

# COMMUNITY SURVEY

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Community Policing  
Priorities

# Introduction

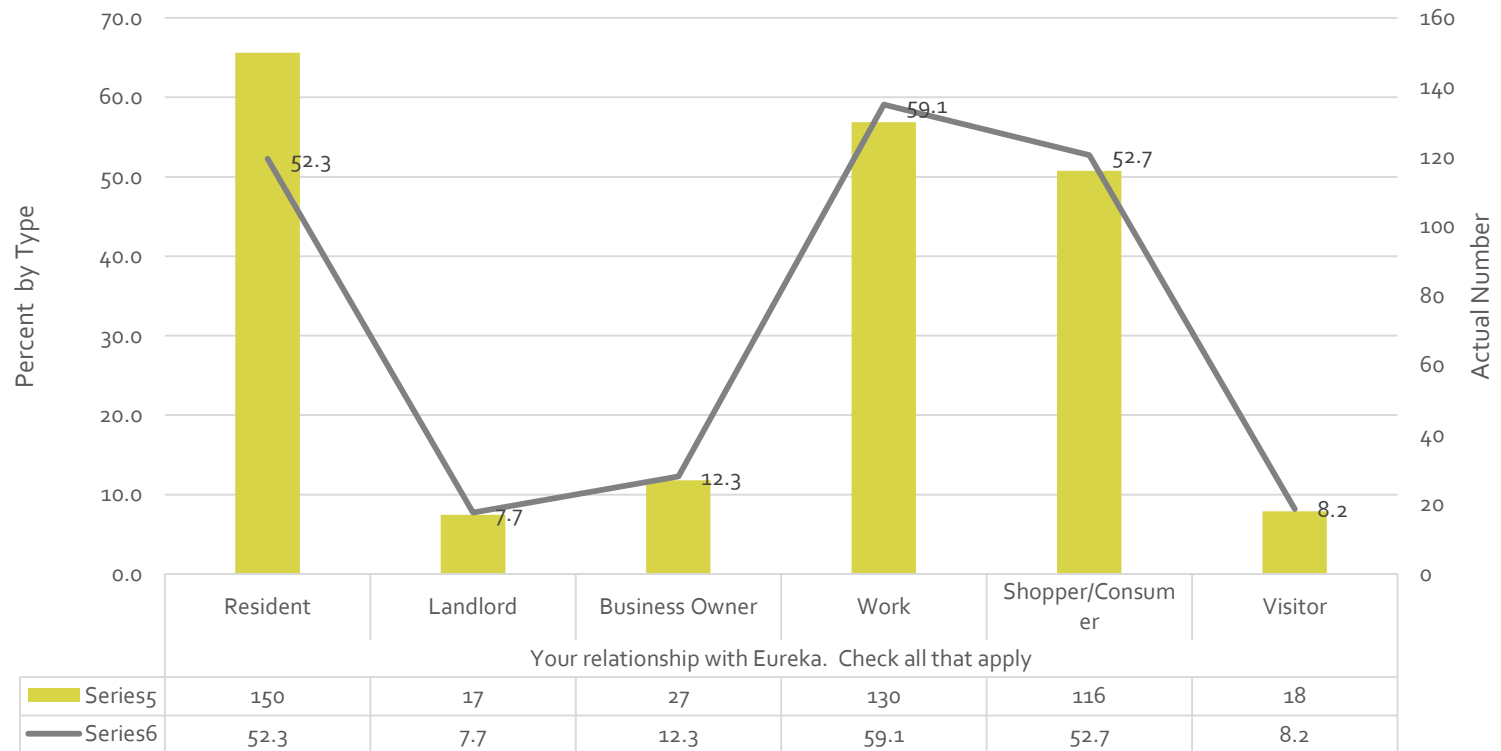
- The President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing, "***The police must be more transparent with justice as the central corner stone.***"
- EPD's Mission, Values and *Leadership Plan* reflects the public's opinion in an effort to lean toward transparency and ensure justice.

# Data Collection

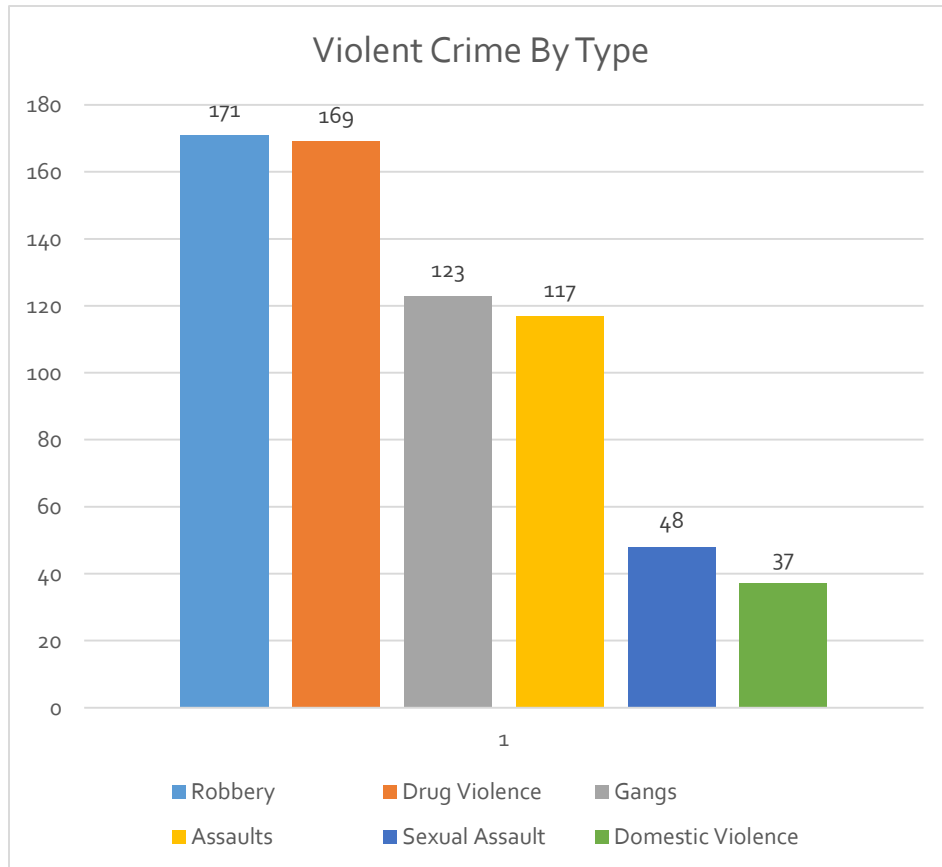
- A survey was published in an on line blog and Eureka Police Facebook
- 221 respondents answering 14 questions
- 221 respondents left 257 comments
  - Self selected sample based on access to social media
  - Two person focus groups
- A second group of local business leaders selected by the Chamber of Commerce and Old Town Main Street were interviewed
- The opinions of each group were considered

# Who Responded

Survey Respondents

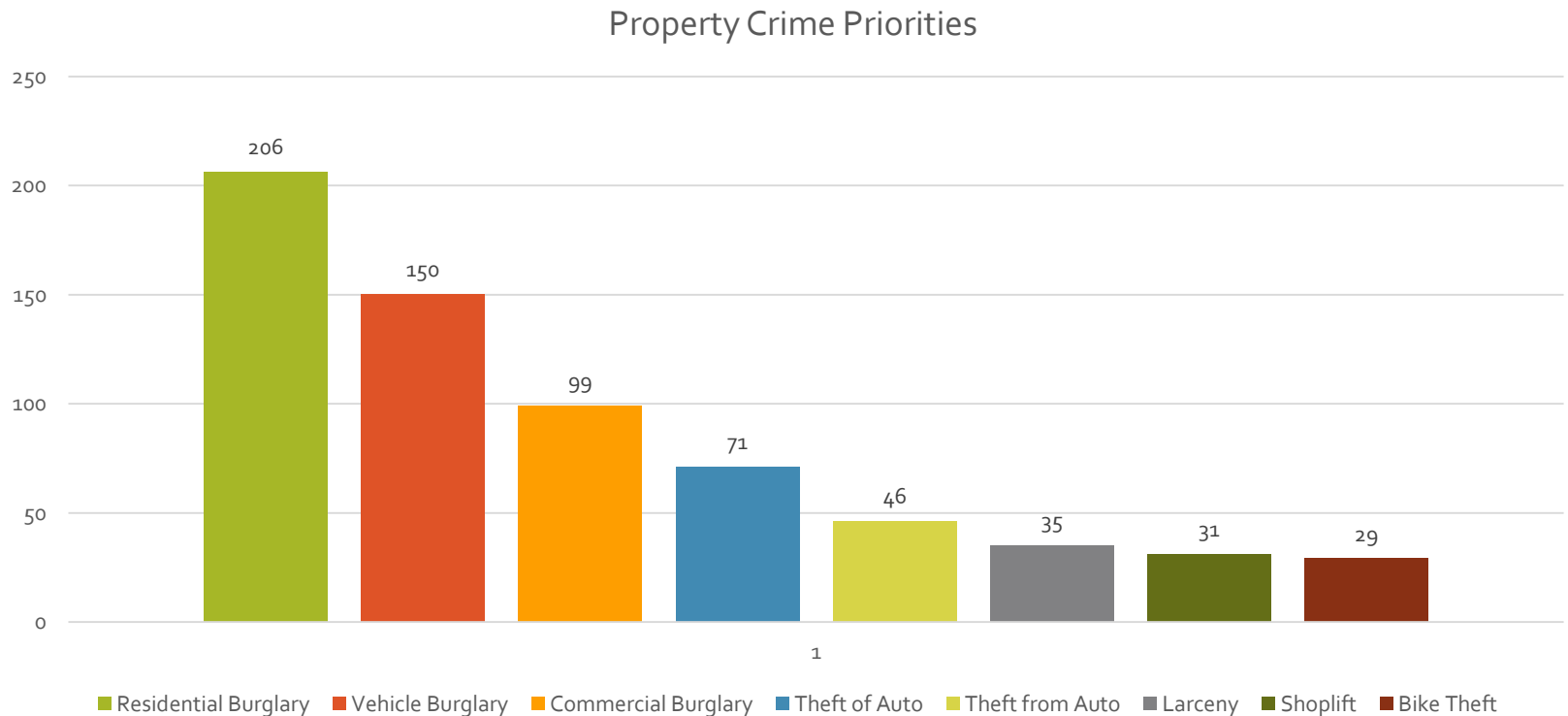


The respondents were recruited from social media and local media outlets who reported the availability of the survey. As one can observe the overall number of those who took the survey are represented here. They could choose up to three selections. Most answered multiple selections.



Respondent could choose up to three of their crime type priorities. It is interesting why they may have chosen robbery and drug related violence above vulnerable victimology types. If one were to compare the local media coverage on violent crime, it is clearly skewed toward robbery, gangs and home invasion robberies due to a heavy drug culture and the ease of reporting. The people chart on the right demonstrates why the average citizen sees violent assaults more than sexual violence.

# Analysis of Property Crime



Clearly residential burglary was almost universally noted as the most important crime to solve. This is not too surprising as the majority of respondents were residents and vastly outnumbered the others. Average value of theft was not as important as the invasion of personal space. This Paetro Chats demonstrates the responses in an easy-to-read format. 93.12% of those who answered this question pinned residential burglary as the priority. Many of these crimes are preventable.

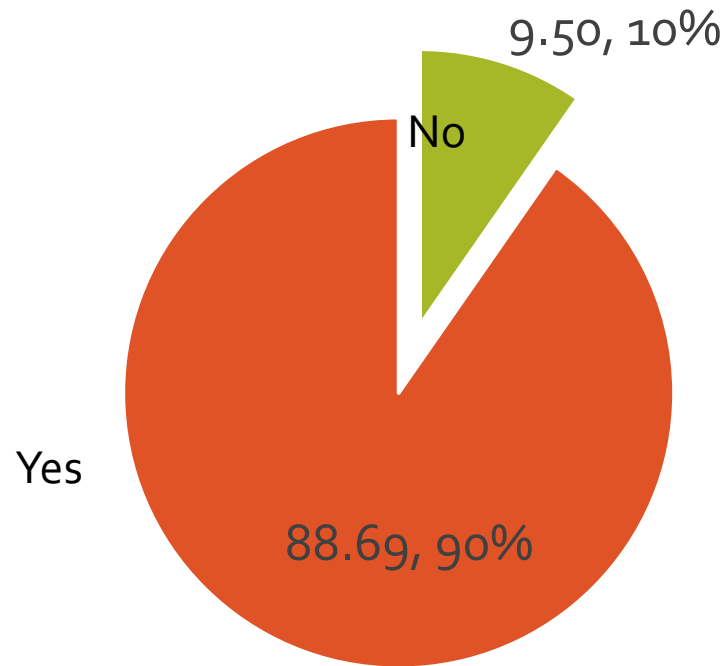
# Willingness to Learn Crime Prevention



While residential burglary is the biggest concern, the community is also willing to be an important part of the solution. They are willing to learn to prevent crime which is a very critical part of crime control. It is the best opportunity to reduce crime in Eureka. The Leadership Plan was adjusted as a result of this answer.

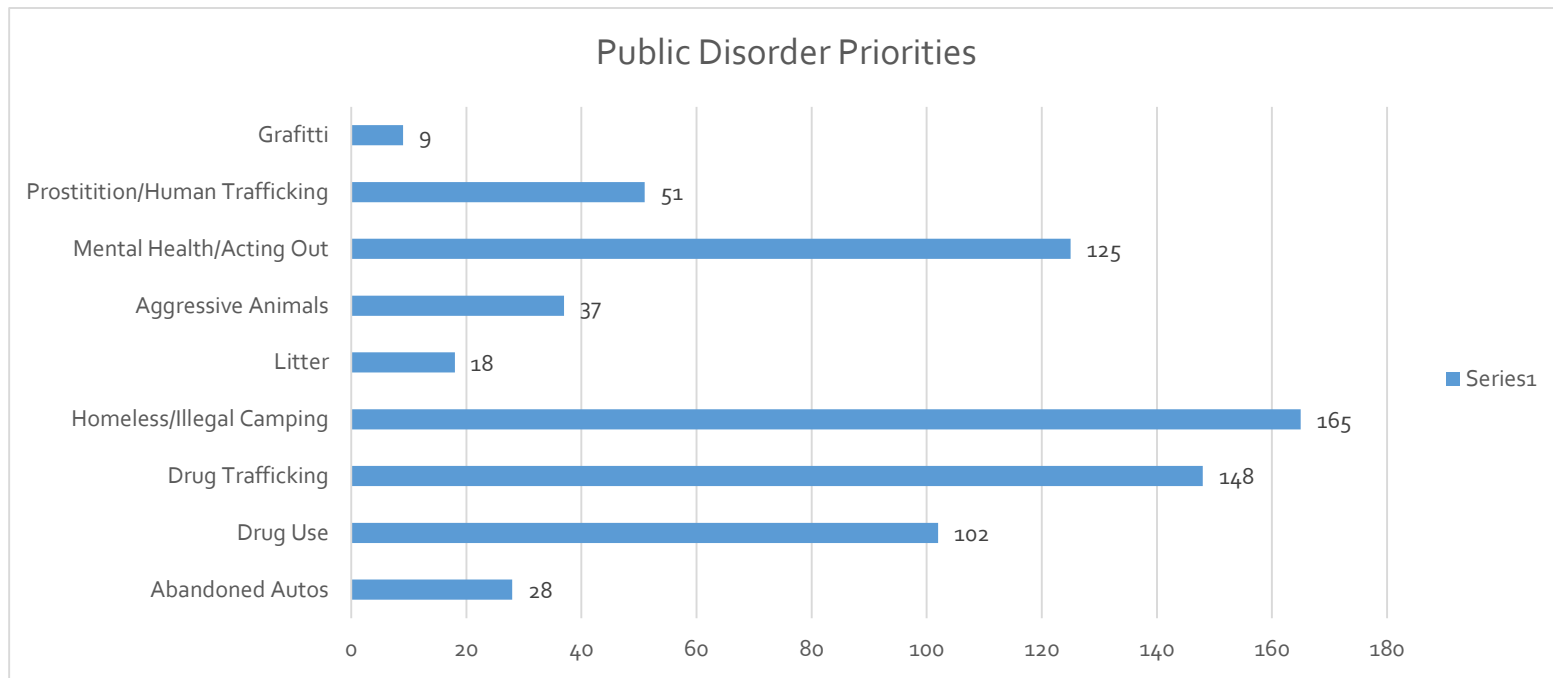
# Percent Willing to Submit On-Line Reports

Submit On-Line Police Reports



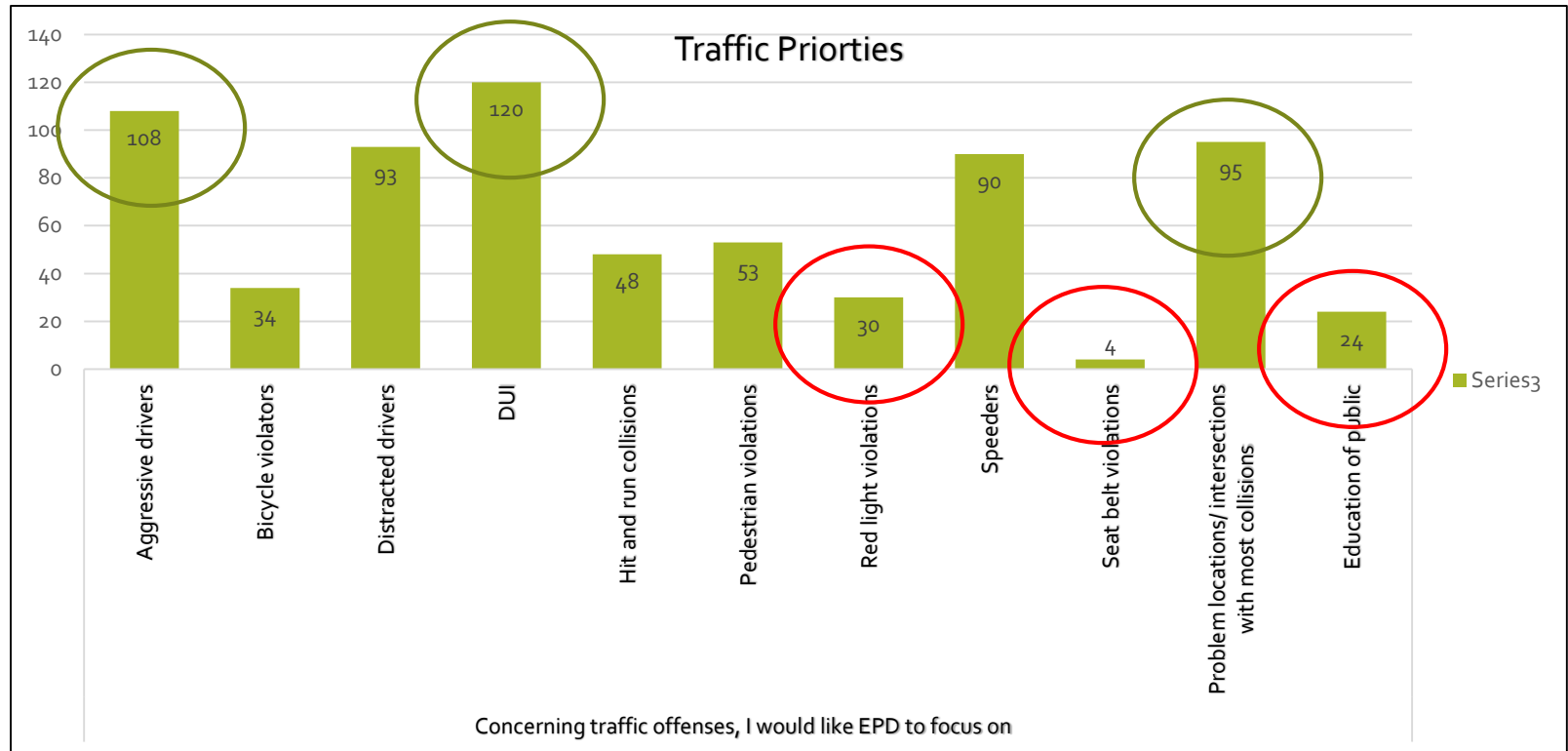


# Quality of Life and Public Disorder



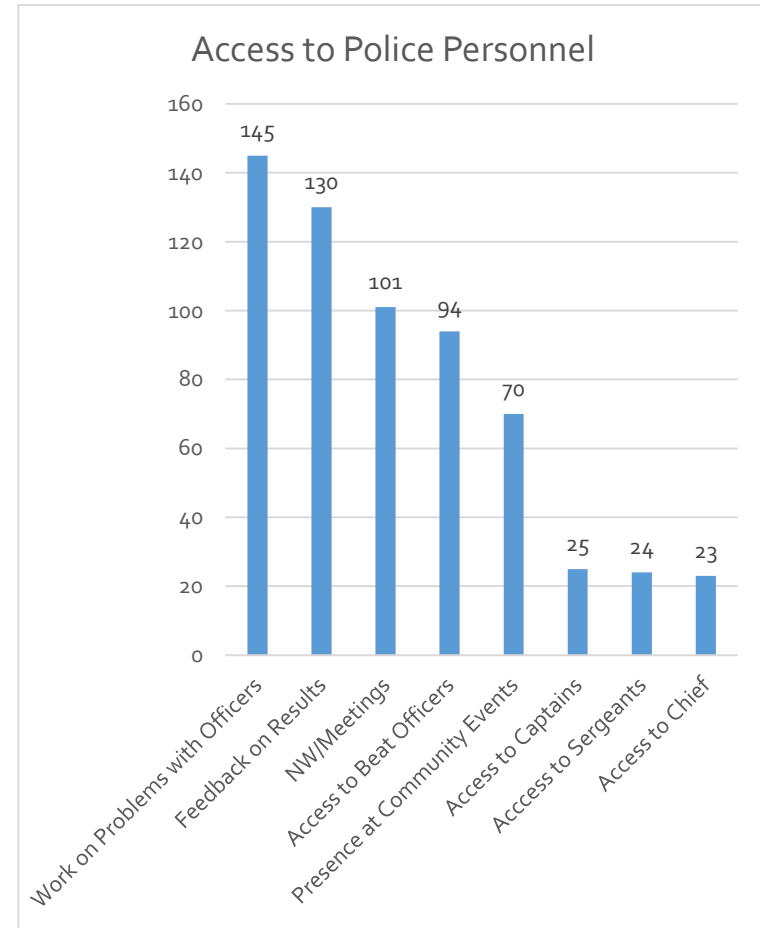
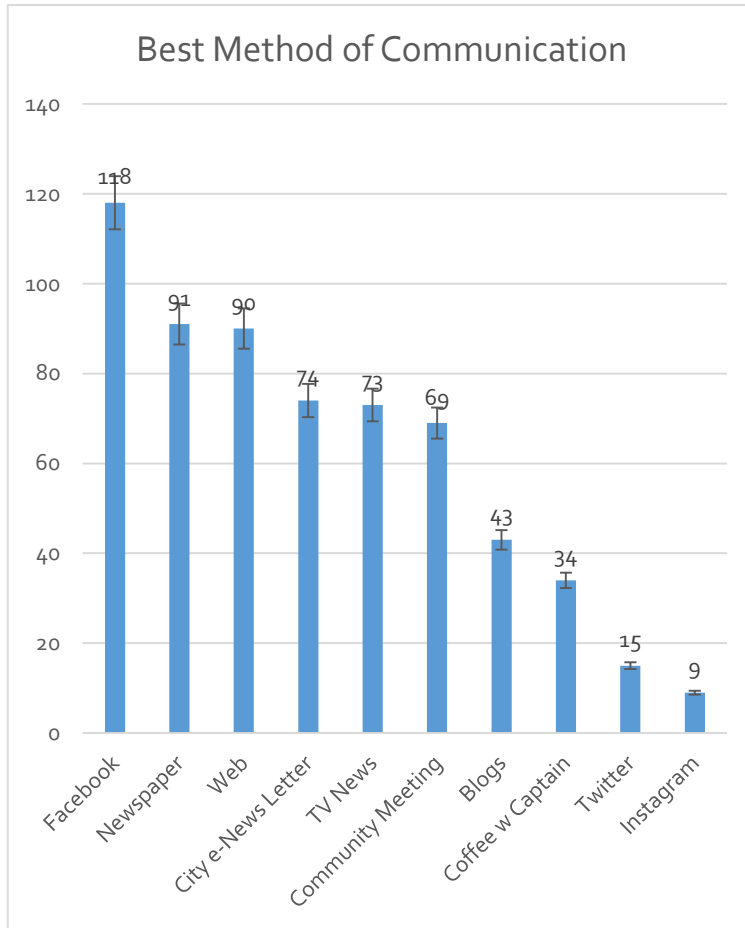
Quality of life crimes dominate the complaints at EPD and almost all revolve around the problem with homelessness. Eureka as the county seat has an abnormally high incident of homelessness with an estimated 469 persons.

# Traffic Priority



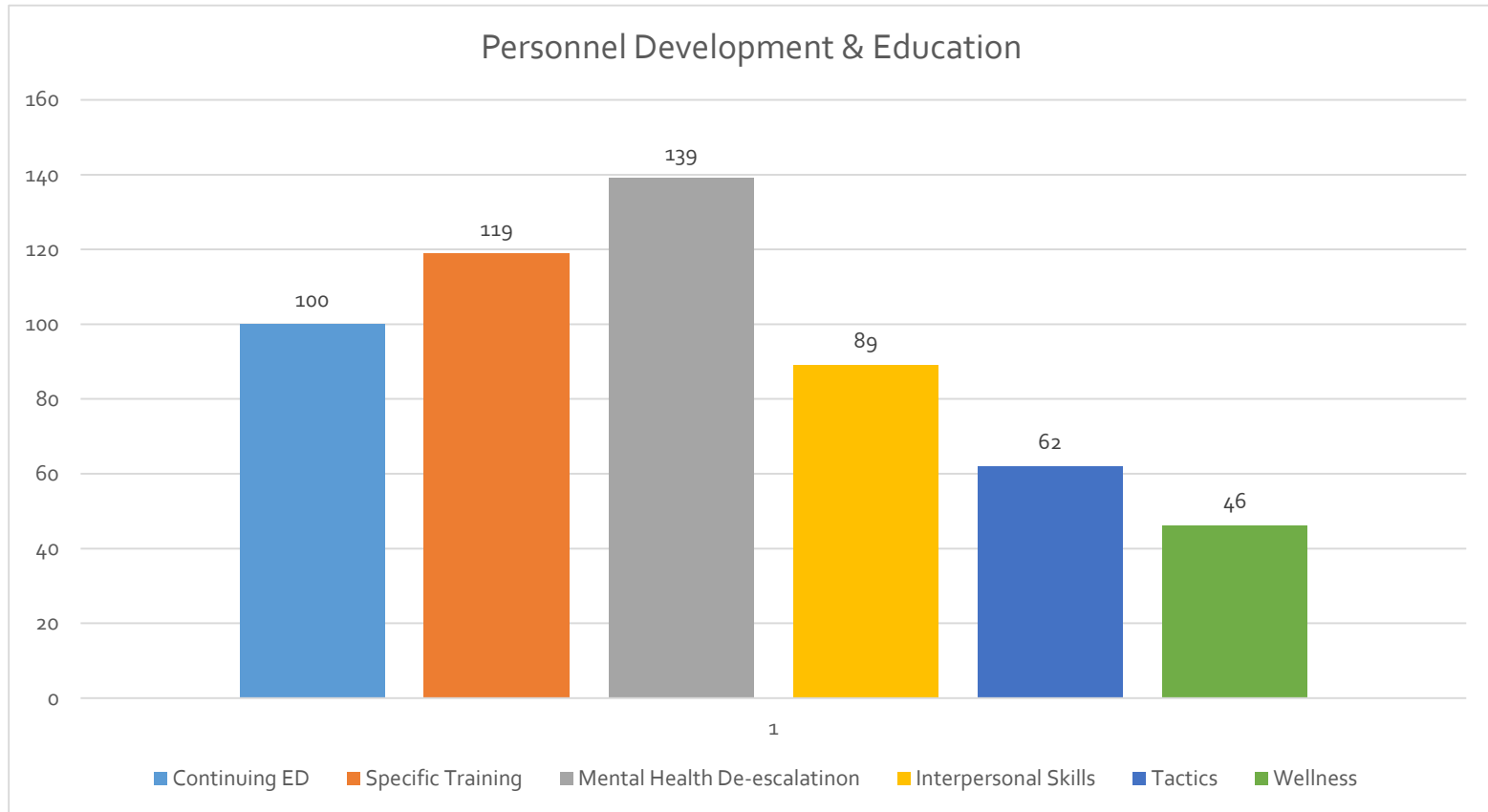
A consistent theme through out the survey was the importance of issues that affect them. Where as the police must police for overall safety. Note here that seat belt violations was an extremely low response (1.8%) , even though it is one of the highest correlations of injury in traffic collisions. While aggressive drivers are not a high correlation but aggravating for motorists.

# Communication Techniques



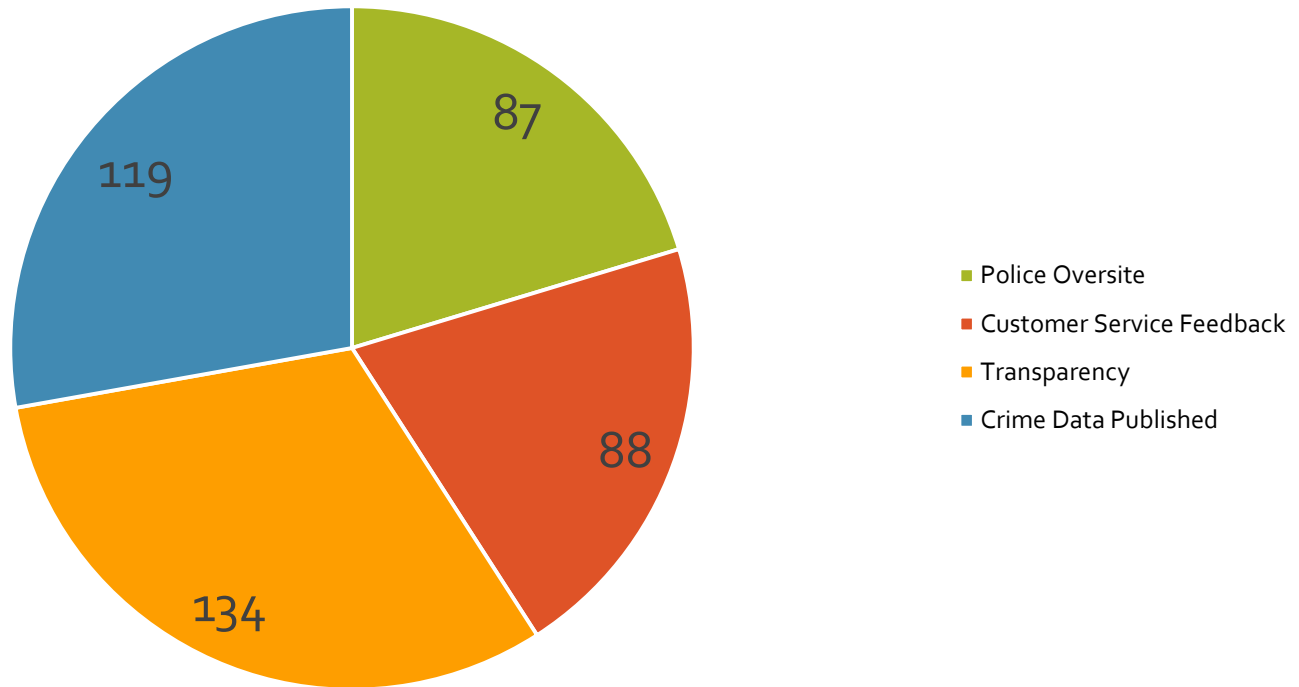
The best methods of communication was Facebook and the local News Paper. Even with a margin of error, FB outpaced all others. Community members wanted to work with officers on problems and receive feedback.

# Training Needs



To accomplish the Strategic Plan and meet community expectations, EPD's training needs are evident and again focuses on homelessness and mental health problems.

# Concerning Police Accountability: What Matters



# Eureka Cares About The Priority of Crime



**EPD is Fulfilling Sir Robert Peel's Idea Of  
Community Policing**