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**Community Survey**

***Hello, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and this is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ . We are students from Central Maine Community College and we are conducting a confidential survey to evaluate the Lewiston Police Department, and the department’s “Operation Hot Spot” focused efforts. The Lewiston Police Department may use the findings from this survey to refine its policing strategies in and around the city. This survey is voluntary and you can choose not to participate or not answer certain questions. We will not be asking for your name.***   ***There are no expected benefits or risks for you helping us with this study, other than that policing may change and improve as a result of your input. Do you still want to talk with us?*** ***The survey will take approximately five minutes to complete. Would you be willing to participate in this brief survey?***

1. Are you a resident of the City of Lewiston?
	1. Yes
	2. No
2. Are you familiar with the Lewiston Police Department’s “Operation Hot Spot?”
	1. Yes
	2. No

**If yes**, how effective do you believe “Operation Hot Spot” has been in improving the overall safety of the City? Would you say…

* + - 1. Very effective
			2. Effective
			3. Neither effective or ineffective
			4. Ineffective
			5. Very ineffective
1. Using **1-5** scale with 1 being “not involved at all” and 5 being “very involved,” how would you rate the involvement of the police department in the community?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (enter #)

1. Using **1-5** scale with 1 being “not accessible at all” and 5 being “extremely accessible,” how would you rate the accessibility of the police department to the community it serves?

 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (enter #)

1. How safe do you feel in the community where you live? Would you say…
	1. Always safe
	2. Almost always safe
	3. Sometimes safe
	4. Almost never safe, or
	5. Never safe
	6. Don’t know
	7. N/A
2. How often are you fearful of being the victim of a violent crime? Would you say…
	1. Never
	2. Almost never
	3. Sometimes
	4. Almost always, or
	5. Always
	6. Don’t know
	7. N/A
3. Do you feel illegal drugs are a problem in your neighborhood?
	1. Yes
	2. No
	3. Don’t know
	4. N/A

**If yes**, how much do you believe this contributes to our crime problem here in Lewiston?

* + - 1. A great deal
			2. A moderate amount
			3. A little, or
			4. None or hardly any
			5. Don’t know
			6. N/A
1. Over the past three years, do you believe that crime in your community has:
	1. Greatly decreased
	2. Somewhat decreased
	3. Stayed the same
	4. Somewhat increased
	5. Greatly increased?
	6. Haven’t lived here 3 years
	7. Don’t know
	8. N/A
2. How would you rate the job law enforcement is doing in your community?
	1. Very good
	2. Good
	3. Acceptable
	4. Bad, or
	5. Very Bad
	6. Don’t know
	7. N/A
3. Please rate your perception of officers’ attitudes and behavior towards citizens (select one):
	1. Excellent
	2. Good
	3. Fair
	4. Needs improvement
	5. Poor
4. Do you have any safety concern within the City of Lewiston, if so can you please share:
5. Please state any recommendation and/or suggestion you have for the Lewiston Police Department:

***This concludes the opinion part of our survey; the next few questions are just for general classification purposes. Again, we will not be asking for your name and all of your answers will be kept confidential.***

1. What year were you born? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. What Gender are you?
	1. Male
	2. Female
	3. Prefer not to specify
	4. N/A
3. What best describes your racial background
4. White/ Caucasian
5. African American/Black
6. American Indian
7. Asian
8. Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander
9. Bi-racial or multi-racial
10. Other (specify)
11. Don’t know
12. N/A
13. What is your ethnic background?
14. Hispanic
15. Non-Hispanic
16. Another ethnicity
17. Don’t Know
18. What is your highest grade of school or level of education you have completed so far?
19. 8th grade or less
20. Some high school, but did not graduate
21. High school graduate or GED
22. Some college or 2 year degree
23. 4-year college degree
24. More than 4-year college degree
25. Don’t know
26. N/A
27. Do you reside in the “Hot Spot” area? **(Show respondent the attached map)**
28. Yes
29. No
30. Don’t know

***This concludes the survey, thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey. I/We hope you have a good day.***

***For further information:***

Here is a copy of our survey which you requested… We had college students in neighborhoods making person-to-person contacts, and also ran it over social media using Survey Monkey.

Just got word this morning that we are well over the statistical threshold needed to validate the results, and that will be compiled and disseminated within a few weeks.

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