56% 204	44.42% 235	3.02% 16	529	2.31
Aggressive Driving	10.73% 57	45.95% 244	41.62% 221	1.69% 9	531	2.31
Illegally Parked Vehicles	34.48% 181	38.86% 204	20.00% 105	6.67% 35	525	1.84
Drunk Driving	35.21% 181	36.19% 186	4.67% 24	23.93% 123	514	1.60

Q14 In your opinion how much have the following factors contributed to the crime rate in Belmont over the last five years?

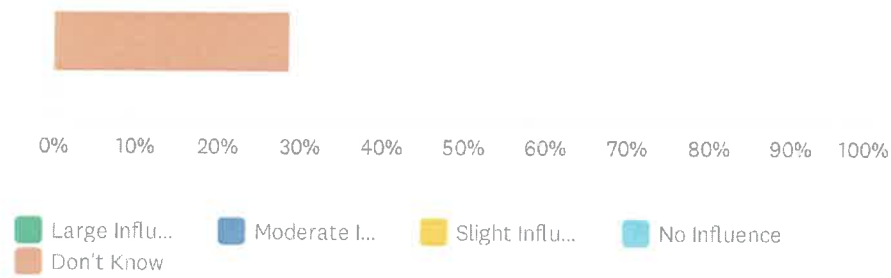
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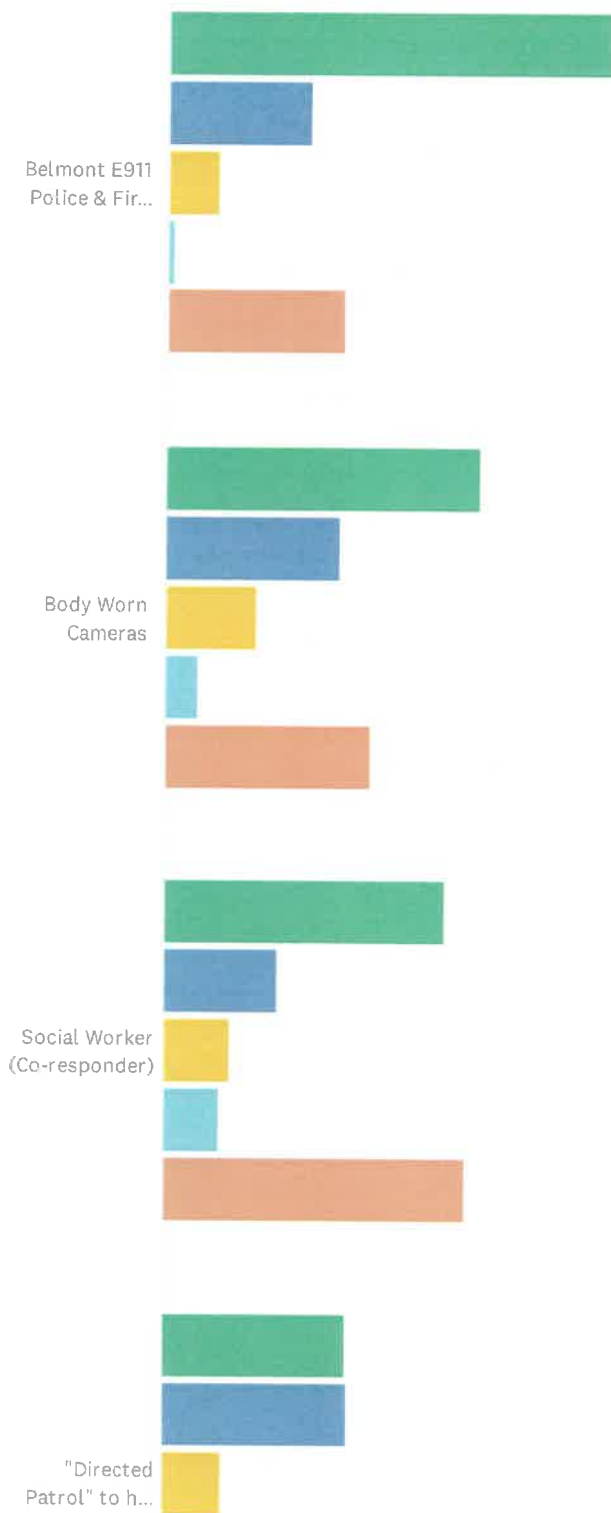
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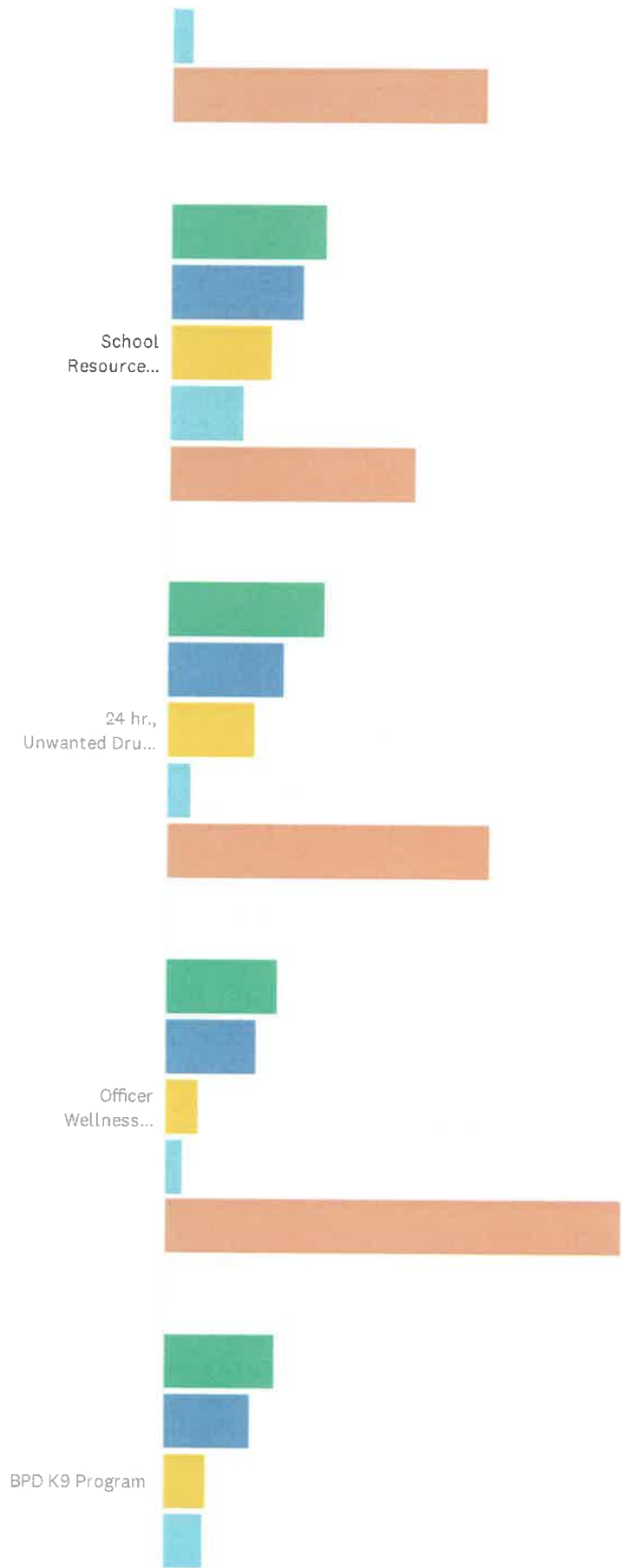
	LARGE INFLUENCE	MODERATE INFLUENCE	SLIGHT INFLUENCE	NO INFLUENCE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Mental Health issues	27.38% 144	29.09% 153	20.53% 108	2.47% 13	20.53% 108	526
Lack of civility	26.67% 140	29.14% 153	15.43% 81	9.14% 48	19.62% 103	525
Intolerance of differences based on race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.	19.24% 101	29.52% 155	21.33% 112	14.67% 77	15.24% 80	525
Lack of alternative activities for youth	15.49% 81	23.52% 123	24.86% 130	14.91% 78	21.22% 111	523
Drug/alcohol abuse	13.33% 70	24.95% 131	17.52% 92	5.90% 31	38.29% 201	525
Population Density	12.19% 64	26.29% 138	23.24% 122	17.14% 90	21.14% 111	525
Courts are too lenient	9.87% 52	9.87% 52	10.06% 53	22.77% 120	47.44% 250	527
Limited police presence	9.16% 48	17.37% 91	22.14% 116	22.52% 118	28.82% 151	524

Q15 How effective do you believe the following Belmont Police & Community programs are on addressing crime and quality of life issues?

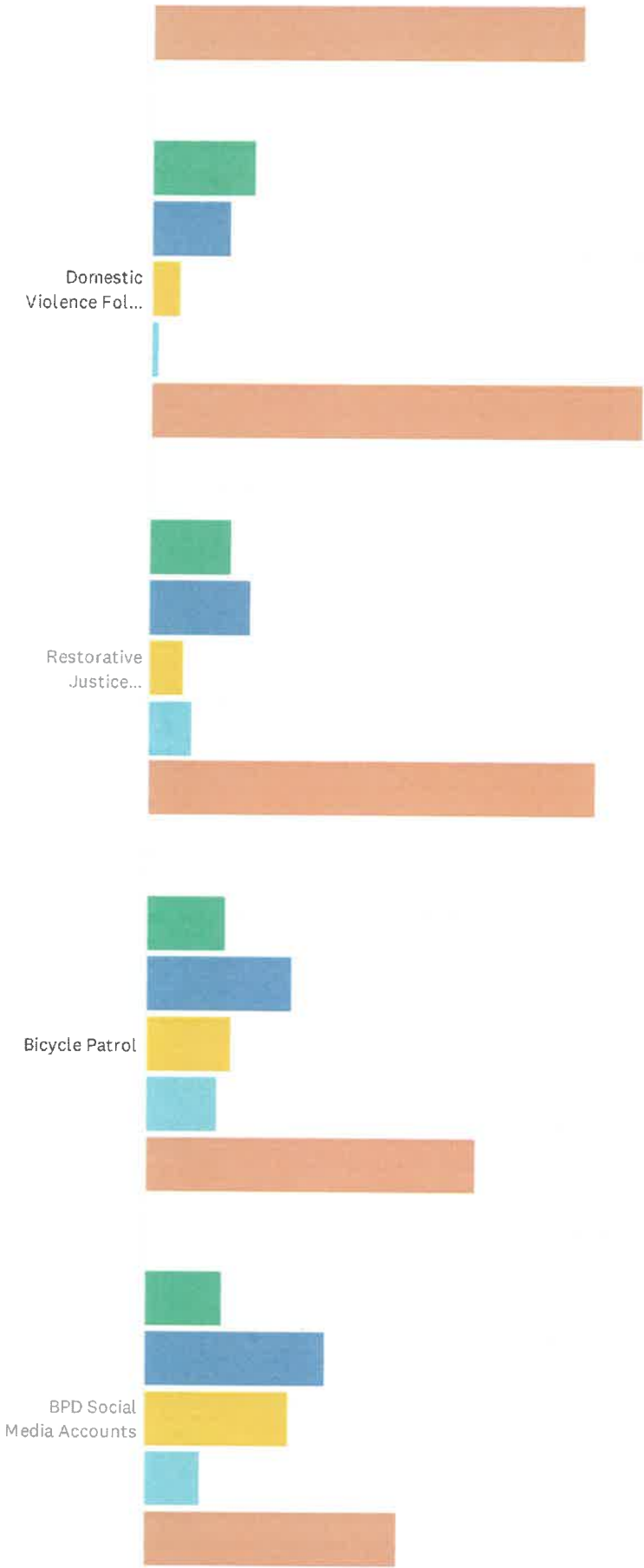
Answered: 529 Skipped: 11



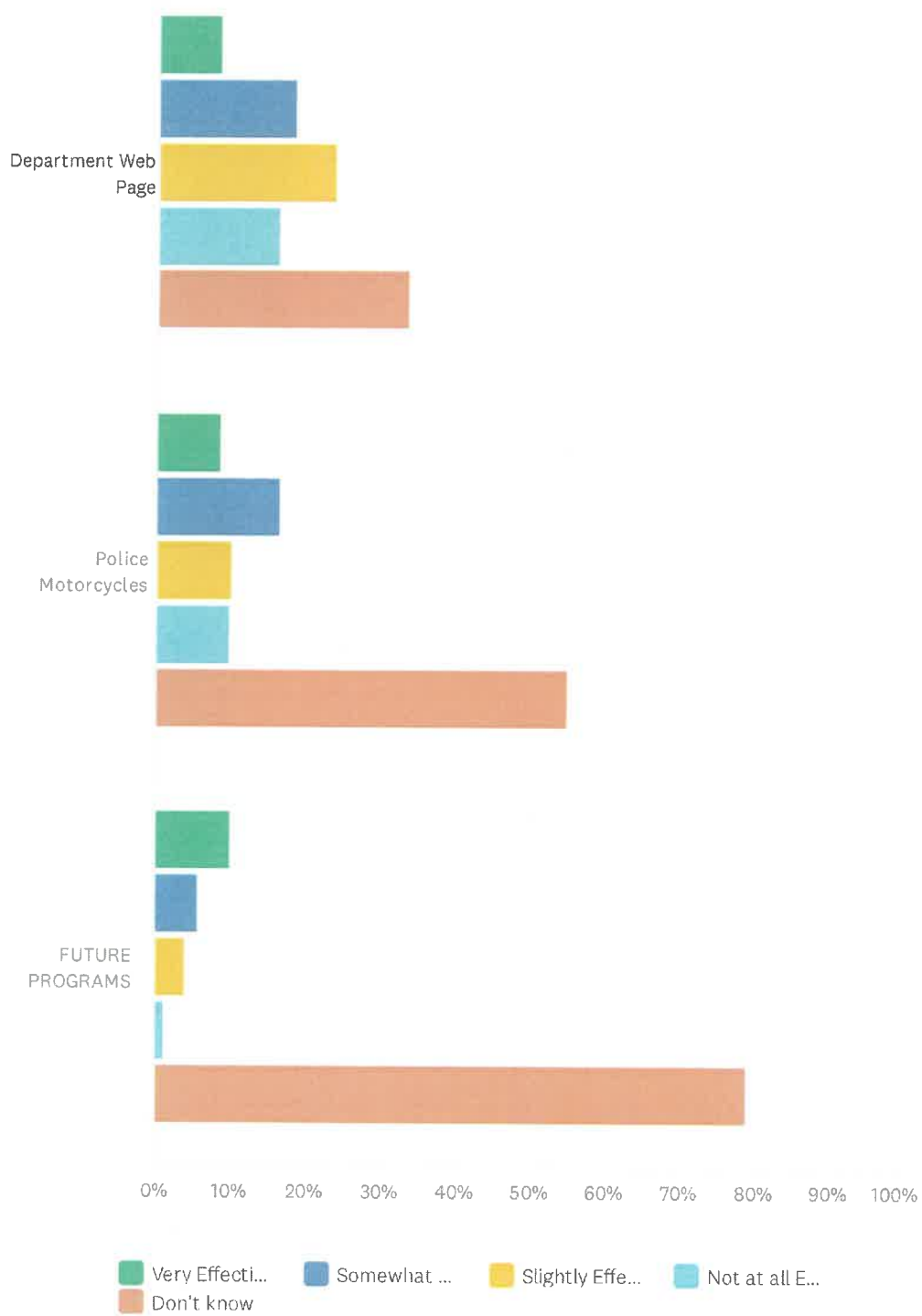
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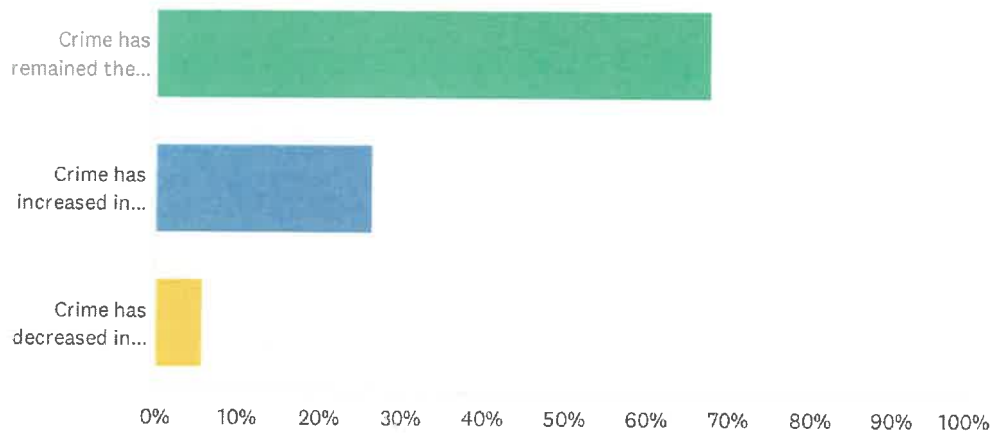


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	VERY EFFECTIVE	SOMEWHAT EFFECTIVE	SLIGHTLY EFFECTIVE	NOT AT ALL EFFECTIVE	DON'T KNOW	TOTAL
Belmont E911 Police & Fire Dispatch Center	53.92% 282	17.40% 91	6.12% 32	0.76% 4	21.80% 114	523
Body Worn Cameras	38.39% 200	21.31% 111	11.13% 58	4.03% 21	25.14% 131	521
Social Worker (Co-responder)	34.23% 179	13.96% 73	8.03% 42	6.88% 36	36.90% 193	523
"Directed Patrol" to high incident areas	22.41% 117	22.61% 118	7.28% 38	3.07% 16	44.64% 233	522
School Resource Officer Program (SRO)	21.90% 115	18.67% 98	14.29% 75	10.48% 55	34.67% 182	525
24 hr., Unwanted Drug Drop off Bin	22.20% 115	16.41% 85	12.36% 64	3.47% 18	45.56% 236	518
Officer Wellness Programs	15.77% 82	12.69% 66	4.62% 24	2.50% 13	64.42% 335	520
BPD K9 Program	15.61% 81	12.14% 63	5.97% 31	5.59% 29	60.69% 315	519
Domestic Violence Follow up	14.45% 75	11.18% 58	4.05% 21	0.96% 5	69.36% 360	519
Restorative Justice Programs	11.61% 60	14.31% 74	4.84% 25	6.19% 32	63.06% 326	517
Bicycle Patrol	11.11% 58	20.50% 107	11.88% 62	9.96% 52	46.55% 243	522
BPD Social Media Accounts	10.92% 57	25.29% 132	20.31% 106	7.85% 41	35.63% 186	522
Department Web Page	8.38% 44	18.29% 96	23.62% 124	16.19% 85	33.52% 176	525
Police Motorcycles	8.53% 44	16.47% 85	10.08% 52	9.88% 51	55.04% 284	516
FUTURE PROGRAMS	10.00% 30	5.67% 17	4.00% 12	1.33% 4	79.00% 237	300

Q16 What do you believe about the prevalence of crime in Belmont?

Answered: 522 Skipped: 18



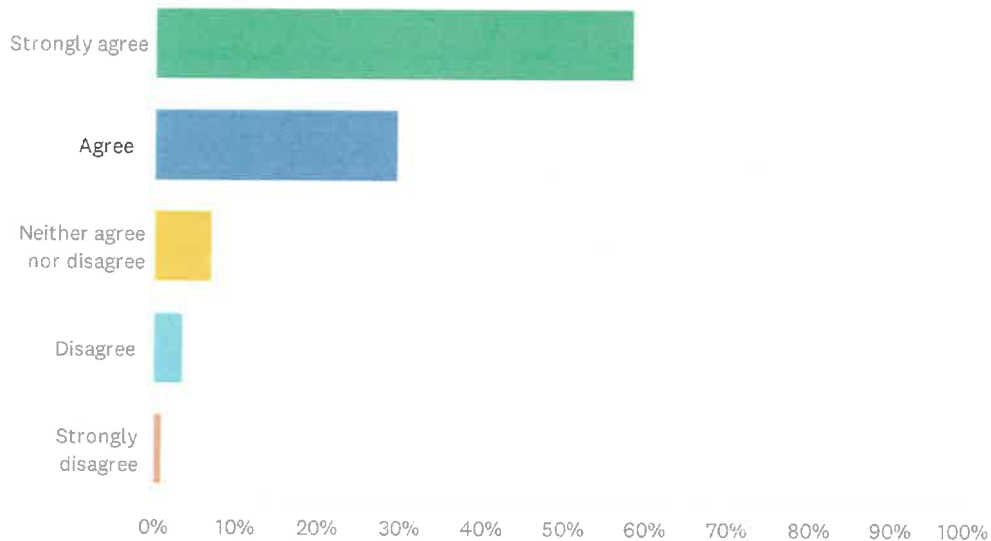
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Crime has remained the same in Belmont over the last five years.	67.82%	354
Crime has increased in Belmont over the last five years.	26.44%	138
Crime has decreased in Belmont over the last five years.	5.75%	30
TOTAL		522

Q17 I feel comfortable speaking with a Belmont Police Officer about a problem.

Answered: 537 Skipped: 3



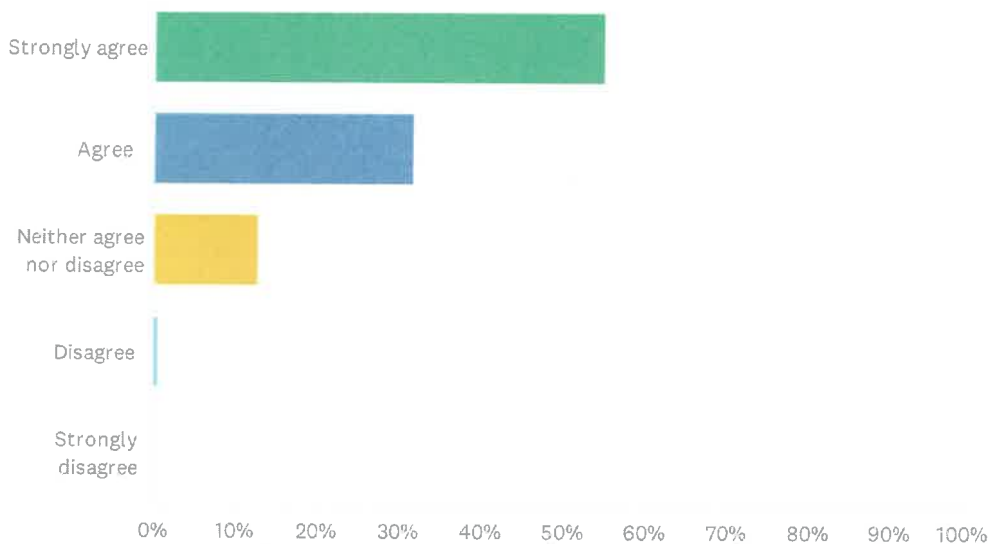
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Strongly agree	58.47%	314
Agree	29.61%	159
Neither agree nor disagree	7.08%	38
Disagree	3.72%	20
Strongly disagree	1.12%	6
TOTAL		537

Q18 Telephone calls to the Belmont Police are handled professionally and with courtesy.

Answered: 533 Skipped: 7



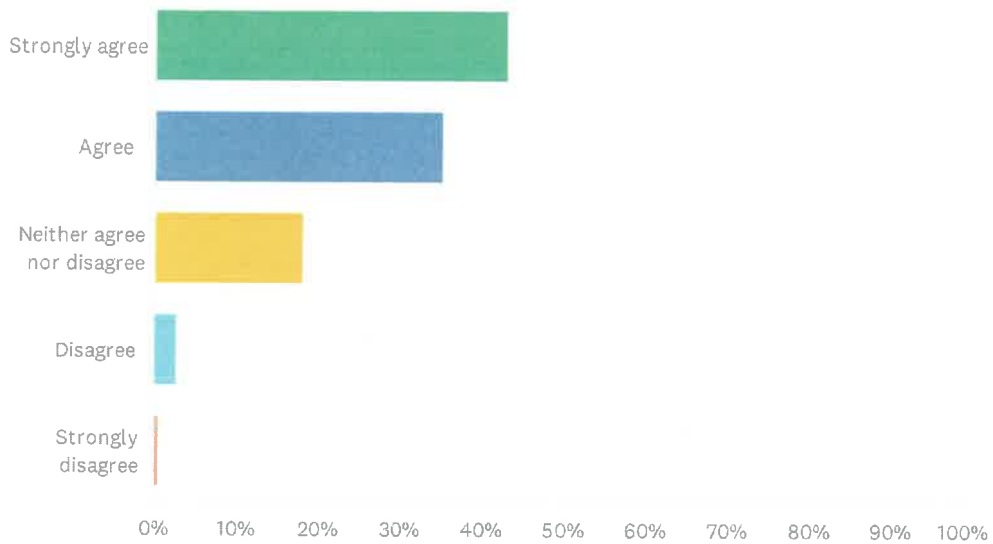
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Strongly agree	54.97%	293
Agree	31.71%	169
Neither agree nor disagree	12.76%	68
Disagree	0.56%	3
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		533

Q19 Belmont Police Officers treat residents fairly and justly?

Answered: 536 Skipped: 4



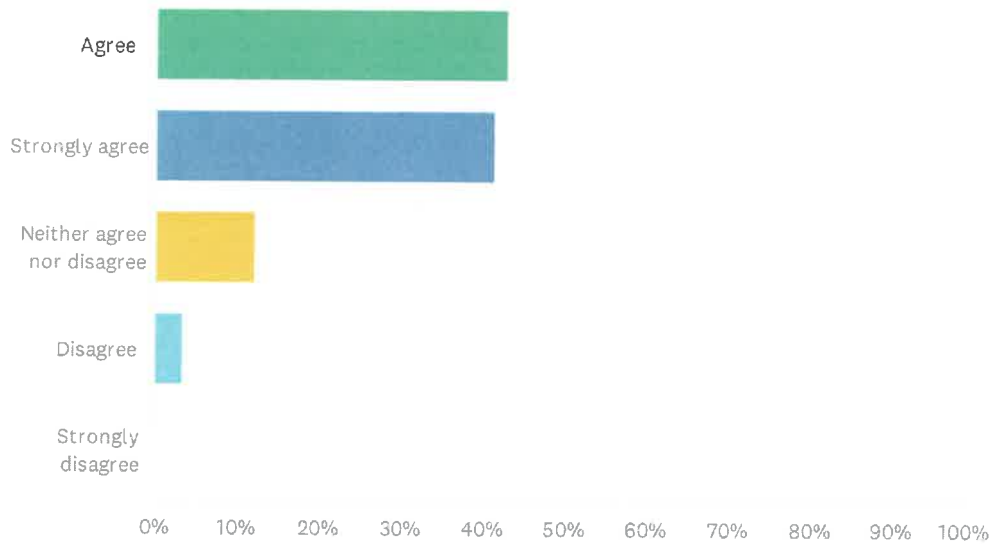
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Strongly agree	43.10%	231
Agree	35.26%	189
Neither agree nor disagree	18.10%	97
Disagree	2.80%	15
Strongly disagree	0.75%	4
TOTAL		536

Q20 The Belmont Police Department has a good public image.

Answered: 536 Skipped: 4



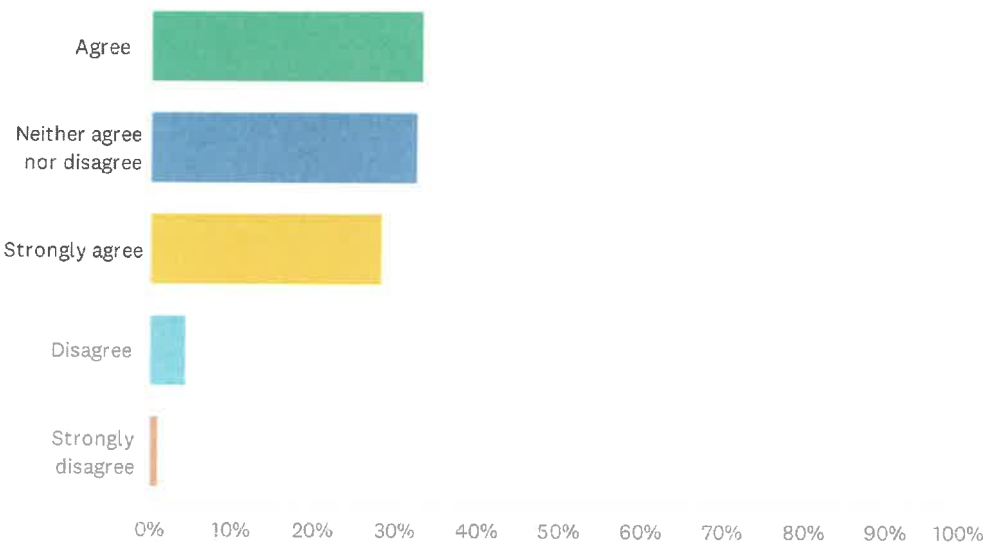
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Agree	42.91%	230
Strongly agree	41.42%	222
Neither agree nor disagree	12.13%	65
Disagree	3.36%	18
Strongly disagree	0.19%	1
TOTAL		536

Q21 The Belmont Police give proper attention to minor crimes (i.e. vandalism, disturbances, etc.)

Answered: 534 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Strongly agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

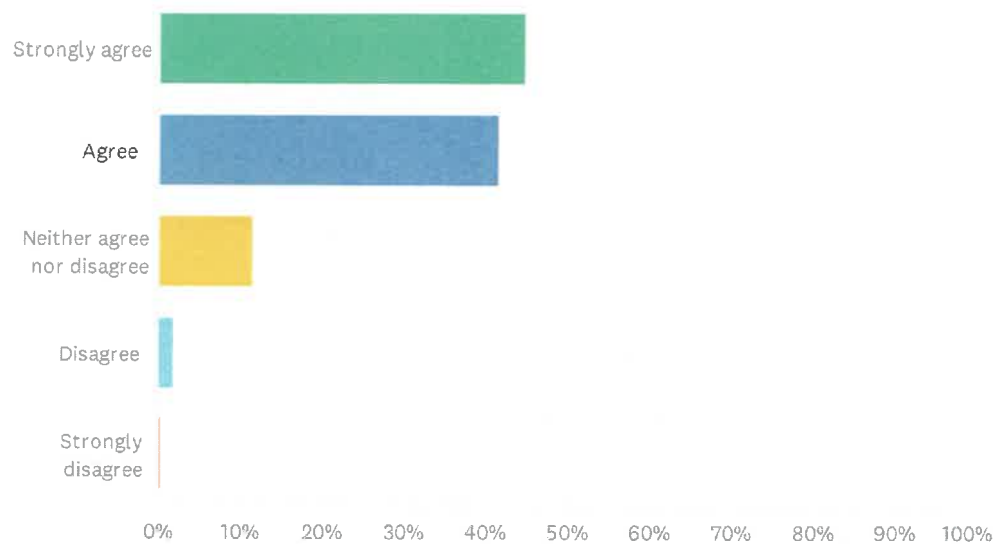
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RESPONSES

33.33%	178
32.58%	174
28.46%	152
4.49%	24
1.12%	6
	534

Q22 Belmont Police Officers are professional in their conduct?

Answered: 535 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

TOTAL

RESPONSES

44.67%

41.50%

11.59%

1.87%

0.37%

239

222

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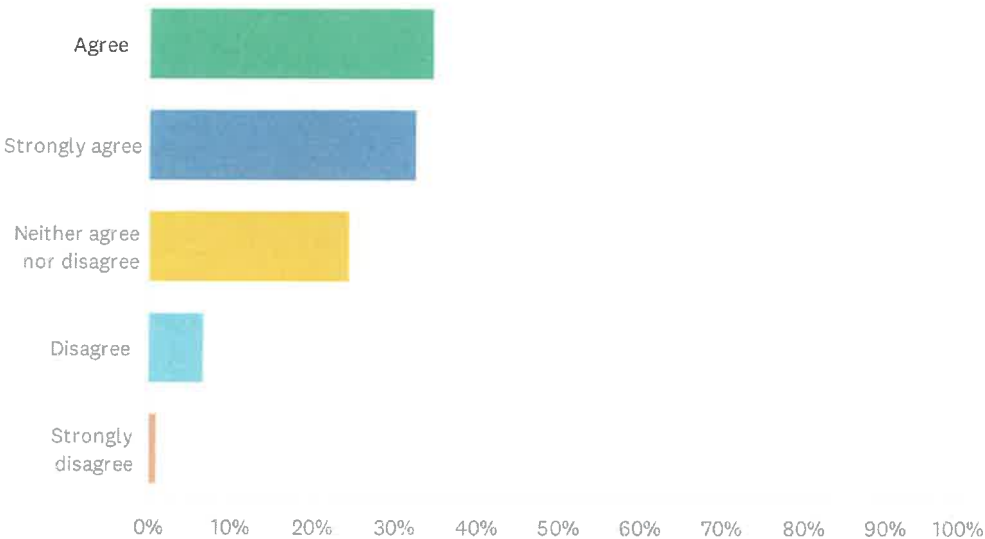
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Q23 The Police Department does a good job in an effort to engage the community.

Answered: 534 Skipped: 6

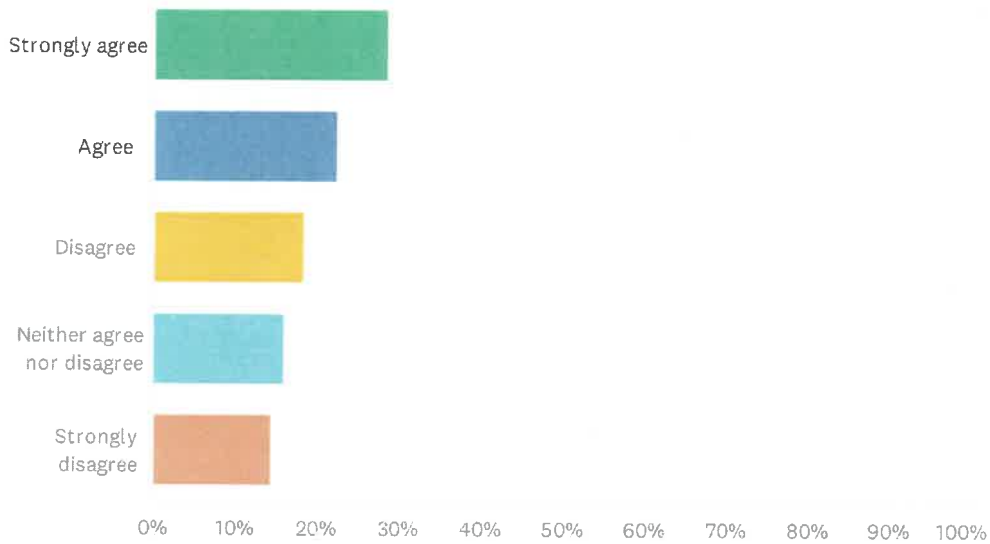


ANSWER CHOICES

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	34.83%	186
Strongly agree	32.58%	174
Neither agree nor disagree	24.53%	131
Disagree	6.93%	37
Strongly disagree	1.12%	6
TOTAL		534

Q24 The Belmont Police Department is responsible for enforcing the Town's Overnight Parking bylaw which prohibits on street parking between the hours of 1AM and 7AM. Do you agree or disagree with this bylaw?

Answered: 537 Skipped: 3



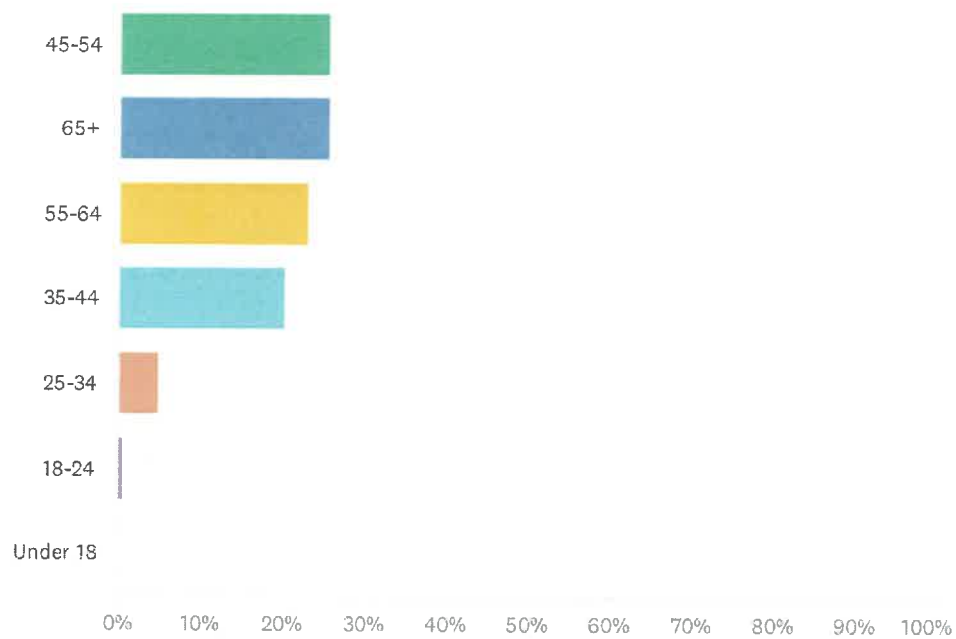
ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Strongly agree	28.68%	154
Agree	22.35%	120
Disagree	18.44%	99
Neither agree nor disagree	16.01%	86
Strongly disagree	14.53%	78
TOTAL		537

Q25 How old are you?

Answered: 539 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES

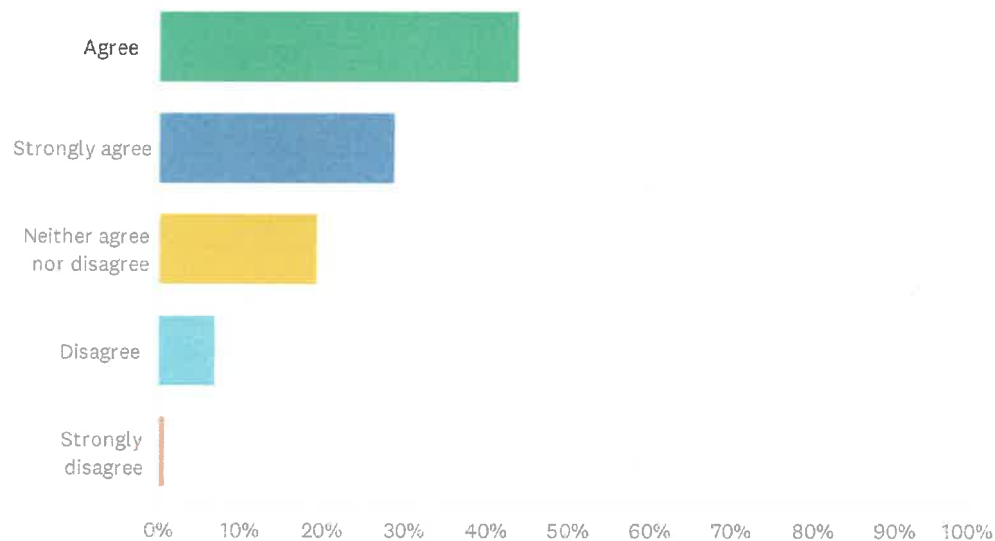
45-54
65+
55-64
35-44
25-34
18-24
Under 18
TOTAL

RESPONSES

25.60%	138
25.60%	138
23.01%	124
20.22%	109
5.01%	27
0.56%	3
0.00%	0
539	

Q26 Efforts by the police department to enforce the laws are compatible with community needs?

Answered: 530 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	43.96%	233
Strongly agree	28.68%	152
Neither agree nor disagree	19.43%	103
Disagree	6.98%	37
Strongly disagree	0.94%	5
TOTAL		530

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Q27 The area I would most like to see improvement upon at the Belmont Police Department is:

Answered: 364 Skipped: 176

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More presence at Senior Center. Making citizens aware of what is really going on in Town so we can help or understand .letting us know what dangers can happen walking alone at night for example.	12/4/2021 7:11 PM
2	Traffic issues. Speeding, darting traffic, parking.	12/4/2021 7:04 PM
3	Periodic monitoring in small side streets	12/4/2021 3:51 PM
4	Information and publicity on special programs and efforts mentioned above.	12/4/2021 1:51 PM
5	Very difficult job and I am thankful for all BPD does. Keep up the great work!	12/4/2021 12:49 PM
6	More foot patrols near business districts. More overnight car patrols in neighborhoods.	12/4/2021 12:09 PM
7	Increased enforcement of overnight parking ban Post POolice logs/incident reports on BPD website	12/4/2021 11:42 AM
8	Issues with traffic speed, parking and running stop signs and red lights. Over night parking and parking in yards illegally is a big problem. Residences buy a house and know the driveway situation we are not Watertown which has a cluttered crowded street issue. No over night parking in Belmont!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	12/4/2021 11:35 AM
9	Speeding, traffic issues, parking issues, running red lights. Cut through traffic has become a big issue, people are in a hurry and dart around. I believe that there are a lot of cars parked illegally and they are owners who are doing this in their yards and on the street. When people buy their house they know the driveway issues and should not be given a pass for not following the rules. Cluttered streets are dangerous for driving. My Mom will not visit me anymore because of the traffic and parking issues, this is sad for me. I live near Cushing Square, darting traffic is a big issue.	12/4/2021 11:22 AM
10	Is it necessary to have parked police car sitting withe engines idling. All that unnecessary emissions and gas expense..	12/4/2021 3:49 AM
11	would like to see more enforcement of unleashed dogs in public areas as well as cars that are parked too close to intersection hampering view of oncoming cars, making it difficult to pull out of side st (Richardson Rd)on to main st (Washington St)	12/3/2021 11:03 PM
12	?	12/3/2021 11:00 PM
13	Electric vehicles would send the right signal. More officers on foot to better connect.	12/3/2021 10:57 PM
14	Ticketing speeding and aggressive drivers	12/3/2021 10:40 PM
15	More information on crime in Belmont. No police log is easily available. Newspaper let us down. Webpage should have this.	12/3/2021 8:28 PM
16	Concord Ave clay pit to pool traffic	12/3/2021 7:36 PM
17	The Belmont Citizen has very unfortunately ceased publishing the police and fire logs. All that I know about the crime situation in Belmont has come from past reading of the police logs. It is, for instance, of critical importance that we know when and where car break-ins are occurring, whether they are hitting locked cars or just unlocked cars, what kinds of phone scams are prevalent, etc. Lacking that information for the past several months, I did not feel informed enough to answer many of your questions. As to the key question of banning overnight parking on streets, yes, absolutely, continue the ban. And thank you for having a questionnaire. Please ask the selectmen to get the Belmont Citizen to resume publishing critical information. The newspaper is patronizing Belmont residents, treating us as irresponsible people who have no right to know about crimes.	12/3/2021 7:18 PM

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18	Traffic enforcement	12/3/2021 6:34 PM
19	We need better enforcement of pedestrian safety laws. Cushing square is particularly dangerous.	12/3/2021 6:01 PM
20	Traffic. Parking. Pedestrian safety.	12/3/2021 5:45 PM
21	None come to mind	12/3/2021 5:38 PM
22	Foot patrols in Belmont Center in after-school hours to reduce vandalism by middle-school and high-school students.	12/3/2021 5:00 PM
23	Pedestrian safety is very neglected even in the aftermath of a tragic death near the Butler school. The crossing lights at Cushing Sq on Common St, where I often cross, put pedestrians in the line of two lanes of traffic, one turning right and the other turning left off trapelo. Cars do not slow down for pedestrians. There is no enforcement. I called once to request enforcement and saw no evidence it ever happened. The crossing lights can be made to operate differently. Other towns do a much better job with this issue! Also, speeding on Belmont St as it rises from School st is a constant problem - there used to be a speed trap by the golf course but I haven't noticed it for a while. Nor have I ever seen a speeder stopped. Why not? This too puts pedestrians at risk. Many of the questions you asked in the survey I could not answer for lack of information. The local paper no longer publishes the police log. I don't do social media. How can we find out about some of the issues you've asked about? Certainly in dramatic cases that everyone hears about the police department has responded appropriately as in the murder of Henry Tapia - it was very reassuring to hear our police chief calling that crime what it was, a hate crime. The robocalls calls are a very effective way of reaching out to the public in an urgent situation as recently with a rash of car thefts or breakins as well as with the more typical snow emergencies etc. Thank you!	12/3/2021 4:54 PM
24	Employee benefits, Give these heros a raise.	12/3/2021 3:47 PM
25	Better surveillance of the middle school parking lot on weekend evenings. Lots of drunk kids gathering there the past two years.	12/3/2021 3:44 PM
26	The survey mentioned a number of programs you do I wasn't aware of. If they aren't already on your website, it would be good to post them. Also important: more diversity on the force (including females); and published statistics on what you are doing, including when there are problems with officers that you have taken action to correct. Every institution should be committed to continual evaluation and improvement, and demonstrating that is a big part of building confidence within the community.	12/3/2021 3:42 PM
27	I hope that more police officers are hired. The job of police officers is far more dangerous than it ever was.	12/3/2021 3:26 PM
28	Staffing.	12/3/2021 1:31 PM
29	Is there any way to add more Dispatchers to the shifts	12/3/2021 1:14 PM
30	ENFORCEMENT OF ILLEGAL TRUCK TRAFFIC	12/2/2021 2:11 PM
31	FIRST: Helping make sure that all Belmont residents feel welcome, like they belong, and safe. Would have liked to see a stronger response to/against the murder of Henry Tapia (wasn't clear what was being prosecuted) and would like to see more from the Police Department that shows it embraces and enforces Belmont being welcoming to all. I have had positive interactions with every individual police officer that I have ever spoken to or interacted with, but for the Department as a whole, I wish the Department were doing more in this area. SECOND: Speeding traffic. I wish that the city had put speed remediation in on the new roads on Harriet Ave. There is still a lot of speeding down that street and on Bartlett Ave.	11/30/2021 11:14 PM
32	Overnight parking enforcement. More visibility around school drop off & pick up for parking violations	11/30/2021 5:44 PM
33	Aggressive driving at all hours of the day.	11/29/2021 9:29 PM
34	Overnight car break-ins and speeding on Common St and Trapelo Road	11/29/2021 7:27 PM
35	I miss having the complete police log in the local paper. I learned a lot from it and their different write ups on crime prevention.	11/27/2021 10:27 AM
36	I do not like the thought of a social worker doing a police officer's job.	11/26/2021 9:38 AM

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37	N/a	11/25/2021 2:37 PM
38	Youth involvement especially with low income children as well as traffic patterns and street parking rules cause dodging cars is very dangerous and when residents park on or right near a crosswalk it is very difficult to see a pedestrian trying to cross. I am also curious why most of the crosswalks aren't reflective paint. Hope this feedback helps	11/22/2021 7:31 PM
39	Make police logs available online. The Belmont Patch and WickedLocal kind of do this but it's behind a paywall and they're far from complete. It doesn't need to be all that current -- e.g. two week lag is fine, and it need not include any personal identifying details, but it seems a matter of public importance to know what's up. For instance, breakins via backdoor? Bike thefts? Car/pedestrian accidents? We can respond intelligently as residents if we know about it.	11/21/2021 8:57 PM
40	Traffic enforcement	11/21/2021 8:07 AM
41	Better enforcement of on-street, overnight parking ban in congested neighborhoods	11/21/2021 5:34 AM
42	Overnight parking and traffic enforcement	11/20/2021 9:54 AM
43	better enforcement of speeding, especially those traveling thru Belmont off rt 2 etc	11/19/2021 12:09 PM
44	Enforcement of right of way for pedestrians crossing the road. Too many vehicles don't stop while someone is crossing the road.	11/18/2021 7:04 PM
45	I see very little police cars, however they are constantly at St Joseph parking lot, two of them chatting.....	11/18/2021 9:59 AM
46	Safety at night	11/18/2021 9:58 AM
47	Interactions with the community. It would be nice if our officers lived in the community. Maybe our affordable housing that we build could be part of their compensation. You are more vested if you are a part of community.	11/17/2021 6:53 PM
48	I am a middle aged white person and my interactions with the Belmont PD have been fine for the most part. But, in a town with preominantly white people, why do I see so many people of color pulled over by the police? (Statiscally, it shouldn't be so and anecdotally, in my experiences, the unsafe drivers in town have been other white people). This is why I don't think some of the officers treat everyone equally. And this is why some of the above questions are hard to answer. You are asking for a single answer about office behavior when some of the officers are fair and professional and some appear to be biased against people of color and teenagers.	11/17/2021 2:02 PM
49	De-escalation among neighbors, restorative justice, non-confrontational intervention	11/17/2021 9:52 AM
50	Outreach toward all communities with a focus on equity and inclusion. Fewer weapons, more talking.	11/17/2021 9:19 AM
51	Traffic control - aggressive drivers can be out of control.	11/17/2021 8:35 AM
52	More resources on the street	11/16/2021 7:55 AM
53	Strict enforcment of speeding, vehicular noise (motorcycles, gunning the engine, etc.), parking signs, distracted driving (using hand held devices, texting, etc.), defusing tense situations with dignity and decorum.	11/15/2021 10:46 PM
54	Traffic, speeding, stopping for pedestrians at crosswalks, house & car break-ins. Can a flashing pedestrian light be installed on Pleasant/Munroe to assist kids & families crossing to get to WinnBrook & Joey's Park? Cars do not stop on Pleasant and it's dangerous for kids & families trying to cross.	11/15/2021 5:30 PM
55	Would love to see more police around town..walking or biking. Have always had very positive interactions and would like to see interactions between police and community outside of emergency situations, traffic stops. Easier to engage community when police are out of the cars.	11/15/2021 5:05 PM
56	More presence monitoring speeders on Pleasant and Concord Ave. Cars speed and tailgate when they know there is no police present.	11/15/2021 12:33 PM
57	Increased emphasis on diversification of the department as well as training on diversity in the community.	11/14/2021 5:12 PM

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58	Monitoring speed AND NOISE of autos and trucks, lately engine braking firing noise, motorcycles, and gunning sports car engine revving and excessive horn use on main AND side streets. Must control speeding on side streets as well, AND dog poop cleanup, which is definitely NOT enforced. Also, how about a little civility and courtesy on the part of responding officers? If you want, I can give you some names	11/14/2021 3:11 PM
59	Would like to see some diversity in the force! It's time.	11/14/2021 2:44 PM
60	more police patrols/presence	11/14/2021 7:39 AM
61	I see no enforcement of speeding in Belmont. One of the worst offenders are Belmont police racing down the street...not to fight crime but just to parole & because they can. I worry for my kids walking around with cars speeding & not paying attention to pedestrians. Please encourage parole cars to slow down and set a good example & pull people over for speeding!	11/14/2021 6:40 AM
62	Traffic greatly affects our quality of life in Belmont, both because of the congestion and because it brings more aggressive, frustrated drivers onto the Belmont streets. We need to find a balance between enforcing laws that ensure the safety of pedestrians and cyclists while not creating more gridlock.	11/14/2021 5:25 AM
63	N/A	11/13/2021 6:23 PM
64	Community outreach. Clearer communications with individuals.	11/13/2021 12:21 PM
65	Note: I used N/A for "don't know" where applicable. For some areas, I don't have any experience/knowledge to assess. I understand Belmont is a partner with C4RJ and urge that resource to be used. It is the perfect option for certain types of crime.	11/13/2021 11:35 AM
66	traffic patrol - perhaps hire flag people for cost reasons speeding car break in more outreach	11/13/2021 10:01 AM
67	Traffic calming near schools and centers. Rarely see police stopping cars for traffic violations. No police action when I've reported that at least 10 cars per day drive the wrong way on Watson Road.	11/13/2021 7:40 AM
68	Speedy drivers that cut through neighborhoods	11/12/2021 11:20 PM
69	I can't give enough support or credit to our officers. They put their lives at risk everyday for our community. Unfortunately they do not get treated with respect or get any recognition for there hard work. Back the blue Belmont ! Our officers back us up 100%. It's time they get some appreciation . This isn't a problem with police it's more about the towns lack in speed bumps at PQ park on Maple St. speed bumps are placed at all schools and playgrounds except PQ. With soccer season traffic can get tricky. Speed bumps could help control speed around high traffic areas. I always see BPD patrol the area.	11/12/2021 9:54 PM
70	I don't have much interaction with the Belmont Police. But I don't believe I have seen a black officer and not many women. I can only hope that the Police Department is being very careful about attitudes, prejudices, and biases among it officers. It is incredibly important to me that ALL people are treated with fairness, equity, and whenever possible kindness.	11/12/2021 1:05 PM
71	Slower traffic on rte. 60, Pleasant St.	11/12/2021 10:40 AM
72	community engagement	11/12/2021 8:50 AM
73	Traffic enforcement on cut-through routes	11/12/2021 8:42 AM
74	Vandalism/litter/broken glass at playgrounds, especially Payson Park. Enforcing cross walk laws and making pedestrians safer, Especially belmont rd at intersection of payson rd. I have almost been run over with my child multiple times there.	11/12/2021 8:40 AM
75	More gun buybacks, Perhaps a percentage of police should be unarmed.	11/12/2021 8:35 AM
76	Brighton and Cross	11/12/2021 8:10 AM
77	Finding a way to get drivers to slow down and be less distracted. Side roads are free red by cars going 30+ mph and with little kids it's terrifying. Also, as someone who walks the town frequently, it is constant that you see drivers staring at their cell phones.	11/12/2021 6:39 AM
78	Direct engagement between officers and youth through the schools as a part of the schools civics circullum, so the role of police in town and society is hard wired into the schools' circullum and the PD's mission. Not a one shot deal; real integration of effort	11/11/2021 10:41 PM

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79	continue to know the community and appreciate our diversity in age, race, ethnicity, background. Everyone should feel that the BPD will take their concerns seriously and fairly	11/11/2021 9:06 PM
80	abide by Governor's COVID guidelines and enforce as needed	11/11/2021 9:06 PM
81	A. Belmont Police needs more racial diversity. B. End traffic details for street opening work. Taxpayers drive past them and see the detail as a waste of tax money. The officers are superfluous, and seem to always be talking with the workers. Traffic cones would work better. Watching manhole covers is mind-numbing. Massachusetts is one of the few states where police are used for street opening details. C. Police should be trained to shoot for wounding, not the lethal "center mass" shots.	11/11/2021 6:02 PM
82	Visibility in high traffic areas other than Concord Avenue/Belmont Center	11/11/2021 5:02 PM
83	More Diverse Officer Work Force	11/11/2021 2:35 PM
84	Some mode of communication with older residents. A flier in the electric bill maybe, indicating where we can find all that information that I neither agreed or disagreed on. I'm a resident since 1987	11/11/2021 12:42 PM
85	Speeding, pedestrian safety, traffic, crosswalk & crossing guards, dummies who don't know how to use a 4 way stop.... Washington & School.	11/11/2021 12:39 PM
86	Traffic	11/11/2021 11:17 AM
87	Traffic control. More traffic enforcement during drop off and pick up times in all school areas. Traffic enforcement for those not obeying one way do not enter signs during school mornings and afternoon. Speeding is an issue as well during all hours of the day on side streets and major roadways.	11/11/2021 11:03 AM
88	More community engagement especially with kids (preteen-Chenery age). I've noticed a lot more kids loitering and causing problems in the center.	11/11/2021 10:59 AM
89	I like to see a police presence. Maybe have them interact with the public (say hello to people in their yards more). When they do that, it improves their public image. I am a strong supporter of both the police and BLM, and I think the Belmont Police department does a good job of being respectful. Of course I am a white resident of town, so I don't know what the experiences are of people of color. I would listen very hard if they have negative experiences, but I don't know if they do.	11/11/2021 10:49 AM
90	Focus on crime prevention. Focus on quality of life. Focus on traffic improvements...and stop pandering to every tiny whim of cyclists. Stop playing to the tyrannical minority. Stop bowing to accusation s of racism because of a road rage incident, not involving anyone from Belmont, for example. Don't even think about removing overnight parking ban.	11/11/2021 9:39 AM
91	1. I like reading the weekly police reports in the local Belmont paper. When I am aware of traffic issues, scams, targeted robberies I feel that I can try to help you by being vigilant and improving my strategies. 2. This town unfortunately has some very dangerous traffic patterns. "Malfunction Junction" - turning onto Leonard Street from Common. Belmont High School/Concord Avenue at arrival and dismissal times. Wellington School traffic on Common Street. Chenery Middle School and Washington Street. And, certainly Common St. crossing Trapelo Rd. when driving toward Cushing Square - no one is ever in the correct lane. Citizens - on foot or bicycles or in cars are not safe in these areas. I am in favor of Belmont police patrolling and ticketing these areas over and over again. Tell us you're going to do it and then be merciless - fine us when we speed, jump lights, cruise past pedestrians in crosswalks. Just do it. We will eventually learn. This could be a great added revenue for the town and I would be out there supporting and cheering your efforts. Actually, you would get a lot of support from the citizens of this town.	11/11/2021 8:37 AM
92	More Diverse Officer Work Force	11/11/2021 8:10 AM
93	The crime stats section of the survey should have don't know option. I have no idea how effective police are in some types of crime. My biggest complaint are police on some construction and traffic details. They appear unprofessional. I see them talking, drinking coffee and ignoring cars. They usually are not even paying attention to traffic. They are often ineffective in managing traffic flow. It's literally my only complaint about police because their behavior seems really out of character	11/11/2021 8:02 AM
94	I'm most concerned with crossing the street at Lexington st & Beech St with my kids. Drivers	11/11/2021 7:02 AM

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are usually pretty courteous when I have my kids but when it's just me, I've faced some aggression

95	Bicycle safety, congestion in belmont centre area, permanant clusure of lennard street in the town centre.	11/11/2021 6:53 AM
96	More interaction with children so that the children become comfortable interacting with police officers.	11/11/2021 6:45 AM
97	"Crime" is not caused by the police or moderated by police. You guys (mostly) react to it. I would greatly prefer a thoughtful, progressive approach to "crime." My name is June Jensen. I have lived here for 37 years (newbie). I have raised my children here. I would like the police to be allies to the residents and people of Belmont. That includes the mentally ill and people who struggle to conform their behavior to societal norms. Yes, I am a "liberal" if you choose to label people. It is best to structure your responses as police by data driven information. Where you choose to get your data is important. I suggest a multitude of sources from established reliable agencies. Pew Research comes to mind - nonpartisan statistical information. Poverty, mental illness, drug use are issues in our society. How we choose to react will impact effectiveness. Arresting people and giving them life-altering CORIs is not an answer to the vast majority of our social problems. Obviously, beat-downs, sexual assaults etc. are different. But even these "crimes" are nuanced. A butt grab is different than a rape. But both trigger life-altering results. Should they be treated the same? I think not. If you get your guidance from the Prosecutors, which many police departments do, you will forever be limited in your vision. You need to look at the causes of socially aberrant behavior to shape your response.	11/11/2021 6:03 AM
98	Using social workers to bring about awareness and change of social justice issues including issues around race, mental health and positively supporting the youth.	11/10/2021 11:22 PM
99	Need more diverse police force... issues of racial tension and violence are very sad. I have only seen white male police officers in Belmont and this does not help.	11/10/2021 11:16 PM
100	As an immigrant scientist living in Belmont since 2013, I do not feel safe after Mr. Tapia was killed by a racist in daylight. Belmont Town has done nothing to recognize this event. In addition, when I look at the BPD officers, I see no diversity. Belmont is quite diverse with immigrant families coming from all over the world and BPD is quite white. Why do you exclude non-white people? How can we trust you when you continously exclude people of color from BPD?	11/10/2021 10:15 PM
101	Bicycles are operating very aggressively. Bicyclists are operating too fast, ignoring traffic signs/signals.	11/10/2021 9:58 PM
102	More officers.	11/10/2021 6:39 PM
103	Speeding on Commons & Belmont Street all the way down to Waverley. Ban large trucks on Belmont Street	11/10/2021 4:46 PM
104	Traffic/driving and pedestrian safety in Belmont.	11/10/2021 3:08 PM
105	Traffic enforcement. I have lived in Belmont for 12 years and have seen hundreds of incidents of dangerous driving. I have experienced scary close calls as a pedestrian, as a cyclist, and as a driver. My middle school children tell horror stories of the reckless driving around Chenery. Yet in my 12 years, I have not yet seen a single car pulled over by Belmont police.	11/10/2021 2:34 PM
106	Responsiveness to issues on public property. I called to report vandalism at Clay Pit pond and was told to take it up with town hall.	11/10/2021 2:29 PM
107	traffic congestion (although not really a police problem per se)	11/10/2021 1:38 PM
108	Engagement with youth. Pick up sports games or community clean up activities. Wear masks properly and avoid things like blue line bandanas and masks on the job. Be the change and set a positive example for our kids. Check your bias. We all have it. Ask yourself what if scenarios to see how you can be more equitable every day.	11/10/2021 1:31 PM
109	I would like to see more diversity in the BPD and less of a 'military' and 'command and control' stance. I believe we can achieve excellence in policing without having to look like we have a small military. Can our officers look more like our residents and less like overlords? They are so geared up that even casual conversations put citizens on the defensive because it's like talking to robocop.	11/10/2021 1:09 PM

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110	Traffic calming and pedestrian/cyclist safety	11/10/2021 12:23 PM
111	More attention to traffic problem areas, e.g, Common St at Trapelo	11/10/2021 12:19 PM
112	Waverly Square especially at the intersection of Moraine and Trapelo. It's a nightmare and it's just a matter of time before there is a major accident there!!	11/10/2021 12:12 PM
113	stricter enforcement of on street overnight parking. More patrolling overnight with tickets ussed to violators. Absolutely opposed to any change in the overnight parking bylaw.	11/10/2021 11:58 AM
114	use restorative justice program that Belmont is a member of (C4RJ)	11/10/2021 8:45 AM
115	I would like to see officers patrol dangerous intersections (like the corner of School & Washington streets) and give tickets for failure to stop. I've been hit and am still suffering... all because people are in a hurry and don't stop, even when crossing guards are present. I worry for the crossing guards' safety, children's safety, as well as pedestrians and other drivers. Why not raise some money for the town with tickets as well!	11/10/2021 8:23 AM
116	Social worker for mental health emergencies	11/10/2021 7:55 AM
117	More foot patrols to interact with neighborhoods and community	11/9/2021 9:52 PM
118	Recruit more African American (and other minority) officers	11/9/2021 9:38 PM
119	Traffic safety and enforcement	11/9/2021 5:20 PM
120	Easily accessible and accurate police log.	11/9/2021 4:03 PM
121	A more fair and equitable allocation of service vendors to BPD, especially related to towing providers. Rumor has it that there is some officer-benefitted preferential treatment/give-backs to the one towing service provider that Belmont uses. According to BPD, I had to use this provider for what ended up being crappy service and then was further insulted when I realized that some of the officers were benefitted at my expense.	11/9/2021 1:27 PM
122	Control drivers for texting / looking at their phones while driving. I see people looking down on their phones all the time.	11/9/2021 10:22 AM
123	No overnight tickets! We should be able to park on the street overnight!	11/9/2021 10:21 AM
124	as much in person outreach as possible during the pandemic	11/9/2021 10:08 AM
125	Not sure I know enough about their programs and what data says about them to know how to answer this. Maybe more youth programs for high school kids and could also be more engagement with already organized high school groups too I suppose	11/9/2021 9:22 AM
126	It is important to get the BPD out of the civil service system. Doing so would vastly improve BPD's ability to recruit new officers and to diversify its ranks.	11/9/2021 8:58 AM
127	The police cars keep getting bigger. Why? Let's go back to sedans to save money and make the police a friendlier presence around town. The massive SUVs currently in place seem a bit silly. 2) The people I see speeding around town the most are the police cars, and not necessarily when they have their sirens on. While I appreciate quick responses, I'm skeptical this is what's happening every time.	11/9/2021 8:34 AM
128	Pedestrian and bike safety	11/9/2021 6:25 AM
129	Dealing with recurring/persistent noise issues.	11/8/2021 11:16 PM
130	Remove overnight parking ban. Continue to work with community on social justice	11/8/2021 9:17 PM
131	Transparency	11/8/2021 8:00 PM
132	save town money by reducing number of officers on staff	11/8/2021 7:14 PM
133	Traffic safety. Parents driving their kids to CMS and BHS are too aggressive.	11/8/2021 7:07 PM
134	Traffic, speeding on back roads and in school zones, spend less time worrying about overnight parking tickets and more on crime prevention and police presence.	11/8/2021 6:22 PM
135	Two areas, 1) traffic calming and 2) underage drinking and use of drugs, mostly pot use. I would like to see more speed bumps and better signage and enforcement of no turn on red, at strategic points around town. There are places around Town where this might be helpful. For	11/8/2021 5:49 PM

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example, many use Waverly as a speedway to avoid the lights on Trapelo Rd. and i see countless people making a right on red, despite signage, when at the cross walk at Beech, Waverly and Thomas on my way to the park with my dog. As for underage alcohol and drug use, there are spots around town where underage people party and hang out using alcohol and pot (and maybe other stuff too). I have heard first hand from some of these underage people that they feel free to do so because their experience has been (and future expectation is) that the Officers, when they come upon such, are very lenient. There is no real consequence except that the Officers tell them to to be head out or move along. I often see empty beer cans and alcohol nips around the edges of Town field, especially in the summer. Again this is where I walk my dog. I assume the same may be true at other parks around Town but do not know!

136	Don't know	11/8/2021 3:58 PM
137	Traffic Congestion	11/8/2021 3:30 PM
138	Speeding drivers and distracted (phone-using) drivers should be pulled over, esp near schools (we live near Chenery) and on Concord Ave. (a) that will slow folks down, and (b) will help keep pedestrians and bike riders safer	11/8/2021 3:09 PM
139	More equitable treatment of members of minority communities and those with mental health issues.	11/8/2021 1:58 PM
140	na	11/8/2021 1:12 PM
141	Traffic regulations for cars, motorcycles, bicycles, scooters, etc. especially red lights and stop signs on routes to schools.	11/8/2021 12:57 PM
142	None. Doing a good job as is.	11/8/2021 12:53 PM
143	Traffic	11/8/2021 12:43 PM
144	Enforcement of driving laws	11/8/2021 12:18 PM
145	Please have a police car monitor the Pleasant/Leonard/Clifton street intersection. Cars fly through that intersection, including through red lights. Many of these drivers are not Belmont residents and use the town as a cut-through to avoid highways. Often, these are trucks, so the damage to a pedestrian, bicyclist, or driver in a car could be disastrous. This intersection has become increasingly worse in the past 2 years or so.	11/8/2021 12:04 PM
146	ending the School Resource Officer program	11/8/2021 11:45 AM
147	Traffic enforcement, specifically speeding on high volume roads and near schools. Also the intersection of Trapelo and Common (which also needs better signage, or a re-design - it is very confusing, especially for those who are not using it often).	11/8/2021 11:41 AM
148	Greater monitoring of distracted driving (people on phones!) and cars running red lights at the Pleasant St / Route 2 intersection (I go through this intersection multiple times a day and see people running red lights several times a week). Also the intersection of Leonard / Concord under the bridge in the town center... not sure what can be done there!	11/8/2021 11:28 AM
149	I live near the intersection of Trapello and Common Street. Cars in the left lane aren't supposed to go straight through the Trapello intersection, but they do. I don't trust that intersection and worry about the safety of my kids when crossing the street. Perhaps the left lane gets a slower green arrow? Perhaps the stop line gets moved back. Also, I bike to work a few days a week and some roads feel less safe. Improving bike safety would be a huge quality of life improvement.	11/8/2021 10:57 AM
150	Traffic congestion	11/8/2021 10:39 AM
151	Less effort on overtime parking, more effort on illegal parking (hydrants, corners, crosswalks, etc).	11/8/2021 10:35 AM
152	Greater sensitivity to juveniles with whom the BPD interacts and greater use of diversion programs for juveniles.	11/8/2021 10:34 AM
153	make the police force more diverse. Leave civil service to help accomplish this. Make sure all officers are vaccinated for covid 19	11/8/2021 10:27 AM
154	Cut back the number of officers to half. Take that funding and use it instead for alternative support such as intervention, social services and support of All community members. I won't	11/8/2021 10:21 AM

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call the police because they're more like to make a situation worse.

155	More racial/diversity/sensitivity training in both hiring and daily practises.	11/8/2021 10:01 AM
156	A deeper understanding of mental health issues. I would like to see more enforcement of the overnight parking ban on my street.	11/8/2021 7:26 AM
157	Traffic control and speeding on side streets is a real issue that needs attention.	11/7/2021 9:19 PM
158	Bicycle safety-I find many cyclists travel without following the rules of the road. They pose a dangerous problem for others. I would encourage the Police Department to provide both education and enforcement to help cyclists create a safer town for all.	11/7/2021 7:28 PM
159	Ticketing those that speed! Residents included! Many of the offenders are moms - don't just let them off with a warning.	11/7/2021 5:22 PM
160	More visible patrols, particularly on Friday and Saturday nights. More overnight parking enforcement. Monthly report of crime and other initiatives accessible on website and social media. Keep up the parking / snow calls.	11/7/2021 2:18 PM
161	More enforcement of safety laws affecting pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly at crossing and intersections.	11/7/2021 2:15 PM
162	Traffick	11/7/2021 1:59 PM
163	Safe driving in town, including addressing distracted driving and obeying speed limits	11/7/2021 1:39 PM
164	patrolling the Wellington School area for late night underage loitering and parties	11/7/2021 1:13 PM
165	Traffic and parking violation enforcement	11/7/2021 11:35 AM
166	Traffic is awful because drivers are aggressive and they're looking at their phones. They kept trying to go through Belmont Center when it was one-way for outdoor dining. They blow through stop signs and red lights when I'm in the crosswalk. They give me the finger and keep going. They have no idea what the flashing yellow at the bottom of Cottage St by the skating rink means. They NEVER stop at it. There used to be a red light there. The red light must be returned to that crosswalk. Drivers tailgate and honk because they don't like that I obey the 25mph limit. They all blow through four-way stops without pausing. Drivers in this town are frightening. I don't walk or run as much as I used to, because I've had too many near-misses. I'm scared to walk during the evening rush hour.	11/7/2021 11:16 AM
167	No opinion	11/7/2021 11:01 AM
168	I sincerely believe the department does a great job. Traffic backup is the biggest complaint I have and I do not believe this is any fault of the department but rather the infrastructure.	11/7/2021 10:19 AM
169	Having best practices followed in terms of racial profiling and treating black people equally. Having true punishment for officers who behave in a racist fashion. Sending out social workers for people having mental health crises. Having officers check under bushes in local parks where teens are apparently stashing alcohol.	11/7/2021 10:18 AM
170	Vandalism, diversity, domestic violence, traffic control	11/7/2021 10:17 AM
171	I do not see the police out and about often. I think BHS community officer is great, but needs more money to be able to actually provide programing not just monitoring for teenagers.	11/7/2021 9:56 AM
172	Encourage safe walking, driving, and bicycling by monitoring of driving behavior	11/7/2021 9:34 AM
173	Putting a mental health person more in front on the police dept.	11/7/2021 9:18 AM
174	The department website	11/7/2021 9:13 AM
175	Traffic enforcement. Often see drivers on phones, aggressive driving, speeding on cut through side streets, ignoring crosswalks. Feels dangerous as a pedestrian and cyclist and parent of small children.	11/7/2021 8:54 AM
176	Reckless driving, drug and alcohol programs (social worker)	11/7/2021 8:37 AM
177	More social workers and mental health professionals working with the department.	11/7/2021 6:40 AM
178	1) Speeding, aggressive driving, pedestrian and bicycle safety - for example along Concord Avenue East (and other more major thoroughfares) - as a driver, cyclist and pedestrian I have	11/7/2021 6:03 AM

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encountered aggressive driving/speeding that has put cyclists and pedestrians in danger. It is only a question of time before someone gets hurt. Some of this might be helped with more traffic calming (lights) and protected cycle lanes etcetera to slow traffic and reduce opportunity for aggressive undertaking. 2) Would like to see more officers interacting with the community (bicycle police or walking officers) - would help to build that relationship with community members of all ages

179	Traffic	11/6/2021 10:44 PM
180	Speeding and cutting through streets illegally near Route 2	11/6/2021 9:29 PM
181	less time sitting in cars & more time engaging with the public though not sure how this would be done. Vital to prevent autos speeding but so often doesn't appear officer is on that machine, more often on cell phone but perhaps just my luck to see that on spare moments....love the idea of a bike cop	11/6/2021 6:05 PM
182	Night patrol at parks and playgrounds	11/6/2021 4:01 PM
183	Please consider better traffic management along Belmont Street! Very happy with the median strip of a few years ago but ... the corner of Belmont/School is a disaster, with cars running the lights and people confused about how School turns into two-way at the corner of Belmont. The two traffic lights right at Waverley Square are confusing. The merged lanes after School going west, and after Pine going east, are like a game of chicken. Also wondering what is going on with the motorcycles, they seem to be getting louder and more disruptive to this relatively peaceful area. Thank you for considering!	11/6/2021 3:41 PM
184	Bike safety, taking role-modeling leadership role in talking to middle school and older kids about racial injustice/racial slurs have no place in our community.	11/6/2021 1:53 PM
185	Not really the police dept, but I would light better the streets for more visibility, which makes police work easier. If they can see	11/6/2021 1:08 PM
186	Stopping so many illegal U-turns in Belmont center, and stopping the endless double parking in a Belmont center. Thank you for giving us such an effective and professional Police Department!	11/6/2021 1:06 PM
187	Traffic related issues. Safety of bikers and pedestrians	11/6/2021 12:20 PM
188	CERT program to become active again	11/6/2021 11:40 AM
189	Teen drinking at baseball field next to ice rink. There's no reason for teens to be drinking in public. Police biking through every hour would stop this completely.	11/6/2021 11:28 AM
190	Additional officers on foot patrol	11/6/2021 10:57 AM
191	Identity fraud is growing exponentially. Would like to see more officers trained to handle fraud complaints. Residents need police reports quickly to deal with the Registry, SS, and credit card companies. Not always able to get a quick response from a detective because they are overloaded.	11/6/2021 9:54 AM
192	More officers in high traffic areas. Red lights mean NOTHING to anyone anymore sadly	11/6/2021 9:12 AM
193	Traffic management	11/6/2021 8:34 AM
194	Traffic and parking issues around schools and the residents who live near them. The excise start time is same as shift changing is total BS	11/6/2021 8:29 AM
195	You guys are doing a great job.	11/6/2021 7:54 AM
196	Public safety, traffic safety, communications to the community	11/6/2021 7:25 AM
197	Traffic control. It's a mess.	11/6/2021 6:31 AM
198	I am not aware of what needs improvement. One thing I would like to see addressed by the town is the degree to which people throw trash out their car windows and line the streets with empty alcohol bottles and coffee cups and other trash. But that is not about the police dept.	11/6/2021 5:54 AM
199	Traffic enforcement	11/6/2021 5:06 AM
200	Traffic	11/6/2021 1:51 AM
201	Speeding and distracted driving	11/5/2021 10:42 PM

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202	Traffic control and blatant violations For ex, someone doing a u turn under the bridge, not stopping for kids in crosswalks during school hours. Witnessing really bad driving lately	11/5/2021 10:07 PM
203	100% vaccination rate, seek out anti-racist policies and behavior	11/5/2021 9:28 PM
204	NA	11/5/2021 8:28 PM
205	Pleasant Street traffic enforcement (especially assistance crossing to Munroe St- cars don't stop for pedestrians and lots of kids & families try to cross there to get to WinnBrook & Joey's Park) - 1. Crosswalk as mentioned above and 2. Speeding on Pleasant St as cars cut through town	11/5/2021 8:16 PM
206	More community events where police and residents interact. More visits to schools so students can get to know and respect officers.	11/5/2021 7:59 PM
207	The intersection of Pleasant Street and Trapelo Road, vehicles running red light, cars honking, distracted drivers, etc	11/5/2021 7:56 PM
208	More attention to vandalism on school property, working in schools to help end racial discrimination in schools, and holding bikers accountable to the rules of the road.	11/5/2021 6:41 PM
209	More engagement with the community. Presentations at senior center and houses of worship; presentations on scams,etc	11/5/2021 6:35 PM
210	Traffic enforcement: speeding, distracted driving, and aggression are seemingly out of control	11/5/2021 6:23 PM
211	Crack down on youth drinking and driving. From the amount of roadside bottles and cans every weekend it is evident that this is a pretty constant occurrence. Most of these kids are coming from large gatherings at houses... not hard to spot.	11/5/2021 6:18 PM
212	I would like to see a greater presence stopping speeding vehicles and vehicles who go through crosswalks without stopping. I worry for my children with how people drive so fast in belmont. I wish the police would sit outside the crosswalks and ticket people speeding near schools and those who blow through crosswalks.	11/5/2021 5:43 PM
213	Pedestrian/bike safety improvements.	11/5/2021 5:39 PM
214	More detailed police blotter. I put N/A for most of the answers because the residents don't truly know the crime incidences in town. The we'll let you know if there is a problem policy speaks down at the residents. We'd like to know where and type of crime and when. Who knows, perhaps we have information, or can be affected by the situation if known about it. This is very poor communication with the community and to have to rely on the newspaper to let us know what they think is news is censorship.	11/5/2021 4:02 PM
215	More Police presence after dark, less people use drug, less public drinking. Thanks	11/5/2021 4:00 PM
216	Bicycle enforcement. Not stopping at red lights not stopping for pedestrians in crosswalk	11/5/2021 3:22 PM
217	Hate crimes!	11/5/2021 2:25 PM
218	Continue to make community outreach efforts, really appreciated your presence for the Pride parade.	11/5/2021 2:19 PM
219	I do not like the thought of a social worker doing a police officer's job.	11/5/2021 1:55 PM
220	traffic safety, especially around schools	11/5/2021 1:08 PM
221	N/A	11/5/2021 1:07 PM
222	Ticketing bicyclist who don't follow driving rules	11/5/2021 1:03 PM
223	More presence in center on Wednesdays and weekend nights.	11/5/2021 12:57 PM
224	More enforcement of traffic violations (speeding, distracted driving, aggressive driving) around schools and other congested areas.	11/5/2021 12:54 PM
225	Traffic/parking/ speeding cars	11/5/2021 12:06 PM
226	Youth engagement	11/5/2021 12:02 PM
227	Traffic control--speeding, parking on sidewalks	11/5/2021 12:02 PM

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228	There is too much old school attitude among police. As the Boot of the Ruling Class, BPD is great. But the population isn't just rich people, and I want BPD serving all people. It is hard answering some of the survey questions because I have had mixed experiences over the last 30+ years of living here. My boss, a union president and African American woman came through Belmont, stopped for an icecream and was ticketed for something she referred to as DWB, but called out as a marked lane violation while pulling out from a parking space onto Trapelo. Her words to me were, "I don't want to call anybody racist, but I felt those eyes on my before I even got into my car." Despite that, BPD is excellent enough I consider it one of the finer points of quality of life in this town.	11/5/2021 11:57 AM
229	Improved safety for children walking and biking to school.	11/5/2021 11:46 AM
230	Traffic control. Enforce speed limits. Enforce crosswalk safety all over town.	11/5/2021 11:36 AM
231	Distracted driving/texting	11/5/2021 11:27 AM
232	Car and Home break ins. Traffic enforcement	11/5/2021 11:17 AM
233	I appreciate the efforts of the BPD, and I am proud that we have officers able to respond to serious crime in our community. That is priority 1. But I wish our town budgets allowed for a large enough force of these high-quality officers to be able to show up randomly at Commercial areas, at the CVS, at the Star market, (walking around) when everything is fine. I think this would deter bad actors from counting on the fact that they will never be seen, caught or even challenged. Lately, adults who confront bad behavior by kids in Belmont Center are met with rude and nasty language - I know some kids and adults feel it's becoming a threatening place. If police were present, THEY could be the ones confronting. I also wish I saw tickets being issued for speeding. Speeding (with engines revving), passing over double lines, honking at me for going the speed limit down Common, is ruining quality of life. Communication: I miss reading the police log in the Citizen Herald, because it made me feel I understood what BPD was coping with.	11/5/2021 11:02 AM
234	Keeping up the good work, thanks!	11/5/2021 10:41 AM
235	Continued training in how to defuse anger situations. We are becoming more divided country, and more people are running on short fuses. Officers have to be trained in social sciences in order to defuse potential violent situations. Citizen anger toward each other may become an officers daily response.	11/5/2021 10:32 AM
236	Community engagement. I had no idea that you offered many of the services you mentioned in this survey, eg bike patrol, social worker co responder. Please continue to engage youth especially, in open, inclusive, friendly ways. And please do all you can to make everyone safe and comfortable, regardless of race or gender or socioeconomic status.	11/5/2021 10:31 AM
237	Distracted and dangerous driving enforcement.	11/5/2021 10:20 AM
238	Not really sure maybe keeping an eye on those Town Administrators they seem to be always doing something sneaky!! LOL!! You guys are great!!!!!! Thank you for all you do!	11/5/2021 9:14 AM
239	Police presence in high traffic areas might slow down the drivers. Particularly Trapelo Rd/ Belmont St.	11/5/2021 7:09 AM
240	Enforcement of underage drinking and traffic safety - texting while driving, speeding, JOL violations.	11/5/2021 6:58 AM
241	enforce traffic laws.	11/5/2021 6:50 AM
242	Pedestrian and bicycle safety Traffic enforcement	11/5/2021 6:43 AM
243	Attention to Pedestrian safety and aggressive driving especially in waverley square and at the Leonard st/concord ave underpass	11/5/2021 4:44 AM
244	I guess I would like to see more enforcement of the speed limit. I am very concerned with pedestrian safety.	11/5/2021 4:15 AM
245	Speeding all around town, crosswalks and drivers not paying attention to and traffic congestion at the center	11/5/2021 3:28 AM
246	Communicating to our citizens how critical the police department's role remains in keeping Belmont, safe, free and welcoming to all.	11/4/2021 11:34 PM

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247	Traffic	11/4/2021 11:04 PM
248	Greater cultural and racial awareness and sensitivity. Investigation into illegal activities in massage parlors and nail salons. Greater enforcement of moving violations and distracted driving.	11/4/2021 10:45 PM
249	Diversity hiring Support teenagers (esp when intolerant adults complain about small things—you do a good job with this, continue doing it!)	11/4/2021 10:25 PM
250	I believe they do a great job. People in the town should appreciate what we have.	11/4/2021 10:17 PM
251	Racist issues at high school and middle school; drunken teens; SRO is not well defined or known; more healthy youth activities	11/4/2021 10:14 PM
252	I would like to see more social workers and other trained community engagement professionals as part of the Belmont Police Department Team. Professionals trained to deal with domestic violence, elders, mental health and more. I would also like to see the force more closely reflect the diverse cultural make up of our town. Additionally, I would like to see the Department more strictly monitor and enforce driving infractions in our Town. A month doesn't go by without someone in my family having a near miss with an accident due to an aggressive or distractive driver. I live on a main street in the town and people speed on it all day long and there is never a police presence. I feel like the community and the department do a great job of making this a place where I am not worried about my children being a victim of a crime when they walk around town, but I do worry greatly for their safety when it comes to the drivers.	11/4/2021 10:13 PM
253	More officers on patrol with more proactive policing	11/4/2021 10:12 PM
254	Traffic pedestrian and bicycle safety	11/4/2021 9:40 PM
255	More visibility. I assume you are patrolling areas of concern but I don't see cars patrolling. If we have motorcycle bicycle patrols, I don't see them. Thank you for all you do.	11/4/2021 9:36 PM
256	Increased enforcement of speed limits on cut through streets such as Oakley Rd and Payson Rd	11/4/2021 9:15 PM
257	Speeding traffic in side neighborhoods , Cut through traffic because of the Cambridge backup . For the record - the Belmont Police Department and all related departments with the Belmont Police are amazing, effective, caring, involved, professional, hardworking, honest , dedicated , underpaid, under recognized officers and men & woman that we have the utmost respect for . Thank you .	11/4/2021 9:13 PM
258	I appreciate the efforts Officer MacIssacs makes to connect with the community. Also, Officer Horan is great with the kids. I was sorry to see that program end. There was a brief moment when my once middle schooler felt the Mayberry vibe in the community due to the drug prevention program... Things have changed thanks to events in the country and I hate that the kids lost their innocence and that here we are. I'm not sure what BPD - or any forward thinking police department - can do to heal the past and regain the trust that was striped away over the past few years. I appreciate your efforts and this survey. We are not in a good place. Thank you for trying.	11/4/2021 9:08 PM
259	Number of petrol	11/4/2021 9:00 PM
260	Be a police force that exemplifies compassion, work more closely with social workers	11/4/2021 8:48 PM
261	Hate crimes Traffic enforcement Bicycle safety	11/4/2021 8:45 PM
262	Unsure	11/4/2021 8:43 PM
263	Leading the town in anti racism efforts - being the model for learning, growth, humility and transparency. This includes responding publicly to police "boosters" who weaponize "the police" as part of their racism and also supporting vaccine mandates and other public health management that recognizes disproportionate impact on communities of color.	11/4/2021 8:37 PM
264	Keep police cars on Grove St and Concord Ave to deter speeding. Belmont is a quick cut thru for commuters who do not live here	11/4/2021 8:32 PM
265	I think the police are doing a wonderful job especially given the climate in the country. Hopefully, people will wake up and realize how much we need the police. Thank you.	11/4/2021 8:28 PM
266	Enforcement of crosswalks. I am actually shocked if a driver stops to let me cross when I am	11/4/2021 8:25 PM

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in a crosswalk. Also, animal control. My kids and their friends are routinely attacked by wild turkeys walking to or from school . Can the animal control officer do anything about this? She doesn't seem to have much of a presence around town

267	Stopping speeding, monitoring intersection of Grove & Belmont, preventing pedestrian & bike accidents	11/4/2021 8:23 PM
268	Monitor speeding along Frontage Road. It would help if a speed limit was posted in order to enforce the speed limit, but I doubt the limit is 50+mph which is what the traffic is going. It would be dangerous for the police to enforce a reasonable limit.	11/4/2021 8:16 PM
269	Increased neighborhood patrols	11/4/2021 8:15 PM
270	People driving like crazy people	11/4/2021 8:14 PM
271	Bicycle safety! Traffic congestion. Continue to increase community engagement through website and social media.	11/4/2021 8:10 PM
272	Reduce the number of police by 75%	11/4/2021 8:08 PM
273	<p>*It is hard to answer many questions about problems with types of crimes in Belmont because if they exist they are not well known or publicized. We are all just guessing. In general, what I see as the biggest challenge is very lax traffic rules, parking, speeding, and laws. It has all become meaningless without enforcement. Everyone is special, and can do as they please, including driving/biking/walking dangerously, especially drivers with phones in their hands and ears, like a law prohibiting distracted driving doesn't exist. Chances of getting a ticket are almost none existent. We are not inhibiting a video game, this is a real life with potentially tragic consequences. We understand that enforcement is harder with lack of staff and police officers, but given that the town is not suffering from major crime sprees, there should be more presence, more patrols, and especially more traffic violation tickets. BPD is remarkably hands-off. E.g., you can't sneeze in Cambridge without a parking or traffic violation ticket. They have vastly expanded their "quiet 20 mph" zones in areas that are duplicate of many dense residential streets in Belmont. This doesn't cost much at all, and gives police necessary tools to enforce the speed and traffic laws. Not to mention how much it can help residents breathe easier in those areas. No one is willingly cutting through Cambridge or Somerville as a result because of excellent traffic policies they have instituted. It can be done. Those in charge stop hiding serious dysfunction and inability to govern behind the town budget. In contrast to Cambridge and some other communities around, we barely have any designated school zones, let alone 20 mph zones. Every road in our town is put in a function of a highway. We are lucky not to have more casualty. But, why is this so? Belmont is lagging on many metrics. It is tragic and very costly how, allowing amateurish and misguided traffic/development with lack of any long-term planning in Belmont over the last two-three decades, has contributed to the town becoming extremely congested and dangerous. It is not just dangerous for pedestrians, but bikers and other drivers too. QOL is declining rapidly on this account. Many residents are very unhappy, and rightfully so. It is too easy to cut through and speed in Belmont. Overnight parking ban has good intention, but doesn't take into account the different character and density of various Belmont neighborhoods. The area between Cushing and Waverley is becoming too dense, city like, and needs parking stickers and guest parking permits. This is long overdue. Especially in lieu of tremendous amount of residential/business development in the area which is still not finished. As a community we need to set a good example for our youth. We are not doing this currently very well, and sending the message that rules are essentially only for fools who follow them. My sincere wish is to see more police on foot and bikes because police in cars is only contributing to a complete detachment from issues facing pedestrians and bikers in Belmont on a daily basis. We are a walkable, compact town with sidewalks, congestion, and within a very dense bustling metro area, not a quiet rural community. Our police force should reflect this fact, especially if we get to expand our police numbers, hopefully soon. All of you should experience how it feels to be a young student trying to negotiate traffic on a morning walk or bike to Chenery or BHS. Illegal parking/speeding/illegal traffic obstruction by dangerous stops and illegal turns/parking in crosswalks, on sidewalks, blowing through stop lights, or menacing pedestrians has become too rampant. We have to do better. Changing the law in favor of traffic cameras in MA would also help. We have been remarkably behind, with no excuse now that we are all willingly tracked by our phones 24-7. Police should be strongly behind changing of the law, it will make your jobs and our safety much better and easier. Another issue. Domestic violence, abuse, and violence against women is either not happening or it is too hush-hush within town. Most residents are not aware. I hope if there are indeed victims around us, they don't feel doubly traumatized with the air of silence, and letting these brutes and criminals too easy of the hook,</p>	11/4/2021 7:43 PM

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while affording them anonymity. I understand that there is a delicate balance in such cases, but sunshine is often the best disinfectant. If you need more resources to help with violence and mental health issues in our community that would improve public safety, or if there is any other severely lacking resource, we residents have a right to know. We want to help you, and make you more successful, so our town is healthier and safer. More transparency would help us understand your challenges, and enable us to move forward in a better direction as a town in the 21st century. We have to change with times. Thank you very much for all the hard work you do.

274	More diversity in the police department	11/4/2021 7:29 PM
275	Communication & Enforcement	11/4/2021 7:23 PM
276	I feel that the overnight parking restrictions on the residential side streets are entirely unnecessary, forcing multi unit homes into tandem parking situations is a real hassle and the enforcement of this law is a waste of the BPD's time and effort.	11/4/2021 7:14 PM
277	Traffic calming measures, bicycle safety emphasis	11/4/2021 7:03 PM
278	Vandalism in schools. Traffic enforcement.	11/4/2021 6:48 PM
279	Traffic enforcement	11/4/2021 6:37 PM
280	Traffic - aggressive and distracted drivers make me and my children feel unsafe in this town	11/4/2021 6:22 PM
281	More officers. The job is getting tougher and more dangerous. Would like the town to support a larger patrol force. Bringing back walking beats in the towns centers and to have more backup for your officers	11/4/2021 6:20 PM
282	Slowing down traffic and ticketing people who make U-turns in commercial areas.	11/4/2021 5:51 PM
283	Traffic issues and safety. Especially in areas known for issues.	11/4/2021 5:46 PM
284	Regionalization with abutting towns and more innovative, progressive policing	11/4/2021 5:33 PM
285	Aggressive driving	11/4/2021 5:23 PM
286	Parking around the high school	11/4/2021 4:49 PM
287	None - BPD is doing a great job!	11/4/2021 4:45 PM
288	Discouraging, or at least strictly regulating commuter cut-thru traffic	11/4/2021 4:13 PM
289	Reduce parents driving their kids to school. Provide more alternatives such as safe walk-in or biking	11/4/2021 4:06 PM
290	speeding	11/4/2021 4:01 PM
291	Parking enforcement of all types.	11/4/2021 3:58 PM
292	More presence in the schools at a young age to speak to children about drug and alcohol abuse/dangers of social media	11/4/2021 3:33 PM
293	School patrolling and traffic	11/4/2021 3:32 PM
294	Keep an eye on hate crimes, vandalism, graffiti	11/4/2021 3:20 PM
295	If officers are stationed in patrol cars along Concord Ave / Trapelo rd - they should not be on their phones /computers or not paying attention to what is going on around them, too often I have seen erratic driving down these main roads in town, with an officers patrol car right there - however, they 'miss' the actual violation or offender because they are not 'alert' to their surroundings. Also monitoring the corner stores and what they are selling to 'youth' - vaping materials, alcohol to teenagers, and other infractions that are going on out of these markets.	11/4/2021 2:57 PM
296	Enforce the crosswalk at concord ave and winter street please!!	11/4/2021 2:33 PM
297	Speeding on residential streets; new more police officers in Belmont.	11/4/2021 2:30 PM
298	Monitoring speeding	11/4/2021 2:18 PM
299	Crosswalks in school zones!!	11/4/2021 2:12 PM
300	Social work, community engagement and outreach to seniors.	11/4/2021 2:11 PM

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301	na	11/4/2021 2:06 PM
302	More focus on illegal drinking and dumping ... And "drug" sales at middle school parking lot	11/4/2021 2:02 PM
303	traffic and pedestrian safety	11/4/2021 1:59 PM
304	Interaction with the community, more importantly to teens	11/4/2021 1:59 PM
305	Pedestrian and bicycle safety	11/4/2021 1:50 PM
306	Crosswalk enforcement particularly near the schools in the evening when children are leaving after school programming 4:30-6:00pm. This includes bicyclists that do not stop at crosswalks. Trapelo Rd near Butler Elementary is an area where there are many near accidents involving cars and bicycles as children and families try To cross the street.	11/4/2021 1:44 PM
307	High school	11/4/2021 1:33 PM
308	I'm very concerned about the number of speeding cars I see regularly on Waverly, Beech, and C Street, especially given the number of young children who live in these areas.	11/4/2021 1:21 PM
309	Traffic- cyclists- unfortunately I'm on the receiving end of cyclist aggression. Some make their own rules , but I guess that's true for drivers as well. Drug use at high school. Overall doing a great job. Thank you.	11/4/2021 12:55 PM
310	Underage drinking, loitering, alcohol beverages at Joeys Park. Vehicle thefts late at night.	11/4/2021 12:44 PM
311	Traffic enforcement, more crossing guards for school.	11/4/2021 12:39 PM
312	Bike roads, social worker response, discreet domestic violence visits, respect, fairness, and courtesy towards everyone they meet, change in drug enforcement due to its nature of targeting people who need help not enforcement.	11/4/2021 12:37 PM
313	General traffic and school traffic	11/4/2021 12:32 PM
314	I would like to see more community engagement. For a town as small as ours, I'd like to know *who* our police officers are. I'm also a bit concerned about the size of the town police force. My understanding is that relative to many of the surrounding communities and our comparative crime rates, we have a larger police force than our town may actually need. I'm concerned about the impact of that on our town budget (especially the pension liabilities).	11/4/2021 12:32 PM
315	Traffic flow	11/4/2021 12:26 PM
316	Presence for traffic calming, building a good relationship w/ youth, support and presence at community events	11/4/2021 12:26 PM
317	No. They do a good job.	11/4/2021 12:18 PM
318	Traffic and parking. We live next to a school and the parents routinely block driveways and the fire hydrant at 111 Orchard St. Never see a police patrol enforcing speeding on Orchard St or Goden St. Dozens of Parents make illegal left turns out of Wellington parking lots at dropoff and pickup.	11/4/2021 12:16 PM
319	None	11/4/2021 12:12 PM
320	More traffic enforcement	11/4/2021 12:10 PM
321	Publish the crime log so citizens know what is happening in the town. The location of crime precinct by precinct or neighborhood by neighborhood is very important to safety and evaluation of government policy. The citizen has very few tools to evaluate how the town is executing in the very important issue impacting the quality of life of residents.	11/4/2021 12:05 PM
322	Crack down on Vandalism/harmful media and drug/alcohol use from youth	11/4/2021 12:03 PM
323	Pedestrian safety	11/4/2021 11:59 AM
324	No overnight tickets. More warning.	11/4/2021 11:57 AM
325	Cite old people for dangerous driving violations when they are clearly more dangerous than a .08 despite only going 10mph.	11/4/2021 11:57 AM
326	More information to the public about crime.	11/4/2021 11:54 AM

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327	Drug abuse	11/4/2021 11:54 AM
328	Enforcement	11/4/2021 11:53 AM
329	During our 18 years in Belmont, BPD has always been responsive, professional, respectful and useful. Thank you for your service.	11/4/2021 11:48 AM
330	enforcement of overnight parking ban.	11/4/2021 11:43 AM
331	Speeding enforcement	11/4/2021 11:40 AM
332	More traffic enforcement	11/4/2021 11:39 AM
333	Traffic enforcement, especially related to bicycle and pedestrian safety (speeding, distracted driving).	11/4/2021 11:36 AM
334	Patrolling for drivers who make illegal u-turns over solid yellow lines	11/4/2021 11:34 AM
335	neighborhood engagement - hosting meet and greets throughout the town at public places, including public housing spaces. When I have a chance to actually chit chat with officers it GREATLY helps increase my comfort level with authority	11/4/2021 11:26 AM
336	Traffic control and enforcement Too many drivers ignore the laws...esp. red lights!	11/4/2021 11:22 AM
337	Cell use while driving	11/4/2021 11:18 AM
338	I think they do a good job, but I also think continued outreach to different racial, immigrant, and ethnic minority groups (including our LGBTQ community) is important to keep building trust and making sure to report any hate crimes or hate motivated incidents (including at the new BHS or other key areas in town)	11/4/2021 11:14 AM
339	Speeding and Traffic violations.	11/4/2021 11:13 AM
340	I would like better outreach with youth. I think the issues around the BMX was a big fumble by the police. When called on it, they pointed fingers at the DPW. Young kids have so few places to be in this oppressive town. I also would like to see more pro-active encouragement of biking for this age. If the police did a better job policing cars riding in the bike lanes on Concord ave, teenagers would feel safer riding there. As that area becomes the focus of youth grades 7-12 more needs to be done.	11/4/2021 11:08 AM
341	The level of officers needed for the Belmont Police Department should be restored to 50-52 officers. We are lacking in the necessary human resources needed for the BPD.	11/4/2021 11:04 AM
342	Traffic and pedestrian/bicycle safety is the #1 issue in town from my standpoint. There is really no current deterrent for dangerous driving (distracted driving, excessive speed, aggressiveness and flat out ignoring signage/infrastructure). Belmont PD should do more to act as a deterrent, especially along major roads at rush hour.	11/4/2021 10:52 AM
343	Speeding enforcement.	11/4/2021 10:51 AM
344	Community policing is always in need of improvement. Talking with residents down the park or in the center is a great way to show that BPD is sincere and ready to protect its citizens!	11/4/2021 10:43 AM
345	Fighting drugs	11/4/2021 10:43 AM
346	Traffic management, parking and drop-off at all schools, bicycle and walking safety	11/4/2021 10:42 AM
347	More presence in the community. I rarely see a Police car driving around my neighborhood. Uniformly enforce the parking laws.	11/4/2021 10:40 AM
348	Would be great if they had more community events for people to meet the police officers that serve our community.	11/4/2021 10:40 AM
349	Increased staffing. Department needs more staff, and a more equitable share of the town budget for staffing, training, etc.	11/4/2021 10:38 AM
350	Traffic controlled illegal parking in centers or other busy streets. Would also like to see more police presence on foot in Centers especially on school half days. Lots of problems with rowdy kids, racing through sidewalks and stores, knocking over elderly pedestrians etc.	11/4/2021 10:37 AM
351	good analysis of town needs and continued interest	11/4/2021 10:37 AM

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352	Unsure	11/4/2021 10:33 AM
353	Traffic control and enforcement	11/4/2021 10:28 AM
354	Ensuring that everyone (including bicyclists) obeys traffic laws. Everyone must stop at red lights, stop signs, etc., and be traveling in the correct direction.	11/4/2021 10:27 AM
355	Update the concept of SRO in the schools and evolve how they work with school administrators to support proactive prevention strategies instead of emphasis on reacting to incidents. I'd also like to see better coverage of traffic control during school arrival and dismissal times. There are dangerous intersections without crossing guards still.	11/4/2021 10:27 AM
356	Speeding on local "feeder" streets during rush hours. (School, Common, Fairview, Slade, etc.)	11/4/2021 10:25 AM
357	I have concerns about the way students of color and other marginalized students and families perceive the school resource officers and worry that police presence in today's climate might cause unnecessary anxiety and concern for these students.	11/4/2021 10:20 AM
358	Reduction in bias/hate incidents in the schools. Enforcement of noise by-laws. Increase in the use of restorative justice practices where possible.	11/4/2021 10:20 AM
359	Fewer police needed in Belmont, there is little crime here	11/4/2021 10:16 AM
360	Belmont Center (Leonard Street and under the bridge)	11/4/2021 9:49 AM
361	I would as way encourage police interaction with the community especially with young kids. Show them they had a friend in police at a young age and they won't fear them and maybe keep them out of trouble	11/4/2021 8:56 AM
362	I've had little interaction with the police department in my 9 years of living in Belmont. I had no idea the dept had a restorative justice program or was thinking of hiring a social worker. I support both of these initiatives, which can help victims feel compensated in whole and decriminalize some infractions.	11/4/2021 8:45 AM
363	appropriate funding to support police in relation to mental health crime incidents	11/4/2021 8:30 AM
364	More officers and larger budget.	11/4/2021 8:03 AM

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Q28 Please add any comments that you would like to make about the Belmont Police Department or its personnel.

Answered: 269 Skipped: 271

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Great group of our Belmont Police	12/4/2021 7:11 PM
2	The police need to be on trapelo and common addressing traffic issues.	12/4/2021 7:04 PM
3	N/a	12/4/2021 3:51 PM
4	Courteous, friendly, professional.	12/4/2021 12:09 PM
5	Please do more traffic and parking control to make our streets safer.	12/4/2021 11:35 AM
6	only occasionally are the police doing traffic stops. Trapelo Road and Common Street in the past had regular traffic stops, but it has been a decade since I have seen consistent presence. The result is fast, darting traffic.	12/4/2021 11:22 AM
7	I have found the BPD responsive, friendly & courteous.	12/3/2021 11:03 PM
8	I design surveys for a living and have a number of suggestion how this could be designed better. It is terrific that you ask of our opinion and next time I suggest you ask for help, e.g. via the yahoo page or Ellen Cushman. No cost of course. For example, I have only once had contact with the police, and that was in connection with schools. [REDACTED]	12/3/2021 10:57 PM
9	Na	12/3/2021 10:40 PM
10	Need to publish log. Looks like info is being hidden. Citizens need to know.	12/3/2021 8:28 PM
11	Have always had good interactions with officers	12/3/2021 7:36 PM
12	No problems.	12/3/2021 7:18 PM
13	My few interactions with them have been quite favorable.	12/3/2021 6:01 PM
14	Thanks for your service	12/3/2021 5:45 PM
15	I've always found the police to be very responsive and respectful in the 23 years I've lived here.	12/3/2021 5:38 PM
16	I appreciate the job you all do. These are difficult times and we need the police more than ever.	12/3/2021 3:47 PM
17	Great you are doing this survey. I hope you use the responses to refine what you ask about and how you frame questions in future years. Definitely useful to gather data. Online surveys struggle to be representative in who ends up responding, so hopefully you'll work to fill in info in other ways if some groups seem not to be getting captured.	12/3/2021 3:42 PM
18	I have great respect for law enforcement and always have. I wish that my opinion was the norm. Sadly it isn't these days.	12/3/2021 3:26 PM
19	As far as I can tell, the "Traffic Calming" program has been effective in reducing speeding	12/3/2021 7:40 AM
20	THE BPD SEEMS TO TRY TO MAKE A LIMITED EFFORT TO DO THEIR JOB WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM FROM THE TOWN. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE FUNDING DIVERTED TO THE BPD SO THEY CAN MAKE A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF STEPPED UP INTENSIVE PATROLLING ENFORCEMENT	12/2/2021 2:11 PM
21	As noted above, individually, I have had very positive interactions with every individual police officer I have ever spoken to or interacted with, whether for non-emergency items, emergency items, or around the town. I like to see the police presence on Trapelo and around town to wave hello and to feel like the officers are around the neighborhood. I don't have a sense,	11/30/2021 11:14 PM

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	though, for the department as a whole about the department's commitment to welcoming all Belmont residents and making sure that all Belmont residents are treated fairly and feel safe. I was extremely disturbed by the murder of Henry Tapia. As a newer resident (<4 years), I don't have a sense of the Department's overall interactions across communities/populations, but I hope that the Department is training officers for respectful interactions with all residents and holding them accountable for that element of their role.	
22	Need more traffic enforcement both moving violations & parking	11/30/2021 5:44 PM
23	My experience has been positive.	11/29/2021 9:29 PM
24	All calls have been handled professionally and compassionately.	11/29/2021 7:27 PM
25	My time sensitive incident was not responded to or not prioritized. I believe officer has a relationship with person of issue, so just delayed and pushed me off.	11/28/2021 7:08 AM
26	Again I feel the complete police log that used to be in the local paper is a disservice to the community by not having it. I want to know what is going on. I was educated by the facts in it. I have contacted the paper about this loss their response is "they feel it is too much bad news." They told me to go on the police department's website but I do not find what used to be in the paper. The log that used to be in the paper informed the community of what type of calls the police and fire department answered.	11/27/2021 10:27 AM
27	To all BPD & personnel... Thank You for all you do.	11/26/2021 9:38 AM
28	N/a	11/25/2021 2:37 PM
29	Some of the officers are old school in there approach to certain scenarios but not all some actually talk their time to get to know you been here over 15 years even went to school here and have only ever really conversed with one officer need more community involvement	11/22/2021 7:31 PM
30	My interactions with Belmont police have been rare but only [REDACTED] My bike got stolen once ... and amazingly Belmont Police not only took the report politely but even later found and returned it ... Does that ever happen elsewhere? My neighbors had a loud argument and BPS settled it down rather than escalated. My daughter's car got a scrape while parked and the officer kept the whole interaction very simple so it later settled amicably. All very good.	11/21/2021 8:57 PM
31	Activate CERT program	11/21/2021 8:07 AM
32	It's important for police officers to treat people with respect, while using their lawful power to better our community	11/21/2021 5:34 AM
33	overall excellent policing in Belmont	11/19/2021 12:09 PM
34	The BPD has maintained an image of professionalism during these trying times where police departments are under alot of scrutiny. Thank you!! Lets continue to lead from the front, hold each other accountable, and be a continuing image of professionalism for all departments.	11/18/2021 7:04 PM
35	Again I like to see more of a presence on the road, I see them very seldom	11/18/2021 9:59 AM
36	I have had positive and negative interactions with Belmont police. It is a tough job. But you are there to serve and it is the job you have chosen. I worked in healthcare. You can not be snarky with people. It does not work.	11/17/2021 6:53 PM
37	Please treat people the way you would like to be treated.	11/17/2021 5:06 PM
38	I think there are some stellar officers in the BPD that approach situations recognizing that their job is not only to "protect" but to also help residents and that might mean taking some time to understand a situation and to give resources or information. For instance, I think the current SROs are great resources in the schools, and connect well with the kids b/c they have taken the time to establish relationships with the kids and they participate in initiatives to improve the environment at the schools and the supports for the kids. However, there are also officers that I've met that seem to have an authoritarian mindset and are more interested in controlling a situation to their liking, rather than doing what might actually work best for the folks involved. Add to this the racial biases (and other biases) that WE ALL HAVE, and it makes for unpleasant encounters (or worse). I'd love to see those authoritarians not get hired in the first place as I think they are a definite impediment to a better police force (and the unions make it hard to remove them). And I'd love to see more opportunities for the community to meet and know the police in situations that aren't the result of a 911 call. These settings would allow	11/17/2021 2:02 PM

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residents to gain a better understanding of the job police do and the police would better understand the situations that residents might be navigating. It would humanize everyone.

39	I have had mixed interactions with the BPD. The last interaction involved a neighborhood issue, police and fire in attendance, and a young adult on my street. I approached with no knowledge of the situation although I saw a young man blocked in his car by an officer with a hand on his hip leaning into the car door with 2 officers behind the vehicle. I stopped and inquired within an earshot of all participants, whether the young adult had been apprised of his right to counsel. The first time I asked, one officer scared me, he barked at me, which I found unnerving, asked appropriately who I was, i.e, a family member, and I said, neighbor. I repeated my question about counsel. The second officer responded that the kid was not in trouble. I thanked the officers and moved on. I was later approached by the parent of the young adult and told I had made everything worse for her son. I asked what she meant and she said Officer Denny told her that as a result of my interference, her son would suffer the consequences. Officer Denny told her this directly. I apologized because the mother was clearly scared for her son. Given that I am a resident of Belmont and not a law enforcement officer, I am not capable of initiating an arrest by asking whether a person has been apprised of their right to counsel. I found Officer Denny to be a problem in this situation. The other officer, the one who barked at me, scared me unnecessarily. I do not want to feel afraid of the police. I grew up in Georgia and I experienced unlawful and egregious aggression by officers in uniform personally. I also experienced regressive policing tactics against groups and crowds in Georgia. I am also aware that my interactions as a white woman in a privileged economic class with police are of the softer nature. That said, I am afraid of the potential abuses state power affords officers and the inherent biases of trust ascribed to officers and their perceptions. I have more confidence in Captain MacIsaac than I imagined possible. At times I am astounded by the importance placed on community outreach. There's a former police captain, I can't recall his name, who also impressed me. Yet, I remain wary. I realize as I write this that I will set up an appointment with the BPD and share my thoughts more directly. I genuinely appreciate the opportunity to participate in this forum and I thank all the folks who made this possible.	11/17/2021 9:52 AM
40	I really appreciate what Jamie McIsaac has been saying publicly. I have very little interaction with the officers, so my answers may be skewed	11/17/2021 9:19 AM
41	Keep up the great work you do under limited resources	11/16/2021 7:55 AM
42	Thank you Belmont PD for all you do!	11/15/2021 5:30 PM
43	Belmont PD is a well run department. Would love to see the police out and about so community can get to know BelmontPD officers as people/neighbors!	11/15/2021 5:05 PM
44	I have been very pleased overall with the performance of our Belmont Police Department.	11/15/2021 12:33 PM
45	The chief is very responsive to the community and his attendance at many community sponsored meetings and events is greatly appreciated.	11/14/2021 5:12 PM
46	Must learn how to behave properly, with dignity and grace, especially in tense situations. They seem not to have learned. Cops are alway ready to shoot or slam somebody to the ground or on a car hood before using verbal calming techniques.	11/14/2021 3:11 PM
47	I appreciate the police force in general and also very much appreciate the Chief's involvement in community programs and zooms.	11/14/2021 12:17 PM
48	DO NOT defund the police!	11/14/2021 7:39 AM
49	I have called the BPD three times in the 10 years I've resided in Belmont. Always very courteous and professional officers. And, always men. I don't know the diversity stats of the BPD and how it compares regionally, but my perception is that there are no women.	11/14/2021 5:25 AM
50	I grew-up, live, and work in town and feel very safe here. Additionally, I believe Belmont has one of the most professional, educated, and diverse police forces around and they make every effort to continue to keep this community safe. Thank you.	11/13/2021 6:23 PM
51	very grateful for your courage and professionalism	11/13/2021 3:26 PM
52	I have had excellent responses when I've needed to call the police. I think that in addition to social media and websites the emails that go out telling people what is happening - as for example, when there are car thieves around - is very helpful.	11/13/2021 12:21 PM

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53	The department does a good job with periodically updating the community about scams and certain crime waves to be aware of, for example via the newspaper. The police blotter is also helpful for seeing patterns (bicycle thefts, home break-ins, car break-ins, scams, etc.)	11/13/2021 11:35 AM
54	Thank you for keeping our community safe	11/13/2021 7:40 AM
55	N/a	11/12/2021 11:20 PM
56	I can't give enough support or credit to our officers. They put their lives at risk everyday for our community. Unfortunately they do not get treated with respect or get any recognition for there hard work. Back the blue Belmont ! Our officers back us up 100%. It's time they get some appreciation .	11/12/2021 9:54 PM
57	see previous comment	11/12/2021 1:05 PM
58	Any chance 25 mph signs could be placed in residential areas of Pleasant St?	11/12/2021 10:40 AM
59	WE have not had any interaction with the Belmont Police Dept for years. We are generally happy here. I think these surveys should be neighborhood specific also how various socio-economic groups respond.	11/12/2021 8:35 AM
60	They should have body cameras Too many embellishment reports from people criticizing police	11/12/2021 8:10 AM
61	I've only lived in town for 2 years, but once we had Belmont PD come to our house for an emergency and they were delightful. Always kind to my toddler and myself.	11/12/2021 6:39 AM
62	I call the PD every 20 years or so and they show up. Great!	11/11/2021 10:41 PM
63	Very impressed with the Chief of police's involvement in understanding needs of community. this Survey is an example of this.	11/11/2021 9:06 PM
64	Chief MacIsaac is doing a great job of community policing and demonstrating an effort to ensure that the Belmont Police are seen as helpers, and are not viewed as racist shooters hoping for a chance to use black men for target practice.	11/11/2021 6:02 PM
65	As a resident of 40 years, I feel well protected by the BPD and my fellow citizens and I feel fortunate to be in this safe community.	11/11/2021 5:02 PM
66	The Department has evolved and improved considerably over the last 30 years in how it responds to racial and social injustice issues. This occurred largely under the previous and current chief. Leadership matters!	11/11/2021 2:35 PM
67	The limited dealings I have had with department have been very helpful and professional.	11/11/2021 1:36 PM
68	When I check neither agree nor disagree I mean I don't know.	11/11/2021 12:42 PM
69	See above	11/11/2021 12:39 PM
70	Nin	11/11/2021 11:17 AM
71	I have not complaints about how the police dept or the officers. My complaint is that we do not have enough officers to handle the influx of traffic on a daily basis. We need more traffic patrols. Thank you!	11/11/2021 11:03 AM
72	My experience has been overall positive. But when a small number of people have "feelings" that demand responses, we are all in trouble from mob rule.	11/11/2021 9:39 AM
73	Thank you for all you do. Fortunately, in the 20+ years I have lived here I have almost never needed to contact the police. The few times I have (for very minor issues) I was helped immediately. Hats off to the blue. (I have family that protect other Massachusetts communities).	11/11/2021 8:37 AM
74	The Department has evolved and improved considerably over the last 30 years in how it responds to racial and social injustice issues. This occurred largely under the previous and current chief. Leadership matters!	11/11/2021 8:10 AM
75	I would like to say thank you! as my limited experiences have been positive. I think police are visible, which is a great thing to encourage prevention. I would like to see more gender, racial and ethnic diversity. Concord Ave is a nightmare. It's not safe for anyone. I don't think it's the fault of police, but I would like public comment on how to improve that corridor.	11/11/2021 8:02 AM

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76	There is a red haired woman on your team & she is amazing. Always so kind & professional	11/11/2021 7:02 AM
77	Thank you!	11/11/2021 6:53 AM
78	Thank you for this survey. I hope the information is helpful for you.	11/11/2021 6:45 AM
79	We saw big issues with how the Upland road tragedy was handled. Having racist officers respond to a racially charged situation was ineffective.	11/11/2021 6:15 AM
80	I would like Belmont police to be an ally to the mentally ill, the drug dependent and the oddballs that every community has. You should be an enemy to no-one. Some individuals are unable to modify and control their behavior and they are dangerous. I respect that reality. Likewise, I would prefer to see the Police be a help and not a foe for all residents. School Resource Officers do not help our kids. Criminalizing adolescent behavior is a curse and a weapon of the privileged. Please remove the officers from our school. Social workers, yes....helpful to kids in need. Police? I see you as people enforcing rules. If you want to be more, you need to modify your vision and your future selves. I do have hope for Police. I do not want to "defund the police." I want to "reimagine the police." I want them as allies for the socially conforming and the individuals who struggle to conform. :)	11/11/2021 6:03 AM
81	Thank you for everything you do!	11/10/2021 11:22 PM
82	See above	11/10/2021 11:16 PM
83	Please hire officers that represent the diversity of Belmont. I do not see any black, Hispanic or indigenous officers and you are predominantly white, as long as you are predominantly white, people of color can not trust you. The reason is that your choices show you exclude BIPOC people working with you...	11/10/2021 10:15 PM
84	BPD are professional in their interactions with Belmont community.	11/10/2021 9:58 PM
85	We had a break-in years ago shortly after we moved to Belmont - and no issues since then. The police officers were polite and courteous. No issues since then. We have few encounters with police, but we are happy with how things are.	11/10/2021 9:01 PM
86	Very respectful	11/10/2021 6:39 PM
87	Please do something about traffic at the tunnel in Belmont Center.	11/10/2021 3:08 PM
88	I see a fair amount of dark skin in the cars pulled over for traffic violations.	11/10/2021 2:29 PM
89	Please do not wear blue line flag accessories on the job. Use some self reflection. We all have bias. Take the time to reflect on how yours might be influencing your day.	11/10/2021 1:31 PM
90	BPD is excellent and I appreciate the compassion and professionalism that the BPD showed when my mother collapsed and we needed first responders. I can't say enough and will always be grateful. There are other times when engaging with the BPD, specifically regarding traffic issues, when an officer has repeated said, 'calm down ma'am'. To which I say, when has a woman in her 40's - a Gen X woman EVER calmed down when a man told her to? My point is that there is still a lot of paternalism in the BPD and it's really obvious. BPD favors longtime male residents who have kids on the hockey, football and basketball teams. There is a network there that is inaccessible to most other residents. As a parent to a kid on one of those teams, I see that network and am fortunate to draft off that benefit at times, but also know that most of my friends can't and it's a pervasive issue.	11/10/2021 1:09 PM
91	It's great to see them at the schools and interacting with the kids	11/10/2021 12:12 PM
92	Appreciate the exceptional professionalism of the Belmont Police Dept. Would like to see more Police hired with roots in Belmont. Please do not attempt to change the overnight parking bylaw. Thank you.	11/10/2021 11:58 AM
93	Lower requirements for police details. It does not seem like an effective use of highly trained and paid professionals. With Town facing tight budgets, perhaps PD is overstaffed compared to other town services. I have no complaints with the police officers I have encountered. Replacing the constraints of current civil service hiring system and keeping some safeguards would increase opportunities for hiring the best new officers available rather than the name at the top of the list.	11/10/2021 8:45 AM
94	In my 15 years of living in Belmont I have been incredibly impressed with the BPD! Great job!!!	11/10/2021 8:23 AM

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95	My experiences with BPD have all been excellent, but I am a white homeowner. I don't know what it is like to be Black or a youth.	11/10/2021 7:55 AM
96	In one particular situation they (Officer Strassburg?) were extremely helpful in tracking down a contractor who took a down payment and left the area.	11/9/2021 9:38 PM
97	Thank you for your efforts and community outreach	11/9/2021 5:20 PM
98	The department has gotten a lot better since the Monahan days.	11/9/2021 4:03 PM
99	[REDACTED] has been a great police ally to the community. He is a great role model to the kids, a kind responder to those in need and a great ambassador for the Belmont Police. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	11/9/2021 1:27 PM
100	I am very uncomfortable with all of the recent surveillance cameras and software being installed / implemented in Belmont, just like all the doorbell cameras but this is probably not the Police Departments responsibility. In my view, this is an invasion of people's privacy with little benefit in exchange. I do not like the cameras on top of the lights on Cushing Square, and I was appalled to hear about the new surveillance software for the high school. And I don't feel that we have that much crime in Belmont that installing all these would be justified.	11/9/2021 10:22 AM
101	All police department people I have engaged with for anything have been pleasant and helpful. I do not follow crime logs enough or anything to know if there are major issues with certain things. Appreciate the robocalls about things actually, though to cell phone is better since not everyone has a home phone. Social Media and email at this stage probably not sufficient to reach everyone/all populations. Thank you for the work you do.	11/9/2021 9:22 AM
102	I feel that the BPD has had excellent management under Chiefs McLaughlin and MacIsaac. They have been better than their immediate predecessors.	11/9/2021 8:58 AM
103	I don't have much/any experience with the BPD.	11/9/2021 8:16 AM
104	Thank you for all that you do and for the department's commitment to equity, fairness and racial justice. Most of the officers I have interacted with have been very polite. One officer was a bit rude "what do you think you are doing?" with hands in the air.	11/8/2021 11:39 PM
105	Community outreach, such as through this survey, is helpful.	11/8/2021 11:16 PM
106	Thank you for all you do	11/8/2021 9:17 PM
107	Everyone has treated me very well. I don't know if it would be different if I weren't an elderly white woman -- and a Town Meeting Member who votes on the police budget.	11/8/2021 8:00 PM
108	Thanks for your service.	11/8/2021 7:07 PM
109	Overall very happy with the police Dept.	11/8/2021 5:49 PM
110	They are doing great. One comment, though, is that in the question about which school you live closest to, Chenery was not listed. I live closest to Chenery but I chose Wellington.	11/8/2021 4:44 PM
111	The officer who records alerts and information that comes to my phone automatically is very reassuring. Officer Ted Prendergast? (not sure of his name) I'm always grateful to hear his voice.	11/8/2021 3:58 PM
112	1. So important to continue recruiting a police force that will stand up and out against racism and intolerance. The murder of Henry T by a driver this past year (admittedly visiting, but still a part of our community even indirectly) should be something that the BPD remembers. We just can't be that kind of town. 2. Bicyclists and pedestrians are in a dangerous position on our roads. Police should pull speeders and distracted drivers over and ticket them, and bicycle police should do the same. 3. Thank you to the Belmont PD, your's is a tough job and we appreciate that you're part of the glue/fabric of our town.	11/8/2021 3:09 PM
113	no negative interactions in 12 years as a resident	11/8/2021 1:12 PM

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114	Thank you for all that you do to keep us safe!	11/8/2021 12:57 PM
115	My children and I have had an excellent experience with the BPD and its personnel--in and outside the schools. Thank you	11/8/2021 12:04 PM
116	BPD should resume communicating the Police Log to the Belmont Citizen-Herald. BPD should be truthful in its communications with the public regarding its budget and personnel.	11/8/2021 11:45 AM
117	There is a large presence and a lot of equipment - perhaps disproportionate for a small town. At one point there seemed to be racial bias and age bias (teenagers) in police behavior. Personnel has always been courteous and helpful in my own personal experience. Generally it seems like a well-run department and I applaud the department's efforts to improve.	11/8/2021 11:41 AM
118	Generally very happy. I feel like there is a strong police presence in Belmont which is appreciated. Thank you!	11/8/2021 11:28 AM
119	Thanks for your hard work!	11/8/2021 10:57 AM
120	They are polite and responsive.	11/8/2021 10:39 AM
121	They do an adequate job with inadequate resources, but it would be great to see some efforts put in to joining with other town resources (social workers, elder affairs) so they can do more policing. A regular newsletter might be good, either online or by mail, since the Citizen no longer publishes the police log and there is really no other obvious way of knowing what is going on.	11/8/2021 10:35 AM
122	Overall I am pleased with the BPD's engagement with our community. I'd like the officers (not all of whom are members of the BPD) to pay greater attention to traffic direction while on paid details. It is distressing to see them on their cell phones when they should be attending to safely directing traffic through work zones.	11/8/2021 10:34 AM
123	I would like all officers to be vaxed. I don't want to interact with an officer who is not vaxed. The department needs more women and non-white officers and it can accomplish this with a departure from civil service	11/8/2021 10:27 AM
124	The town & the police should stop spending time justifying the number of officers. We are over what the town actually needs. The police are biased especially when it comes to their behavior toward "townies" V. non. They're racist. Walking as a Black adult is "suspicious" they are trained to use force and ask questions later.	11/8/2021 10:21 AM
125	I have nothing but praise for the current police force. However, going into the future we need more minority hiring.	11/8/2021 10:01 AM
126	Thank you. I feel that our PD serves Belmont well. Please continue to focus on increased use of restorative justice programs and promote their use in town and schools.	11/8/2021 8:51 AM
127	The SRO at the middle school is not effective in this role. He is a very nice guy -- and he is too friendly with the kids and not able to serve in this role in a way that supports the staff. Perhaps he could train with the BHS SRO who is excellent in the position.	11/8/2021 7:26 AM
128	I appreciate the efforts the Belmont Police make to create relationships with Belmont youth and support them as they grow up in Belmont.	11/7/2021 9:19 PM
129	Animal control--there are too many dogs unleashed and not controlled by their owners in the Grove Street Park. This problem creates a safety issue for dogs who are leashed and walking in the park. The Belmont Citizen Herald should again publish the Belmont Police log. I am very upset that this has been discontinued. The log has always provided a safety network by informing residents of issues that could affect their safety. I encourage the Police Department to survey residents and seek their support in changing this ill conceived decision.	11/7/2021 7:28 PM
130	Thankfully I have not had much need to interact with the police department, but from the few times I have I have been pleased. Thank you to all of the officers for what they do. My only request I have is to treat ALL people equally, fairly and with respect ALWAYS.	11/7/2021 5:22 PM
131	I am pleased and impressed by the professionalism of the department and its officers and staff	11/7/2021 4:41 PM
132	Thank you for your service. Police nationally have gotten an unfair negative rap. We are lucky in Belmont to have all of you. I think it would be great if BPD had neighborhood meetings every now and then to talk about things like the issues in this survey. Will you publish the results of this survey?	11/7/2021 2:18 PM

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133	I appreciate BPD's efforts to engage in dialogue with the community and to show up at events, such as the vigil for Henry Tapia, that address racism. Anti -racist work is challenging. Please stay engaged. I appreciate your work to challenge racism in policing.	11/7/2021 1:39 PM
134	we should be ticketing speeders through side streets. They should stake out some of the Waze shortcuts and give tickets! (not just sit on Concord all the time)	11/7/2021 1:13 PM
135	They are on their phones too much	11/7/2021 11:35 AM
136	I went to the station to report a crime and I was interviewed in front of strangers in the lobby. Are there no offices or interview rooms so that my private information remains private? Also, the officer who interviewed me was not listening. I repeated myself multiple times. He asked me about things I already explained. He barely wrote anything down. It was frustrating.	11/7/2021 11:16 AM
137	-	11/7/2021 11:01 AM
138	I believe the department is well run, and fair in their dealings with the public.	11/7/2021 10:19 AM
139	Sometimes dispatch too many units for small incidents	11/7/2021 10:17 AM
140	Thank you for sharing this survey.	11/7/2021 9:18 AM
141	Personnel are very professional	11/7/2021 9:13 AM
142	Thank you for all you do	11/7/2021 8:37 AM
143	Primarily - thank you. Your role is a varied and sometimes difficult one and I am sure it can feel like you are being criticized unfairly. On the whole I feel you are doing a very good job and seeking to do better (as this survey also indicates). I think it is great you are considering new ideas, seeking input like including specialists like social services on house calls (e.g. domestic violence, abuse, disturbances of various kinds). I don't know how much interaction between Belmont Town departments there is but sometimes consideration of working across departments could help ease the burden on officers (whether that's signage from DPW to discourage misdemeanors like littering/dumping (indicating fines) or social services from health department or town by-laws outlawing mini bottle alcohol sales to reduce public and/or underage drinking (evidenced by all the mini bottles on the streets and in parks). But overall - thank you for what you do. Its appreciated.	11/7/2021 6:03 AM
144	thanks for making this effort. Without a decent local newspaper we don't have a clue what is going on in town! So guess the dept could use a regular posting on the website ...it currently has very little info, news, up to date postings. Thanks for your work	11/6/2021 6:05 PM
145	Traffic congestion	11/6/2021 4:21 PM
146	During the reconstruction of Belmont Street I got to know a number of members of the force, as they often parked near my home. They were unfailingly polite and interested in my experience as a homeowner. The few times I have called (non-emergency) they have been very responsive and concerned about the issues raised (e.g., illegal dumping). I feel lucky to live in a town where the police department is so responsive.	11/6/2021 3:41 PM
147	I appreciate you.	11/6/2021 1:53 PM
148	Maybe there should be a day where community can have the chance to meet the different members of our police department. Maybe it happens in town day, but when you don't have kids anymore, you stop going to those events. Maybe an open house in the police station. Not sure. Happy with the bPD. Whenever I have needed them, they have responded quickly. Thanks	11/6/2021 1:08 PM
149	I am proud of our Police Department. It could be a model for the rest of the country that doesn't seem to understand what an effective police department is actually for.	11/6/2021 1:06 PM
150	Belmont police has always been very helpful and responsive with any issues I have had: stolen vehicle, drunkard on my frontyard. As a person of color, I appreciate them treating me with respect and making me feel comfortable. I also think the drug education program at Chenery in collaboration with Belmont police was beneficial beyond education about drug use. It allowed my son to feel comfortable around police officers and understand they are here to help provide a safe environment for all citizens of Belmont. I think this is very important in the current environment.	11/6/2021 12:20 PM
151	friendly officers who I enjoy being remembered by and greeted by name	11/6/2021 11:40 AM

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152	Always had very positive experiences	11/6/2021 11:28 AM
153	One of the strengths of the Belmont PD is the number of officers who either grew up in town or now live in town. They are committed to the community and know the residents. It is comforting to see and interact with officers I know. Our officers are a quality group of individuals.	11/6/2021 9:54 AM
154	98% of BPD are beyond respectful caring and empathetic! I have never lived anywhere where I can confidently say that the police dept does anything and everything they can! Former chief McLaughlin made a lot of good changes for the town that I love are being carried over to the new(ish) chief. I would love to see more public events for the town and police dept to interact specially for the youth. Maybe more tours of the station for the children and maybe try to do a reach out event once a month	11/6/2021 9:12 AM
155	X	11/6/2021 8:29 AM
156	You guys are doing a great job. As a POC I feel safe in this town.	11/6/2021 7:54 AM
157	I have been extremely impressed with how the leadership of the department, under Chief McIsaac now and previously as well, participate in town activities, meetings, and newspaper commentary, to make their positive presence felt. I am not deeply informed about crime in the town or its causes, because I have never been a victim of any crime nor witnessed any although I do read the weekly summary in the newspaper; but I certainly see the police as a positive active participating force for good.	11/6/2021 5:54 AM
158	Always pleasant and respectful. I have lived here all my life! They have a good solid reputation.	11/5/2021 10:42 PM
159	I am a very law abiding person but I am very frightened of the police. It scares me when I see a police cruiser in front of my home or nearby. I would like to feel more confident that the police are here to help me.	11/5/2021 9:28 PM
160	Belmont PD do a wonderful job protecting us	11/5/2021 8:28 PM
161	Thank you BPD for all that you do! We appreciate you!! ♥	11/5/2021 8:16 PM
162	Thank you for everything you do	11/5/2021 7:56 PM
163	Thank you!	11/5/2021 6:41 PM
164	My interactions have been fine overall. I hope people who aren't white ladies are able to say the same.	11/5/2021 6:23 PM
165	Excellent.	11/5/2021 5:43 PM
166	Wonderful department, and thank you for tolerating 80 Cub Scout tours a year.	11/5/2021 5:39 PM
167	You all have done an amazing job. Thank you for keeping community safe.	11/5/2021 4:00 PM
168	They are doing a great job!	11/5/2021 2:50 PM
169	Thank you Officers!	11/5/2021 2:18 PM
170	To all BPD & personnel... Thank You for all you do.	11/5/2021 1:55 PM
171	None	11/5/2021 1:07 PM
172	Thank you!	11/5/2021 12:57 PM
173	We respect and admire the Belmont police. Mostly, the officers are polite and responsible. Please work on the traffic / speeding and parking. Many people park, illegally, overnight and on sidewalks--makes it difficult for people to walk without going into streets. There also seem to be some dangerous intersections that could use stop signs. We've seen "close calls" near schools where people are speeding. Thanks for this chance to give feedback.	11/5/2021 12:02 PM
174	I filed a report on an assault three weeks ago and still have no response. The victim has the impression it's ok with the world to assault him, give him a serious concussion and injuries, make him lose three weeks of school, and not one assailant is sorry, there is literally no response from anybody that imposes any sense of dignity, justice or humanity. Not happy about resource officer action.	11/5/2021 11:57 AM

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175	I appreciate the Belmont Media Center interviews with the Chief of Police. They are interesting and informative and bolster an excellent image of the Police Department.	11/5/2021 11:36 AM
176	Keep up the good work	11/5/2021 11:27 AM
177	Thank you for everything you do. [REDACTED] I think our principals and school admins are having a very difficult time with behaviors and actions happening at school. In their emails to parents, the principals are careful to call these incidents "graffiti" and "destruction" and "slurs". Parents I talk to call it vandalism and hate speech and a very ugly public civility/safety future. I agree. I'm tired of thinking the actors involved continue to go undisciplined and continue to go to our already overburdened public schools with impunity. I know they are just kids, but my own kids tell me that the kids in question have always behaved this way, and won't change. My middle schooler does not feel unsafe at school, but has personally witnessed the violent, destructive, disrespectful and out-of-control behavior by the kids who (I believe) are still in the school with him. My kids believe that those kids can do what they like with no real consequences. I wish the BPD would advise on what (if any) action they have taken in every incident, because our public school administrators are clearly not equipped to manage it, on top of everything else they are handling this year. The incident of hate speech that occurred at the BPS open house this week, and shut it down early - parents want to know if the speech was made by a member of our own community, what was done to make sure this child's parents are made aware and that there are consequences. This is not a school issue (although it happened on school property). It's a community issue. Finally, I'd like to see some kind of PSA about parents needing to be more involved in knowing their children's whereabouts, the names and contact info of friends, and activities outside of school. It seems to me a lot of this could be improved with help from parents. Thanks for reading.	11/5/2021 11:02 AM
178	I heard there are several positions in the department that remain unfilled for many years. What is holding it up, and how the residents can help?	11/5/2021 10:41 AM
179	I was a military police officer in the Army, so I have some prospective on issues facing the Belmont police officer. I find the Belmont police officer well trained in handling all the situations that come up to him/her on a daily basis. On the few occasions I have interacted with police officers, I have found them to be good listeners, rather than be reactionary. That is a great trait in a police department mind set.	11/5/2021 10:32 AM
180	The best decision this town has made was making Jamie McIssac Chief and so far all the officers I know or have delt with have been great especially Kim Hurly.	11/5/2021 9:14 AM
181	I don't like NON POLICE agencies calling me to ask for donations In the name of the police or fire department. It feels like police won't help me unless I donate. My experience with Belmont police has been excellent when encountered or needed but I rarely need them.	11/5/2021 7:25 AM
182	Keep up the good work!	11/5/2021 7:09 AM
183	We pride ourselves as being a town of homes and families with great schools, but minors are drinking every weekend at the same parks and parking lots with no active enforcement, worst case is that they get a warning. Students now brag that they have 'diplomatic immunity' in Belmont and that they live in 'Boozemont' because there are no chances of enforcement. House parties go unchecked and public drinking is the norm on weekends - looks for the stack of empty cans in the parks and school parking lots in the mornings - this is the age where minors need to learn the consequences of choices when the stakes are lower, not to be protected because they live here and officers may be concerned about blowback from angry parents who they share a community with. We need to actively address this before someone's child dies on the way to the hospital from our town of homes.	11/5/2021 6:58 AM
184	Very kind and want to engage with community embracing its diversity - my kid always talked about with fondness about the officer who came to school to talk about drug abuse	11/5/2021 6:35 AM
185	All of my limited interactions with the police have been very courteous and police have been helpful.	11/5/2021 4:15 AM
186	I am a lifetime resident of Belmont. I remember the officers who patrolled Belmont Center 50 years ago when I was a boy. I know many of the officers over the decades and many of the younger ones today. I feel extremely fortunate to have had my family protected by them over the years. I have immense gratitude. I also must admit that I despise any mention of 'defund the police' anywhere in our country. Those people should simply leave our country in my opinion.	11/4/2021 11:34 PM

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187	I'd like to see a way for residents to report issues easily through smart phones, like an anonymous tip line. I'm very happy and confident with BPD leadership and officers. Thank you!	11/4/2021 10:45 PM
188	Be more vocal about racism and social justice issues in our town.	11/4/2021 10:25 PM
189	See above.	11/4/2021 10:17 PM
190	Thank you for the work you do. Please hold teens and parents accountable for illegal behavior including underage drinking	11/4/2021 10:14 PM
191	Overall our opinion of the Belmont Police Department is very high. The departments willingness to listen to its citizens and be open to change and evolving is another positive note. Thank you for listening.	11/4/2021 10:13 PM
192	They do not get enough respect for their professionalism and their efforts to empathize with those who seek their help	11/4/2021 10:12 PM
193	Thanks	11/4/2021 9:40 PM
194	Don't give up. We appreciate all you do.	11/4/2021 9:36 PM
195	Please see comment above . Our Belmont Police department is top notch and wonderful . Thank you	11/4/2021 9:13 PM
196	See my rambling above.	11/4/2021 9:08 PM
197	Good job	11/4/2021 8:48 PM
198	I have always felt safe in Belmont. It's a great community. Thank you for doing a good job!	11/4/2021 8:45 PM
199	N/a	11/4/2021 8:43 PM
200	Excellent!	11/4/2021 8:32 PM
201	The community owes the police department a general "Thank you" for their efforts.	11/4/2021 8:29 PM
202	Overall I think that the Belmont Police department does a wonderful job under very challenging circumstances. Enforce crosswalk laws and euthanize the turkeys and we will be all good!	11/4/2021 8:25 PM
203	I've had uniformly positive interactions with BPD! I appreciate your quick and professional responses. I wish that officers didn't wear thin blue line masks on duty. Unfortunately it's a symbol that's often displayed in conjunction with other flags, like the Confederate flag and Don't Tread on Me. I support the police but I associate the thin blue line symbol with white supremacy. Thank you for considering this feedback! I appreciate all you do to keep us safe.	11/4/2021 8:23 PM
204	Keep up the great work!	11/4/2021 8:15 PM
205	I think belmont police does an excellent job in the community. They are a great example of what policing is.	11/4/2021 8:14 PM
206	Thank you for all the help and support of the community.	11/4/2021 8:12 PM
207	Thanks for doing this survey.	11/4/2021 8:10 PM
208	Thank you for all the hard work you do. We are with you and want to help you be even better, well funded, and more successful. Your success means we are safe and can have our peace of mind. Please look at the all the ways you can alleviate Wild West on our town roads, parks, and around our schools.	11/4/2021 7:43 PM
209	They did not wear masks when mandated and were dismissive of Covid regulations. Shame on them	11/4/2021 7:29 PM
210	No on street overnight parking should continue. It is one the main reasons residential neighborhoods remain safe at night. There is enough congestion in Town during the day. The only neighborhoods that will be most impacted are already too dense	11/4/2021 7:23 PM
211	I've had several interactions with BPD and have always been impressed with the officers I've met with. From what I've seen, the Chief sets a good tone for the department. We hear a lot of problems about police departments around the country, but I don't see any of those problems here.	11/4/2021 6:48 PM
212	Keep up the good work. Thank you.	11/4/2021 6:48 PM

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213	Focus on work when doing details and Keep hands out of pockets.	11/4/2021 6:37 PM
214	Belmont is a great town in terms of general crime and obviously the police are doing a good job in most areas. They're also great at communicating with residents and keeping us informed. But we really need better traffic patrol and enforcement.	11/4/2021 6:22 PM
215	BPD does a great job but the deserve more money to get a bigger department. The members also need to feel safe as do the residents. Crime doesn't skip over Belmont. We should have a bigger dept	11/4/2021 6:20 PM
216	Kudos for asking for input from the community.	11/4/2021 5:51 PM
217	[REDACTED]	11/4/2021 5:46 PM
218	Thanks	11/4/2021 4:49 PM
219	I have had only two personal experiences with the BPD during 30+ years as a resident, both in response to my calls for aid, and in both cases, the responding officers were professional and courteous.	11/4/2021 4:13 PM
220	Very nice officers	11/4/2021 3:58 PM
221	Thank you for your service. Please continue to support our community with the guiding principles of kindness and doing what is right. Keep it simple. This community is divided - not related to anything police are responsible for but the schools are a disaster because the adults forgot what is Important and our children are collateral damage of which they won't recover. I am hopeful Belmont Police will be better than they are and be the example.	11/4/2021 3:33 PM
222	I think the Belmont PD does an outstanding job at responding to community needs and I feel fortunate to be connected to several members of the PD. I think DV support for the community could definitely be strengthened (and not all the responsibility of the police, but could be better supported), as well as the amount of underage drinking/vaping that goes on in the town. We like to 'think' it doesn't happen in this town and yet, we've had women assaulted and even murdered by domestic partners and no one talks about it. THANK you for all you do each day & night to keep our town safe, healthy, and protected.	11/4/2021 2:57 PM
223	Generally speaking we have a great department considering staffing levels.	11/4/2021 2:18 PM
224	na	11/4/2021 2:06 PM
225	Instead of having two or three police cars parked at St. Joes disburse them to park at Cherry, WinnBrook and Burbank where all the middle and high school kids hang out at night	11/4/2021 2:02 PM
226	Thank you for your service, we count on you	11/4/2021 1:59 PM
227	Thank you for serving our town!	11/4/2021 1:50 PM
228	To follow up on traffic enforcement near the schools I would suggest shifting resources away from speed enforcement near country clubs and cemeteries. I understand the reasoning but resources will be far more helpful in protecting citizens walking in more densely populated areas where there are a greater number of pedestrians, more crosswalks, and cars / bicycles.	11/4/2021 1:44 PM
229	I've been a Town employee for the past ~18 months. To date, all interactions with the BPD have been quite favorable. FYI, Ted Pendergast, Lead Dispatcher is amazing! Thanks for your support.	11/4/2021 1:21 PM
230	Happy to have you!	11/4/2021 12:39 PM
231	FJB	11/4/2021 12:37 PM
232	Needs more training in treating all people with fairness and respect.	11/4/2021 12:37 PM
233	Thank you for all you do	11/4/2021 12:26 PM
234	I am a Town Employee, and I'm proud to partner with our Police Department whenever possible.	11/4/2021 12:18 PM
235	[REDACTED]	11/4/2021 12:16 PM

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236	none	11/4/2021 12:12 PM
237	I feel very strongly that the leadership of the police department is executing at a very high level. The police officers I interact with are all excellent professionals.	11/4/2021 12:05 PM
238	Thank you for the work you do!	11/4/2021 11:59 AM
239	They are fine.	11/4/2021 11:57 AM
240	Honestly, haven't interacted with an officer since I turned 25 and they no longer perceive me as a hooligan when I'm driving my friends home. on that, hope you expand the program to all young people someday. Maybe for the 'Strongly Agree' style questions add a 'Don't know or N/A' for next year. Lots of 'Neither Agree nor Disagree' from me.	11/4/2021 11:57 AM
241	I support the Belmont Police and recognize that they are important part of public safety. I want more voices to be able to provide input.	11/4/2021 11:54 AM
242	Would very much like to see precinct specific opportunities to discuss neighborhood issues	11/4/2021 11:53 AM
243	The Chief and officers do a fine job.	11/4/2021 11:43 AM
244	It's difficult to opine on the effectiveness of BPD. Most residents, including myself, don't interact with BPD often and don't see much of the work of the department.	11/4/2021 11:40 AM
245	As a 26-year resident of Belmont, I have always felt that the PD has done a fine job. I have been especially impressed by the support and cooperation provided to the Human Rights Commission and the participation at the MLK Breakfast. That said, I used to scan the Police Log in the Citizen-Herald to get a sense of what the BPD is dealing with. Since they dropped that feature, I feel less aware and that actually makes me feel a little less secure. In fact, didn't even realize there was a BPD website until I got this survey. Perhaps, some "Police Log" data on the website could be helpful.	11/4/2021 11:39 AM
246	I think BPD does an excellent job, and I generally oppose "defund police" movements. However, given many pressing budget issues and Belmont's relative safety, we need to streamline the department. If the next override fails (and I supported the last one), we will have to rethink both the police and fire departments. I live on Belmont Hill and want my community to remain safe, but I also believe that policing should be properly focused on higher-density areas (business areas need protection, potentially more friction among residents and more traffic problems), so I'm willing to receive less attention from BPD.	11/4/2021 11:36 AM
247	Always appropriate and professional.	11/4/2021 11:34 AM
248	start some sports leagues - make a point of being skating on the outdoor rink for example - in uniform in front of the pool, walking the k-9's in rock meadow. Be visible so that folks will start knowing the officers. I recently had the opp at the rec sponsored program for pumpkin-carving - these things REALLY help.	11/4/2021 11:26 AM
249	I think the police chief has worked hard to reach out to town meeting and try to be a responsible caretaker and leader of his position. He does teach other to key stakeholders in town. Also officers have a hard job, but do a good job in our town as far as I know	11/4/2021 11:14 AM
250	Thank you for keeping our town safe.	11/4/2021 11:13 AM
251	The police captain's email needs to accept emails from gmail. I have called about this more than 1 time. If it does not accept gmail he should consider not using email and a contact form instead.	11/4/2021 11:08 AM
252	The Belmont Police is a very efficient and professional department. Please do not reduce funding for the BPD.	11/4/2021 11:04 AM
253	For the most part the department does a wonderful job and I have had positive experiences with all of the personnel that I have interacted with. We all need to do a better job as a community with traffic safety though, and I think the BPD can really lead on that.	11/4/2021 10:52 AM
254	professional	11/4/2021 10:43 AM
255	I think the BPD is a great organization and I'm proud to have them protect the town.	11/4/2021 10:40 AM
256	An excellent department despite being hamstrung by a too small budget, a too small amount of staffing, and an overly critical general population.	11/4/2021 10:38 AM

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257	good analysis of profession to serve and protect and ongoing concerns, thank you	11/4/2021 10:37 AM
258	Wonderful	11/4/2021 10:33 AM
259	Thanks for your hard work!	11/4/2021 10:27 AM
260	Please stop equating Mental Health to crime. Having a mental illness is not a crime. I was disappointed to see it as one of the possible answers as a reason for crime in town. This perpetuates the idea that those with mental health challenges are somehow a danger to us. It should be a possible answer for the question about what do we need to help with more, not causes of crime.	11/4/2021 10:27 AM
261	Much improvement over my 25 years in Belmont in reputation around how people are treated, particularly teens and people of color.	11/4/2021 10:25 AM
262	I've lived in many different areas and have never had such positive interactions with police personnel before. I think this department does a really good job on outreach and on being a positive part of the community and hope that they keep up the great work!	11/4/2021 10:20 AM
263	I answered some questions at N/A as I am not aware of the degree of problems (elder and child abuse for example) here in Belmont. I give Chief MacIsaac an A+ for all of his work on behalf of Belmont residents. Thank you to the BPD for all you do.	11/4/2021 10:20 AM
264	Belmont has extremely low crime rate, could probably do with fewer officers and resources	11/4/2021 10:16 AM
265	The BPD does a great job! Thanks for all you do!	11/4/2021 9:49 AM
266	I feel the Belmont police are wonderful. It takes a lot of restraint to deal with some of the nonsense that goes on and Belmont police are undervalued	11/4/2021 8:56 AM
267	A few years ago, the Boston Globe had a problem with its delivery service. One day, the new delivery company had its staff in the neighborhoods, calculating routes. The staff person I saw was a Black man and someone must have called the police. I stood on my front step and watched the police ask questions of this worker for no reason. Fortunately, it didn't escalate and the man wasn't asked to get out of his car. However, it was a clear case of racial profiling, of questioning someone who "didn't look right" in our town. It was obvious that the Black man was nervous. I watched because I was afraid for the man. I was relieved when it was over. Sadly, that's been my only impression of the Belmont police department.	11/4/2021 8:45 AM
268	Good job! Thank you for soliciting this community feedback!	11/4/2021 8:30 AM
269	The new building is great.	11/4/2021 8:03 AM