



Durham Police Department Community Survey

I would appreciate if you could take a few minutes to complete this survey about crime and policing in the Town of Durham. This is our fifth survey designed to provide a current understanding of the perceptions and wishes of the community and to recognize if they these attitudes are changing. The results are used to enhance policing services and to direct the department as we strive to provide the most responsive, cost efficient and compassionate police services possible. Your answers are completely confidential and your identity will not be known. Please circle the response that best represents your opinion. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and you need not answer every question. When completed, please fold so that the return address of the **University of New Hampshire Survey Center, Huddleston Hall, Durham, NH 03824** is clearly displayed. I want to thank the UNH Survey Center for assisting in this important inquiry. Also, thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. **Please complete and return the survey by May ?, 2013.**

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Monica Andrews at the UNH Survey Center at 603-862-4858 or via email at msf265@wildcats.unh.edu .

David L. Kurz, Chief of Police

SECTION 1: How safe do you consider yourself in Durham

1.1 How safe do you consider yourself in Durham:

	<u>Not Safe</u>	<u>Safe</u>	<u>Very Safe</u>
How safe do you feel at night in your home?	1	2	3
How safe do you feel walking at night in downtown Durham?	1	2	3
How safe do you feel out alone at night walking in your immediate neighborhood?	1	2	3
How safe do you feel out alone during the day walking in your immediate neighborhood?	1	2	3

1.2 Do you think crime in Durham has increased, decreased, or remain the same over the last 12 months? 1. Increased 2. Decreased 3. Stayed the same

1.3 Have you limited, changed, or curtailed your activities in Durham because you are concerned about crime? 1. Yes 2. No

1.4 Do you feel that crime is such an issue in Durham that you have considered moving? 1. Yes 2. No

SECTION 2: How concerned are you about the following situations in Durham during *day-time* hours?

	<u>Not Concerned</u>	<u>Concerned</u>	<u>Very Concerned</u>
Having your home burglarized	1	2	3
Walking within Durham	1	2	3
Driving through Durham	1	2	3
Children in danger	1	2	3
Children being exposed to drugs	1	2	3
Strangers loitering near your home	1	2	3
Illegal parking downtown	1	2	3
Illegal parking near your home	1	2	3
Illegal parking where you work	1	2	3
Illegal parking near public schools	1	2	3

SECTION 3: How concerned are you about the following situations in Durham during *night-time* hours?

	<u>Not Concerned</u>	<u>Concerned</u>	<u>Very Concerned</u>
Having your home burglarized	1	2	3
Walking within Durham	1	2	3
Driving through Durham	1	2	3
Children in danger	1	2	3
Children being exposed to drugs	1	2	3
Strangers loitering near your home	1	2	3
Illegal parking downtown	1	2	3
Illegal parking near your home	1	2	3
Illegal parking where you work	1	2	3
Illegal parking near public schools	1	2	3

SECTION 4: To what extent do you believe the issues listed below a problem in Durham?

	<u>Significant</u>	<u>Somewhat</u>	<u>Insignificant</u>
Car horns/stereos/alarms	1	2	3
Speeding cars/screeching tires	1	2	3
Illegal drug possession and use	1	2	3
Illegal dumping/littering	1	2	3
Loud music or other noise from homes	1	2	3
Loud music or other noise from UNH facilities	1	2	3
Noisy neighbors	1	2	3
Parking/traffic problems	1	2	3
Pedestrians crossing road outside of crosswalks	1	2	3
Cars not yielding to pedestrians	1	2	3
Bicycles riding against traffic	1	2	3
Bicycles riding on sidewalks	1	2	3
Inadequate street lighting	1	2	3
Public drinking/intoxication	1	2	3
Stray/barking dogs	1	2	3
Trespassing upon your property	1	2	3
Unsupervised children	1	2	3
Vandalism/graffiti	1	2	3
Youths "hanging around", blocking streets, sidewalks, businesses	1	2	3
Skateboarding on streets, sidewalks, parking lots	1	2	3
Internet/Computer "scams" crimes	1	2	3

SECTION 5: Experience with Durham Police

5.1 Have you had any contact with the Durham Police Department in the past three years?

1. Yes
2. No → **SKIP TO SECTION 6**

5.2 Were you treated professionally, with dignity and respect? 1. Yes 2. No

5.3 If you called the Durham police for any reason in the past three years, how quickly did they respond?

1. They responded faster than I expected
2. The time it took was about right
3. They responded too slowly
4. They never came.

SECTION 6: Overall perception of the Durham Police Department

6.1 Is the Durham Police Department responsive to your needs? 1. Yes 2. No

6.2 Would you hesitate to call the Durham Police Department for assistance?

- 1. Yes → Why? _____
- 2. No

6.3 Overall, how well do you feel the Durham Police Department does in providing services to the community?

- 1. Excellent
- 2. Good
- 3. Fair
- 4. Poor
- 5. Very Poor

SECTION 7: Topical issues

How much do you agree with each statement below?

	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>Neutral</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
Speed tables should be used as a traffic calming method	1	2	3	4	5
Stop signs should be used as a traffic calming method	1	2	3	4	5
Where possible, roundabouts should be used instead of signaled intersections	1	2	3	4	5
Student rentals should be built away from residential neighborhoods	1	2	3	4	5
The police should be more involved in the planning process when student housing is proposed in Durham	1	2	3	4	5
The Durham Police are honest and ethical when dealing with you	1	2	3	4	5
The Durham Police show concern for your rights as a member of the community	1	2	3	4	5
The Durham Police show a real interest in being fair when making decisions that affect you	1	2	3	4	5

Is there something we did not ask you that you would like the Durham Police to be aware of?

SECTION 8: Residential Status

8.1 Where in Durham do you live?

- 1. Downtown area
- 2. North of Main Street to the border of Madbury & Dover
- 3. East of Rt. 108 and South of the Oyster River
- 4. West of Rt. 108 and South of Main Street (Faculty area, Packers Falls, etc.)
- (example: Durham Point Rd., Stagecoach, etc.)

8.2 Do you own or rent your home? 1. Own home 2. Rent

8.3 Are you a UNH student? 1. Yes 2. No

8.4 What is your age? 1. Under 20 2. 20 – 29 3. 30 – 39
4. 40 – 49 5. 50 – 59 6. 60 and over

8.5 How many children under age 18 live in your household? _____

8.6 The person completing this survey is 1. Male. 2. Female