

# COMMUNITY SAFETY REPORT

Community Perceptions



**Satisfied    Neither    Dissatisfied**

Officers would treat you with respect if you had contact with them

**81%**

**10%**

**7%**

Officers treat everyone fairly regardless of who they are

**41%**

**39%**

**20%**

Officers are helpful

**80%**

**13%**

**7%**

Officers deal positively with young people

**54%**

**35%**

**11%**

Officers focus on the public safety issues that concern you

**60%**

**30%**

**10%**

The number of officers that serve my neighborhood is satisfactory

**57%**

**28%**

**15%**



**Satisfied    Neither    Dissatisfied**

I have a great deal of confidence in the ACCPD and its officers and employees

**67%**

**22%**

**11%**

I have a great deal of respect for the ACCPD and its officers and employees

**80%**

**13%**

**7%**

The ACCPD shows a great deal of interest in community issues

**59%**

**32%**

**9%**

Overall, the ACCPD is doing a good job.

**70%**

**22%**

**8%**

Above responses were by those who have interacted with an officer. Generally, more respondents who interacted with officers chose agree or disagree with statements rather than neither.





**Black and Latinx** households were **less likely** to agree with positive statements regarding ACCPD officers, while **white and married** households were **more likely** to agree.

**Black households, college students, females, and those who had contact with an ACCPD officer** were **less likely** to believe that officers treated everyone fairly regardless of who they are.

**Latinx households** who had officer interactions were **less likely** to agree that an officer would treat them with respect



# Community Recommendations and Feedback

- more training on **diversity, cultural sensitivity, mental health crises, and conflict resolution**
- increased **youth development** among ACCPD officers
- increased **community events**
- increase in the **diversity of officers** on the force
- development of **community policing**
- engagement in **low-income communities**
- increased **visibility** in neighborhoods
- increased number of **Spanish-speaking** officers
- communicate to each citizen **non-emergency numbers**



An important contextual note: Data were collected in 2018--after the 2014 death of Michael Brown and prior to the 2020 death of George Floyd, both of which proved to be pivotal events with national impacts. We do not intend to quantify how these or other incidents and their media portrayals have impacted Athenians' perceptions about ACCPD Officers and employees.

