



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023
at 5:00 p.m.**

In person at the Snohomish Carnegie 105 Cedar Avenue Snohomish, WA 98290
and remote on-line/telephone access via *Zoom*
ONLINE Zoom access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88035793313>
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AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Flag Salute
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT on Items Not on the Agenda**
- 3. APPROVE AGENDA Contents and Order**
- 4. APPROVE Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)**
 - a. April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5. PRESENTATIONS**
 - a. Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management Overview and Partnership with the City of Snohomish, Director Lucia Schmit
 - b. Snohomish Fire District #4 Levy Lid, Chief Don Waller
- 6. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**
- 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - a. Public Safety Community Survey Results
 - b. Opportunities for Community Engagement
 - c. 2023 Workplan Updates
 - Neighborhood Watch – Commissioners Messinger and Clark Fullmer
 - Citizen Corps – Commission Chair Mills
 - Emergency Preparedness - Commissioners Urness and McDonell
 - Office of Neighborhoods - Commissioners Strom and Lippincott
- 8. BOARD/COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 9. PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY UPDATES**
 - a. Snohomish Police Department
 - b. Fire District #4
 - c. Other
- 10. STAFF MANAGER UPDATES**
- 11. COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS/UPDATES**

12. ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 5 p.m. at the Snohomish Carnegie, 105 Cedar Avenue, Snohomish, and online via Zoom.

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Public Safety Commission Regular Meeting Minutes April 11, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The workshop was called to order at 5:03 p.m., held in person at the Snohomish Carnegie, with a remote attendance option available via Zoom.

Commission Members Present:

Brian Mills
 Debby Lippincott
 Stephanie Strom
 Peter Messinger
 Jill Clark Fulmer
 Teri McDonell
 Holly Urness

Staff:

Heather Thomas, City
 Administrator
 Shari Ireton, Community
 Engagement & Strategic
 Initiatives Director
 Ann Ray, Community
 Outreach Specialist

Other:

Councilmember Donna Ray
 Chris Veentjer, Admin. Sgt.
 Jason Hodkinson, Fire Dist. #4

2. **APPROVE AGENDA:** Approved as written
3. **APPROVAL** of the minutes of the March 14, 2023 regular meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.
4. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS** on items not on the agenda: None
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- a. Vandalism and Graffiti at City Parks

Parks Board Chair Alice Armstrong brought forward a discussion about the ongoing vandalism and graffiti at City parks. A collaborative strategy/united message between the Parks Board, Public Safety Commission and Snohomish PD was discussed, particularly how these three bodies might work together. Councilmember Ray asked Commissioners to collaborate responsibilities, making sure they stay within the priorities set by City Council and avoid duplication of staff or PD programs.

- b. Recommendations from the Commission on Community Engagement Opportunities

Commissioners discussed various engagement opportunities, including the Farmers Market, a community calendar, working with HDSA and the Chamber, Neighborhood Watches, surveys, postcards, etc.

- c. Review and Finalize Draft Survey

Commissioners approved the survey. Staff would create postcards with a QR code to hand out at the All-City Garbage and Recycling Day. Director Ireton recommended the survey stay open until the National Night Out in August.

d. Presentation on the Coalition of Neighborhoods by Shari Ireton and Ann Ray

Director Ireton and Ann Ray demonstrated different models of Office of Neighborhoods/Coalition of Neighborhoods from the cities of Spokane, Everett and Kent. They provided several recommendations for the Commission to consider. Councilmember Ray asked if staff would give this presentation to Council at a later date. Commissioners discussed how they might move forward with a Coalition of Neighborhoods model and agreed it should be included in the 2023 Work Plan.

e. Workplan Objectives

Commissioners agreed to break up its workplan priorities into four topics:

- i. Neighborhood Watch – Commissioners Messinger and Clark Fullmer
- ii. Citizen Corps – Chair Mills
- iii. Emergency Preparedness - Commissioners Urness and McDonell
- iv. Office of Neighborhoods - Commissioners Strom and Lippincott

6. **COMMISSION MEMBER UPDATE:** Chair Mills shared his understanding of the Open Public Meetings Act and encouraged others to take time to fully understand governmental rules and laws.

7. **PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY UPDATE:** Sgt. Chris Veentjer shared that, as Capt. Rob Palmer will be retiring at the end of June, the City is currently accepting applications for its next Police Chief. Deputy Chief Jason Hodkinson asked if Fire District #4 Chief Don Waller could have 10 minutes on the next agenda to discuss the upcoming tax levy measure.

8. **STAFF MANAGER UPDATES**

Director Ireton shared the following:

- City staff are all taking mandatory CPR and First Aid training.
- City managers are discussing radio replacement for emergency response and recovery.
- There are many upcoming opportunities to engage on some important projects:
 - Comp Plan
 - Tree Program
 - Parks PROS Plan
 - First Street Master Plan
- The City will be launching *TextMyGov* in May, an app for residents and visitors to report concerns or problems directly.

Director Ireton also recommended that a representative from the Commission reach out to the Lion's Club before National Night Out. Vice Chair Lippincott volunteered to follow-up.

9. **ADJOURN:** The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of May, 2023.

By: _____
Commissioner Brian Mills, Chair



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Date: May 9, 2023

Agenda Section: DISCUSSION ITEMS

From:

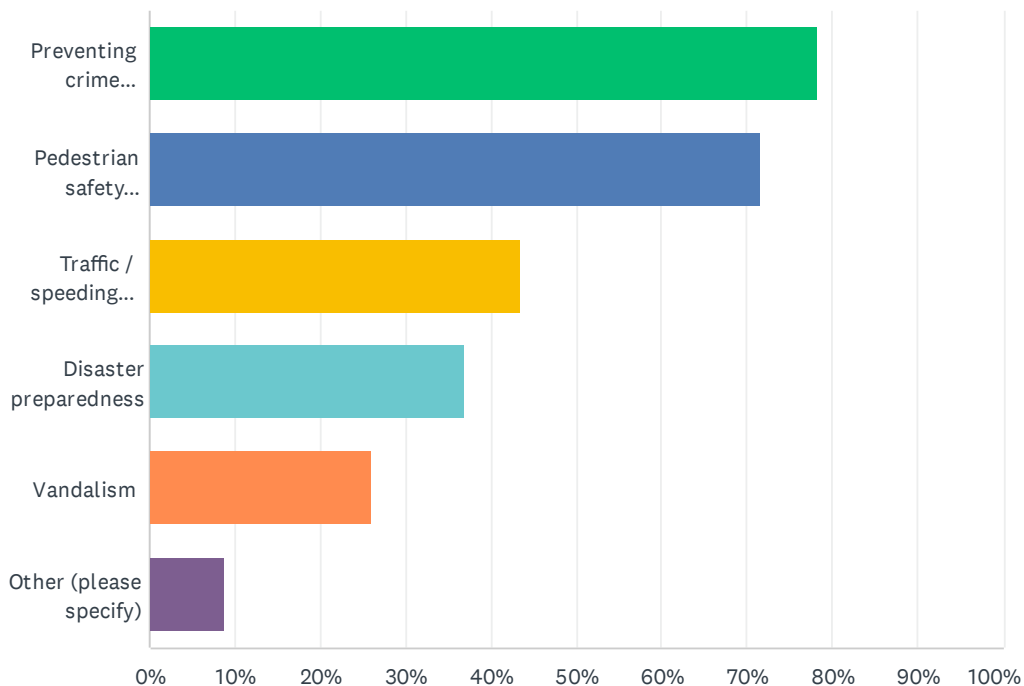
Subject: Public Safety Community Survey Results

ATTACHMENT(S):

Public Safety Survey Summary Data_All_230502 (002).pdf
Public Safety Survey postcard.pdf

Q1 Which safety issues are the most important to you for the City of Snohomish, as a whole? (Choose up to 3.)

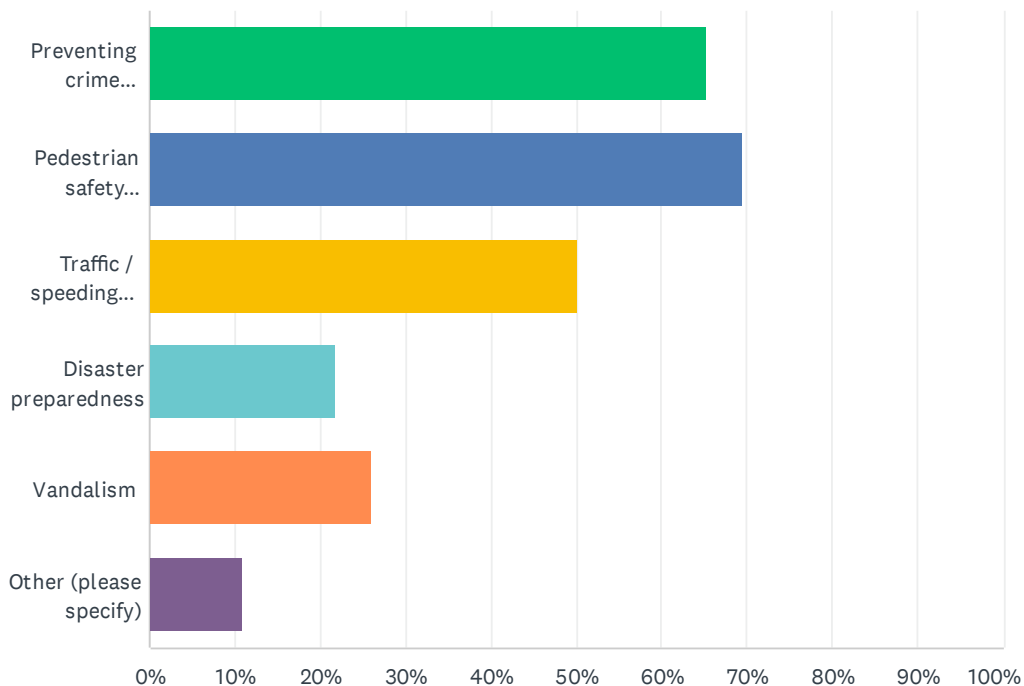
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Preventing crime (break-ins, theft, assault, etc)	78.26%	36
Pedestrian safety (adequate lighting, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc)	71.74%	33
Traffic / speeding control	43.48%	20
Disaster preparedness	36.96%	17
Vandalism	26.09%	12
Other (please specify)	8.70%	4
Total Respondents: 46		

Q2 Thinking about your own neighborhood, which three safety issues are currently most concerning to you? (Choose up to 3.)

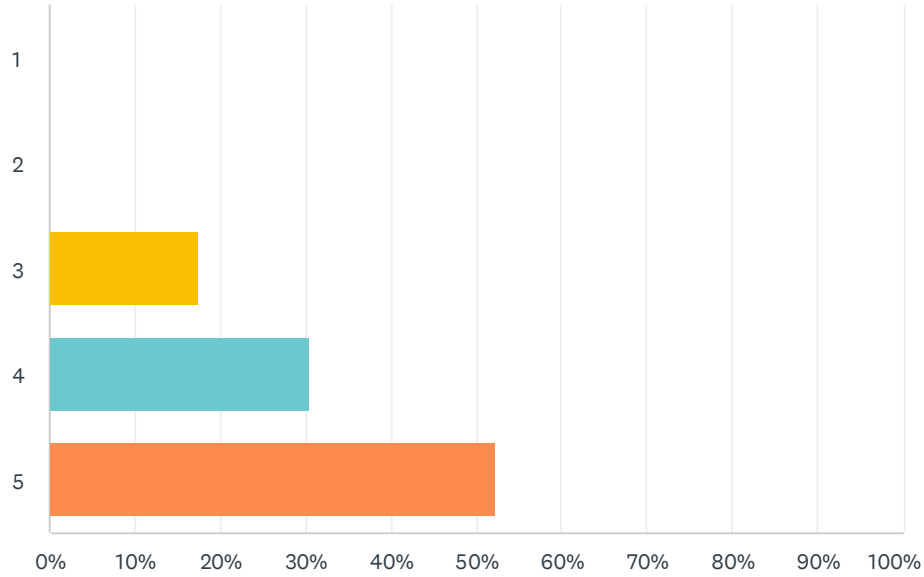
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Preventing crime (break-ins, theft, assault, etc)	65.22%	30
Pedestrian safety (adequate lighting, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc)	69.57%	32
Traffic / speeding control	50.00%	23
Disaster preparedness	21.74%	10
Vandalism	26.09%	12
Other (please specify)	10.87%	5
Total Respondents: 46		

Q3 What's your comfort level with calling law enforcement with concerns? (1 = not comfortable at all, 5 = very comfortable)

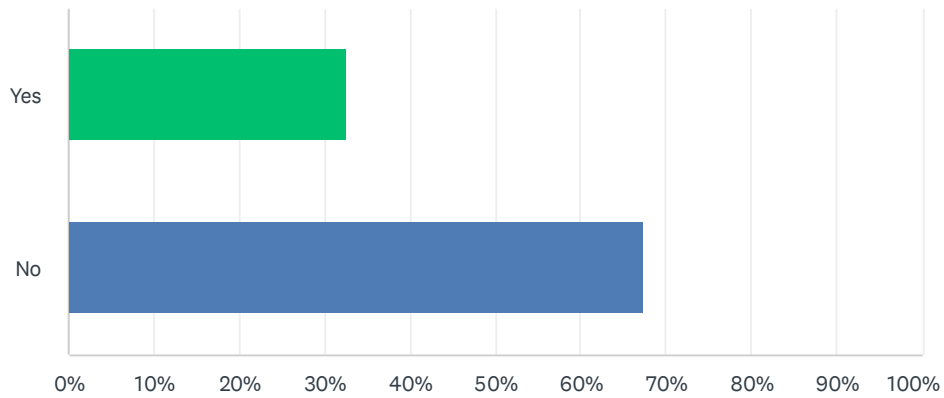
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
1	0.00% 0
2	0.00% 0
3	17.39% 8
4	30.43% 14
5	52.17% 24
TOTAL	46

Q4 Have you ever considered calling law enforcement, but didn't?

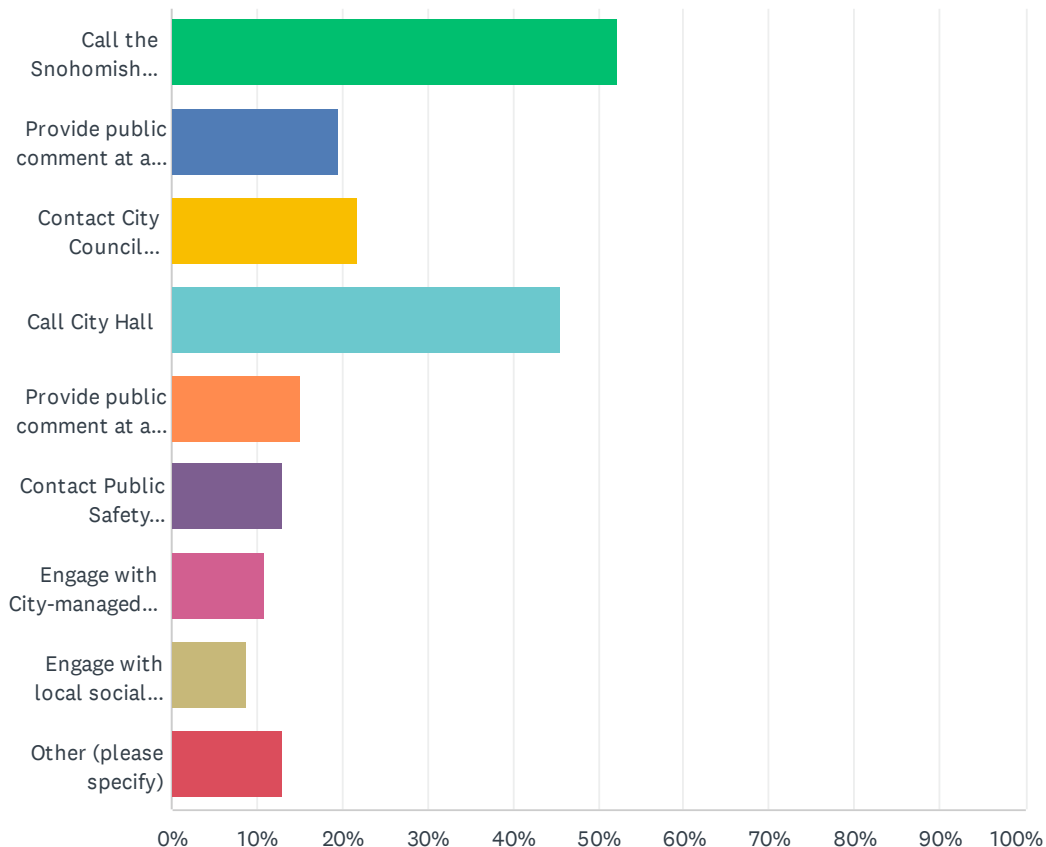
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	32.61%	15
No	67.39%	31
TOTAL		46

Q5 If you wanted to raise a safety-related issue to the City of Snohomish, what avenues would you think to pursue first? (Choose up to 3.)

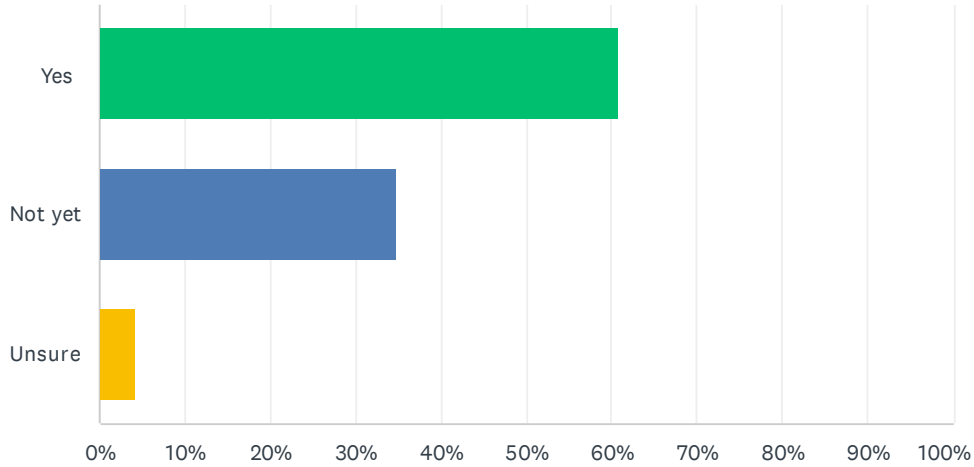
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Call the Snohomish Police Department	52.17%	24
Provide public comment at a City Council meeting	19.57%	9
Contact City Council Member(s) directly	21.74%	10
Call City Hall	45.65%	21
Provide public comment at a Public Safety Commission meeting	15.22%	7
Contact Public Safety Commission Member(s) directly	13.04%	6
Engage with City-managed social media (Facebook, etc)	10.87%	5
Engage with local social media (Facebook groups, NextDoor, etc)	8.70%	4
Other (please specify)	13.04%	6
Total Respondents: 46		

Q6 In the event of a long power outage or natural disaster, do you have an emergency plan? (Food & water stored, communications plan, etc.)

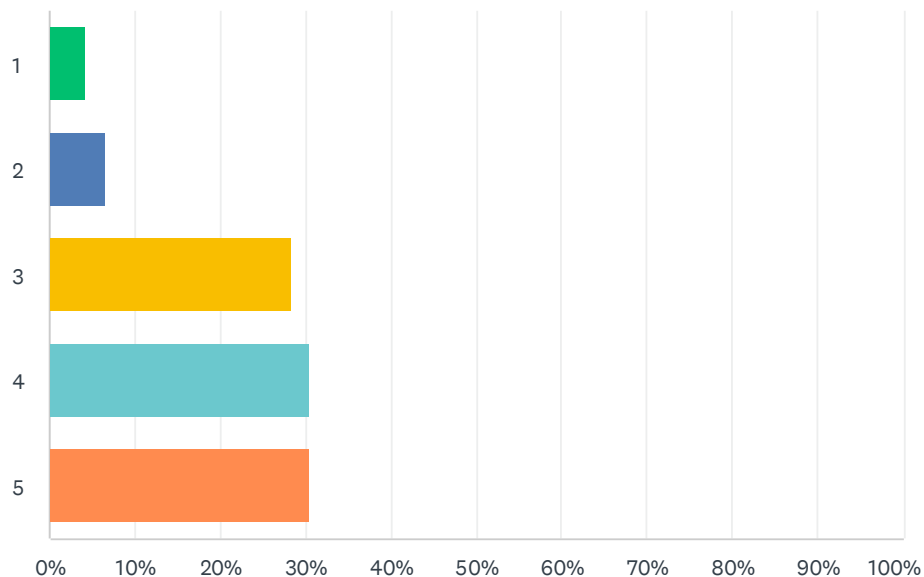
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	60.87%	28
Not yet	34.78%	16
Unsure	4.35%	2
TOTAL		46

Q7 What is your current comfort level with reaching out to neighbors for help? (1 = not comfortable at all, 5 = very comfortable)

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



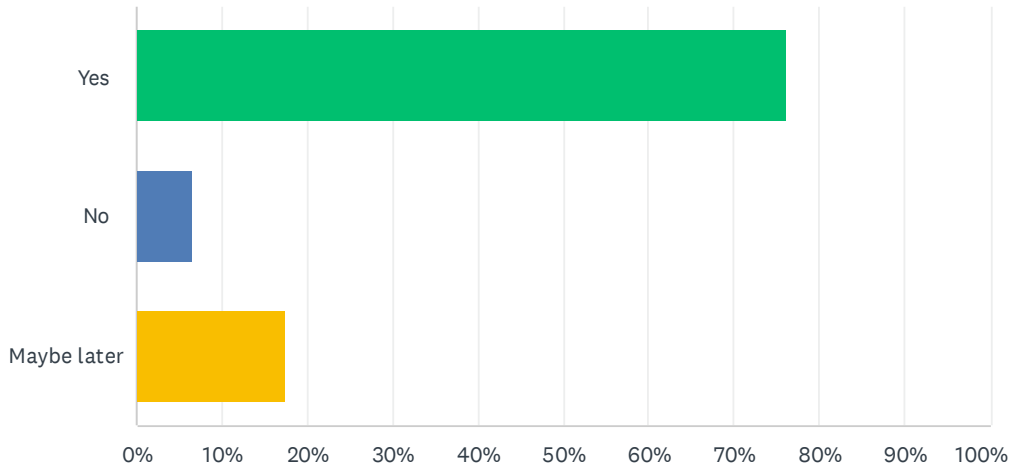
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	4.35%	2
2	6.52%	3
3	28.26%	13
4	30.43%	14
5	30.43%	14
TOTAL		46

Q8 Under what circumstances would you reach out to neighbors for help?

Answered: 32 Skipped: 14

Q9 Would you ever be interested in getting acquainted with neighbors to develop a plan of mutual support?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.09%	35
No	6.52%	3
Maybe later	17.39%	8
TOTAL		46

Q10 What can the City of Snohomish do to make you feel safer in your neighborhood?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 11

Q11 What is your ZIP code?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 0

Q12 [Optional] If you'd like to stay informed about future surveys and public safety programs, please share your email with us:

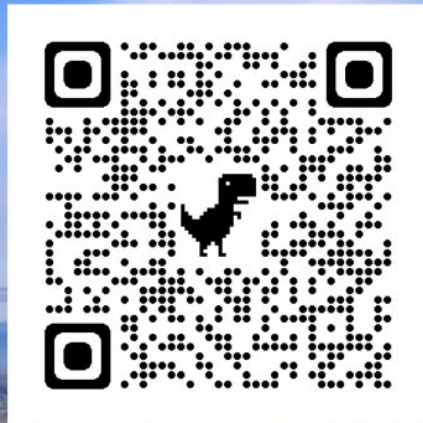
Answered: 13 Skipped: 33

Your Public Safety Commission wants to hear from you!

Answer this quick survey to let us know what safety issues are the most important to you and what the City can do to help you and your neighbors feel safe →



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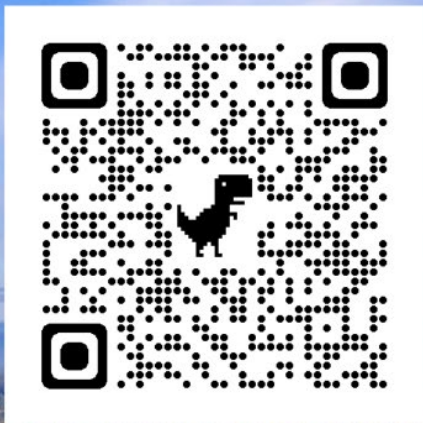


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Date: May 9, 2023

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From:

Subject: Opportunities for Community Engagement

ATTACHMENT(S):

Public Safety Commission Postcard (002).pdf

Public Safety Commission Postcard

City of Snohomish - Public Safety Commission

Key Areas of Focus

- Strengthening the Community through Neighborhood Watch Groups
 - Emergency Preparedness

Action Opportunities for Residents of the City of Snohomish

- Sign up for Neighborhood Watch
(<https://www.snohomishwa.gov/679/Neighborhood-Watch>)
- Take the Safety Issues Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M78SFQB>)
- "See Something, Say Something" - with your cell phone, "textmygov"
- Stay informed - Sign up for City Alerts @ Notify me
(<https://www.snohomishwa.gov/list.aspx>)
- Plan to join us at the National Night Out on the First Tuesday in August