



WPPA 2017 WISCONSIN LAW ENFORCEMENT SURVEY



The Wisconsin Professional Police Association is the only law enforcement organization in the nation that annually surveys state residents to be responsive their concerns and sentiments. This is the fifth annual poll conducted by St. Norbert College's Strategic Research Institute from March 7 - April 1 of more than 400 residents by Random Digit Dial with some surprising results to share. WPPA prides itself as being a national leader in 21st century policing, policy innovations and proactivity with the communities in which its officers serve.

KEY FINDINGS

YOUR **LOCAL COMMUNITY** - HEADING IN THE RIGHT OR WRONG DIRECTION?

70%

RIGHT DIRECTION

25%

WRONG DIRECTION

YOUR **LOCAL POLICE FORCE** - APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE HOW IT HANDLES ITS JOB?

50%

STRONGLY APPROVE

34%

SOMEWHAT APPROVE

5%

STRONGLY DISAPPROVE

7%

SOMEWHAT DISAPPROVE

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES - KEEPING COMMUNITY SAFE FROM CRIME #1 (again)

Services	Low Priority	Moderate Priority	High Priority	Don't Know
Q7a. Improving the local economy	11%	41%	48%	1%
Q7b. Protecting the environment	13	36	50	<1
Q7c. Holding the line on taxes and government spending	12	51	34	2
Q7d. Improving Education	10	25	62	3
Q7e. Keeping the community safe from crime	3	19	78	<1
Q7f. Looking for ways to consolidate local government services	30	48	18	3
Q7g. Maintaining and improving roads and highways	17	35	47	<1

“WELL-FUNDED” POLICE FORCE -
IMPROVES **QUALITY OF LIFE** IN
YOUR COMMUNITY?

84%

STRONGLY OR MODERATELY AGREE

3%

STRONGLY OR MODERATELY DISAGREE

“WELL-TRAINED” POLICE FORCE - MAKES
COMMUNITY **SAFER PLACE** TO LIVE?

92%

STRONGLY OR MODERATELY AGREE

2%

STRONGLY OR MODERATELY DISAGREE

“COMMUNITY POLICING” - DO YOU
WANT MORE OR...?

37%

MORE

58%

SAME

1%

LESS

DEADLY FORCE - JUSTIFIED?

14%

ALWAYS

40%

MOST OF THE TIME

39%

SOME OF THE TIME

6%

NEVER

PERCEPTION VS. REALITY

HOW MANY PEOPLE
FATALLY SHOT BY
POLICE LAST YEAR
WERE ARMED?

REALITY

MOST PEOPLE SHOT
BY POLICE ARE BLACK,
AFRICAN-AMERICAN,
OR OTHER MINORITY
GROUP MEMBERS?

REALITY

5% all
43% most
39% some
3% none

100% armed

26% strongly agree
36% somewhat agree
17% somewhat disagree
10% strongly disagree

70% white

**CONCEALED
WEAPONS &
SCHOOLS**

FAVOR OR OPPOSE
A LAW ALLOWING
CONCEALED
WEAPONS IN
K-12 SCHOOLS?

18% favor
80% oppose

FAVOR OR OPPOSE
A LAW ALLOWING
CONCEALED
WEAPONS IN
UNIVERSITIES?

27% favor
71% oppose

**NEGOTIATING
CONTRACTS -
PAYING POLICE**

FAVOR OR OPPOSE ALLOWING POLICE TO NEGOTIATE
CONTRACTS WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS OVER
WAGES & BENEFITS?

73% favor
22% oppose