

EHCC-UHH Community Perspectives on Policing Survey Instrument

I. Understanding of Personal Safety

1. How safe do you feel in your community when you are outside alone during the *day*?
 - i. Very safe
 - ii. Safe
 - iii. Neutral
 - iv. Unsafe
 - v. Very unsafe

2. How safe do you feel in your community when you are outside alone during the *night*?
 - i. Very safe
 - ii. Safe
 - iii. Neutral
 - iv. Unsafe
 - v. Very unsafe

3. Compared to neighboring communities on the Big Island, is Hilo...
 - i. More safe than other communities
 - ii. Average or about the same as other communities
 - iii. Less safe than other communities

4. What do you believe are the greatest safety issues facing the East Hawai'i community?
 - i. _____

II. Perceptions of the Current State of Policing

1. What type of relationship does the police in East Hawai'i have currently with the local community?
 - a. Positive relationship

- b. Neutral relationship
 - c. Negative relationship
2. To what extent does the East Hawai'i Police Department work to develop relationships with community members and organizations?
- a. To a great extent
 - b. A lot
 - c. Somewhat
 - d. A little
 - e. Not at all
3. How much confidence, if any, do you have in police officers to act in the best interests of the public?
- a. A great deal of confidence
 - b. A fair amount of confidence
 - c. Neutral
 - d. Not too much confidence
 - e. No confidence at all
4. Do you believe all people are treated fairly by police officers?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Unsure
5. Why is that so?
- a. _____
6. Do you feel comfortable contacting the police department to report a crime?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Unsure
7. If the situation arose, would you feel comfortable filing a grievance or complaint against a member of the police department?
- d. Yes
 - e. No
 - f. Unsure

8. Do you feel there is an adequate number of police officers to assist the East Hawai'i community?
 - g. Yes
 - h. No
 - i. Unsure

9. Do you expect police officers to arrive in a timely manner if you were to call them?
 - j. Yes
 - k. No
 - l. Unsure

10. In the past 5 years, have you had any interactions with police officers here in East Hawai'i?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

11. If yes, what was the interaction regarding? [drop down]
 - a. Traffic issue (e.g., speeding violation, car accident)
 - b. 911 emergency incident (e.g., reporting a serious crime or emergency)
 - c. Non-emergency event (e.g., reporting suspicious activity or a public nuisance)
 - d. Other (e.g., at a community event, talking with an officer while on patrol)

12. If yes, did the interaction feel fair and equitable?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

13. Why?
 - a. _____

III. Perceptions on Incarceration

1. Has incarceration impacted you and your family?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

2. If yes, can you briefly describe the impact of incarceration in East Hawai'i on you and/or your family?

c. _____

IV. Satisfaction with the Hawai'i Police Department

1. In general, how satisfied are you with police services in East Hawai'i?

- f. Very satisfied
- g. Satisfied
- h. Neutral
- i. Unsatisfied
- j. Very unsatisfied

2. How could the East Hawai'i Police Department improve?

d. _____

V. Recollections of the Past Policing

1. Do you have any personal or family recollections of living in the East Hawai'i and Hilo area anytime between the 1930s and 1970s?

- a. Yes
- b. No [If no, skip to next section]

2. Do you have any memories related to the old Hilo Police Station and Courthouse located in downtown Hilo?

- a. Yes
- b. No

3. If yes, can you describe some of your memories about the Hawai'i Police Department, the court house, or policing during that era?

a. _____

4. What type of relationship did the police have with the community?

- a. Positive relationship
- b. Negative relationship
- c. Unsure

5. With a few words, can you describe how the Hawai'i Police Department officers behaved then, generally?
 - a. _____

6. How much confidence, if any, do you feel the community had back then in police officers to act in the best interests of the public...
 - k. A great deal of confidence
 - l. A fair amount of confidence
 - m. Somewhat
 - n. Not too much confidence
 - o. No confidence at all

7. East Hawaii Cultural Center and UH Hilo are planning another project surrounding policing and incarceration from the 1930s to 1970s here in Hilo, particularly about the old Hilo Police Station and Courthouse. Would you be interested in being interviewed for this project?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

8. If yes, please provide your contact information, so our researchers can get a hold of you when the study begins.
 - a. Name: _____
 - b. Email: _____
 - c. Phone number: _____

VI. Demographics

1. Gender

- a. Man
- b. Woman
- c. Nonbinary
- d. Other _____
- e. Prefer not to say

2. Age

- a. 18 to 30
- b. 30 to 45
- c. 45 to 55
- d. 55 to 65
- e. 65 to 75
- f. 75+

3. Race (select all that apply)

- a. White
- b. African American
- c. Latino or Hispanic
- d. Asian
- e. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

4. Approximate individual annual income:

- a. Less than \$24,999
- b. \$25,000-\$34,999
- c. \$35,000-\$49,999
- d. \$50,000-\$74,999
- e. \$75,000-\$99,999
- f. \$100,000-\$150,000
- g. \$150,000 and above
- h. Prefer not to say.

5. How many years have you lived in East Hawai'i?

- a. _____

6. Have you ever worked in the criminal justice system (i.e., police officer, probation/parole officer, prison guard, lawyer, judge, etc.)?

- a. Yes
 - i. If yes, what position? _____
- b. No

7. Have you ever been incarcerated?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Prefer not to say