



Updated Public Safety Survey

Directions: Please answer the following questions to the best of your knowledge. All of your responses will be absolutely confidential.

Section I: Your Community

1. Please rate the seriousness of the following crimes and quality of life issues in Nahant for the past 5 years. (Check only one box for each item)

	Very Serious	Moderately Serious	Slightly Serious	Not a Problem	Don't Know
Burglary/House break ins					
Assaults					
Domestic Violence					
Unlawful drug use					
Unsupervised house parties					
Animal control problems					
Drinking groups at Beaches/parks					
Graffiti					
Litter					
Unlawful weapon use					
Loitering					
Property theft					
Youth gangs					
Speeding motor vehicles					
Poor driving attitudes					
Drunk driving					
Credit card/check fraud					
Computer/Internet problems					
Skateboarding/Rollerblading					
Vehicle theft					
Harassing/Annoying phone calls					
Vandalism					
Parking problems					
Solicitors					
Bicycles on sidewalks					
Pedestrian safety					
Public drinking					
Unnecessary noise					
Other:					

2. Have you ever been the victim of a crime **in** Nahant? [] No [] Yes
3. Have you ever been the victim of a crime **outside** Nahant? [] No [] Yes
4. In Nahant, have you ever? (*Check all that apply*)

- Stopped to ask an officer advice or directions
- Stopped to talk to a police officer about a community issue
- Called the police station to discuss a community issue
- Been involved in a traffic accident which required police intervention
- Been involved in a police/community outreach program (ex. DARE, RAD, Bicycle Safety)
- Been stopped for a traffic offense
- Been questioned by the police and released (other than for a traffic offense)
- Reported a crime
- Been arrested
- Filed a formal complaint against a Nahant Police Officer/Department

5. In your opinion how much have the following factors contributed to the crime rate in Nahant over the past 5 years? (*Check only one box for each subject*)

	Large Influence	Moderate Influence	Slight Influence	No Influence	Don't Know
Courts are too lenient					
Drug/alcohol abuse					
Lack of alternative activities for youth					
Lack of education					
Lack of jobs/employment					
Limited police presence					
Poor parenting					
Poverty/low income					
Intolerance of differences based on race, religion, sexual orientation, etc.					
Social programs/welfare					
Over population					
Availability of weapons					
Lack of respect					
Affluence					
Other:					

6. Does your neighborhood have a citizen crime watch group? [] No [] Yes
 If no, would you participate in a crime watch group? [] No [] Yes

7. What kind of security do you use at home? (*Check all that apply--this survey is anonymous*)
- alarm system sensor lights standard door & window locks
 - window grills dead bolt locks anti-open devices in windows
 - dog exterior/interior burglar bars do not secure home

8. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a **property** crime in Nahant over the next 5 years?
- [] highly likely [] moderately likely [] slightly likely [] Not at all Likely

9. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a **violent** crime in Nahant over the next 5 years?
 highly likely moderately likely slightly likely Not at all Likely
10. How much time do you spend actively participating in the community (community-based programs, committees, boards, etc.) each month?
 1-7 hrs 8-12 hrs 13-20 hrs 21+ hrs don't participate
11. In your opinion, compared to other communities in the Lynn area, how safe is Nahant overall?
 much safer slightly safer about the same
 less safe much less safe
12. What do you believe about the prevalence of crime in Nahant?
(Please check only one category)
 Crime has increased in Nahant over the last five years.
 Crime has remained the same in Nahant over the last five years.
 Crime has decreased in Nahant over the last five years.
 Don't know.
13. Please check one response for each statement:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
I feel safe at home					
I feel safe walking alone in my neighborhood after dark					
I feel safe walking with others after dark in my neighborhood					
I feel that my personal property is safe when I leave home					
When returning home at night, I feel safe					
I feel safe leaving my home/car unlocked during the day in Nahant					
I feel safe <i>alone</i> in parks and recreation areas Nahant					
I feel safe with <i>others</i> in parks and recreation areas in Nahant					

14. How serious is the illegal drug problem in the following areas in Nahant?
(Please check one box for each item)

	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Slightly Serious	Not Serious	Don't Know
High School (Swampscott)					
Middle School (Swampscott)					
Elementary School (Nahant)					
Playgrounds & recreation areas					
Within the adult community					

Section II: The Department

15. Please respond whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:
(Please check one box for each item)

	Strongly Agree	Agree	No Opinion	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
The police presence in my neighborhood is appropriate for the need					
Traffic enforcement in Nahant meets the needs of the community					
The Police Department gives proper attention to minor crimes (i.e. vandalism, disturbances, etc.)					
The Police Department is providing appropriate community education and outreach programs					
Efforts of the Police Department to enforce the law are compatible with community needs					
The Police Department responds to emergency calls in a timely manner					
Nahant police officers treat people with respect					
Nahant police officers respect the rights of individuals and treat people fairly					
Telephone calls to the Nahant police station are handled professionally and courteously					
A formal complaint brought against a Nahant police officer will receive a fair, objective and timely response					
The Nahant Police Department solicits and welcomes community input					
Nahant police officers are respected by the community					
The Nahant Police Department has a good public image					
The Nahant Police Department does its job well					
Nahant police officers look professional in appearance					
Police information provided in local newspaper is useful					
Nahant police officers provide timely and useful information to persons reporting crimes					
The Nahant Police Department publicizes its services and programs adequately					

