



Eastern Pike Regional Police Department 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 Westfall/Matamoras for the past year. (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					
Underage Drinking Parties					
Graffiti					
Litter					
Unlawful Weapon use					
Loitering					
Property Theft					
Identity Theft					
Speeding Motor Vehicles					
Road Rage					
Drunk Driving					
Credit Card/Check Fraud					
Computer/Internet Problems					
Skateboarding in Streets					
Vehicle theft					
Harassing Phone Calls					
Vandalism					
Parking Problems					
Solicitors					
Bicycles on sidewalks					
Pedestrian Safety					
Alcohol Abuse					
Unreasonable Noise					
Other:					

Additional Comments on crime:

2. Have you ever been the victim of a crime in Westfall or Matamoras? yes no
3. Have you ever been the victim of a crime outside Matamoras/Westfall? yes no
4. In Matamoras, have you ever: (check all that apply)
- Stopped to ask an officer for advice or directions?
 - Stopped to talk to a police officer about a community issue?
 - Called the police station to talk about a community issue?
 - Been involved in a traffic accident, which required police intervention?
 - Been involved in a police/community outreach program (ex: Bike Safety)?
 - Been stopped for a traffic offense?
 - Been questioned by the police and released (other than traffic offenses)?
 - Reported a crime?
 - Been Arrested
 - Filed a formal complaint against an Eastern Pike Regional Officer/Department?
5. In your opinion how much have the following factors contributed to the crime rate in Matamoras over the past year? (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 alternate activities for youth					
Lack of education					
Lack of jobs/employment					
Limited police presence					
Poor parenting					
Poverty/Low Income					
Intolerance of difference based on: race, religion, sexual orientation, ext.					
Social programs/Welfare					
Over Population					
Availability of weapons					
Lack of respect					
Affluence					
Other:					

6. Would you participate in a citizen's crime watch group if one were made available?
- yes no

7. What type of security do you use at home? (Check all that apply – This survey is anonymous)

- alarm system sensor lights standard window/door locks
 dead bolt locks dog exterior/interior burglar bars
 do not secure home other

8. In your opinion, how likely is it that you will be the victim of a **property** crime in Matamoras/Westfall over the next five 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 Matamoras/Westfall over the next five years?

- highly likely moderately likely slightly likely not at all likely

10. How much time do you spend actively participating in the community each month? (Community based programs, committees or volunteer)

- 1-7 hours 8-12 hrs 13-20 hrs 21 +hrs don't participate

11. In your opinion, compared to other communities neighboring Matamoras/Westfall, how safe is your community?

- much safer slightly safer about the same less safe much less safe

12. What do you believe about the prevalence of crime in Matamoras/Westfall? (Check only one)

- crime has increased over the last five years
 crime has remained the same over the past five years
 crime has decreased 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					
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					
I feel safe alone in Matamoras' parks					

14. How serious do you feel the illegal drug problem is in these areas of our community? (Please check one box for each item)

	Very Serious	Somewhat Serious	Slightly Serious	Not Serious	Don't Know
Matamoras Borough					
Westfall Township					
DV High School					
DV Middle School					
DV Elementary School					
Playgrounds/Parks					
Within the adult community					

Section II: Police Department

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

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
The police presence in my neighborhood is appropriate for the need					
Traffic enforcement meets the needs of the community					
The police department gives proper attention crimes of vandalism, disturbances, etc.					
The police department is providing appropriate community education					
Efforts of the Police Department to enforce the law are compatible with community needs					
The Police Department responds to calls in a timely manner					
The Police Officers treat people with respect					
Eastern Pike Regional Officers respect the rights of individuals and treat people fairly					
Telephone calls to the Police department are handled professionally and courteously					
A formal complaint against a police officer will receive a fair, timely and objective response					
The Eastern Pike Regional Police department solicits and welcomes community input					
Eastern Pike Regional Officers are respected by the community					
The Police department has a good public image					

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
The Eastern Pike Regional Police Officers look professional in appearance					
Police information provided in local newspapers is useful					
The Eastern Pike Regional Police Department does it's job well					

16. How effective do you believe the Eastern Pike Regional Police Department is on the following crime and quality of life issues? (Check only one box for each)

	Very Effective	Somewhat Effective	Slightly Effective	Not At All	Don't Know
Bike Patrol					
Traffic Enforcement					
Alcohol/tobacco sale compliance checks					
Drug Task Force					
Patrol Services					
All-night winter parking enforcement					
Community Relations & Education					

Section III: Demographic Information

17. How long have you lived in Matamoros/Westfall?

- less than one year 1-3 years 4-10 years 11-20 years 21 + years

18. How old are you?

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

19. How many people are in your household?

- 1 person 2-3 people 4-5 people 6+ people

20. Do you have any children under the age of 21 living in your household?

- yes no If yes, please list their ages: _____

21. Do you own or rent your home? Own Rent Other _____

22. Average household yearly income before taxes?

- under \$30,000 \$30,000 – 59,000 \$60,000 – 89,999 \$90,000 +

23. What is your current employment status? (Please check only one box)

- Employed Unemployed Student Other
 Retired Disabled House wife/husband

24. What is your race?

- Caucasian African-American Asian Hispanic Other _____

25. Do you or anyone in the household own a firearm for sport or protection against crime?

- yes no choose not to answer

Section IV: Your Comments:

Please feel free to use as much space or additional pages as necessary.

Please Return To:
Eastern Pike Regional Police Department
10 Avenue I
Matamoras, Pa 18336
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