

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CITIZEN SURVEY**

**THE COMMUNITY:**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Rate the seriousness of the following crimes and quality of life issues in St. Mary's County for the past 5 years:**

	Serious	Slightly Serious	Not a Problem
Residential/Business Burglary and Theft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assaults/Domestic Violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol Related Problems (i.e. public drinking, parties, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unlawful Drug Use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vandalism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Related Problems (i.e. speeding, poor driving attitudes, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Harassment (i.e. phone calls, solicitors, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Graffiti, Litter, Loitering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal Control Problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bicycles, Skateboarding, Rollerblading on sidewalks & business districts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identity Theft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**2. In St. Mary's County, have you ever: (check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stopped to ask an officer advice or directions?                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Stopped to talk to an officer about a community issue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Called the Sheriff's Office to discuss a community issue                | <input type="checkbox"/> Been involved in an accident which required police    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Been involved in a police/community outreach program                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Been stopped for a traffic offense                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Been questioned by the police and released (other than traffic offense) | <input type="checkbox"/> Reported a crime                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filed a complaint against a St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office Deputy   | <input type="checkbox"/> Been arrested   |

**3. In your opinion how much have the following factors contributed to the crime in St. Mary's County over the past 5 years:**

	Large Influence	Slight Influence	None At All
Courts are too lenient	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug/alcohol abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of alternative activities for youth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of jobs/employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Limited police presence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poor parenting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty/low income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Intolerance of differences based on race, religion, sexual orientation, etc	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social programs/welfare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over population	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of weapons	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of respect	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**4. What do you believe about the prevalence of crime in St. Mary's County?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime has increased over the last five years | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime has remained the same over the last five years |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime has decreased over the last five years | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know   |

**5. How serious is the illegal drug problem in the following areas in St. Mary's County?**

	Serious	Slightly Serious	Not a Problem
High Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elementary Schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Playgrounds & Recreation areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Within the Adult Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**THE DEPARTMENT:**

1. Please respond whether you agree or disagree with the following statements:

	Agree	Disagree
The police presence in my community is appropriate	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic enforcement in St. Mary's County meets the needs of the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Sheriff's Office gives proper attention to quality of life crimes (vandalism, disturbances, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Efforts of the Sheriff's Office to enforce the law are compatible with community needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Sheriff's Office responds to emergency calls in a timely manner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
St. Mary's County Sheriff's Deputies respect the rights of individuals and treat people fairly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone calls to the Sheriff's Office are handled professionally/courteously	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A formal complaint against a Deputy Sheriff will receive a fair, objective and timely response	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office solicits and welcomes community input	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The St. Mary's County Deputy Sheriff's are respected by the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office has a good public image	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office does it's job well	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deputy Sheriff's are professional in appearance and demeanor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police information provided in the local newspaper is useful	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deputy Sheriff's provide timely and useful information to persons reporting crimes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office publicizes it's services and programs adequately	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. How effective do you believe the following programs are?

	Effective	Slightly Effective	None At All
Bike Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police Resource Officer assigned full-time at the high schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Police Resource Officer assigned full-time at the middle schools	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D.A.R.E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic Violence Unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Web Page	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traffic Enforcement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency 911 Combined Dispatch Center (Fire, Rescue, Police)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizen Police Academy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth-At-Risk Intervention Program	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcohol/Tobacco Sale Compliance Checks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teen Court	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior Citizens & Law Enforcement Together (SALT/TRIAD)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project Lifesaver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Do you think Resource Officers should be assigned to Elementary Schools?  Yes  No

4. What is your Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ 5. How long have you lived in St. Mary's County \_\_\_\_\_ 6. What is your race \_\_\_\_\_

The thing I like best about the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is:

The thing I would most like to see improved at the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office is:

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