

2018 Community Survey Results

# Gonzales Police Department



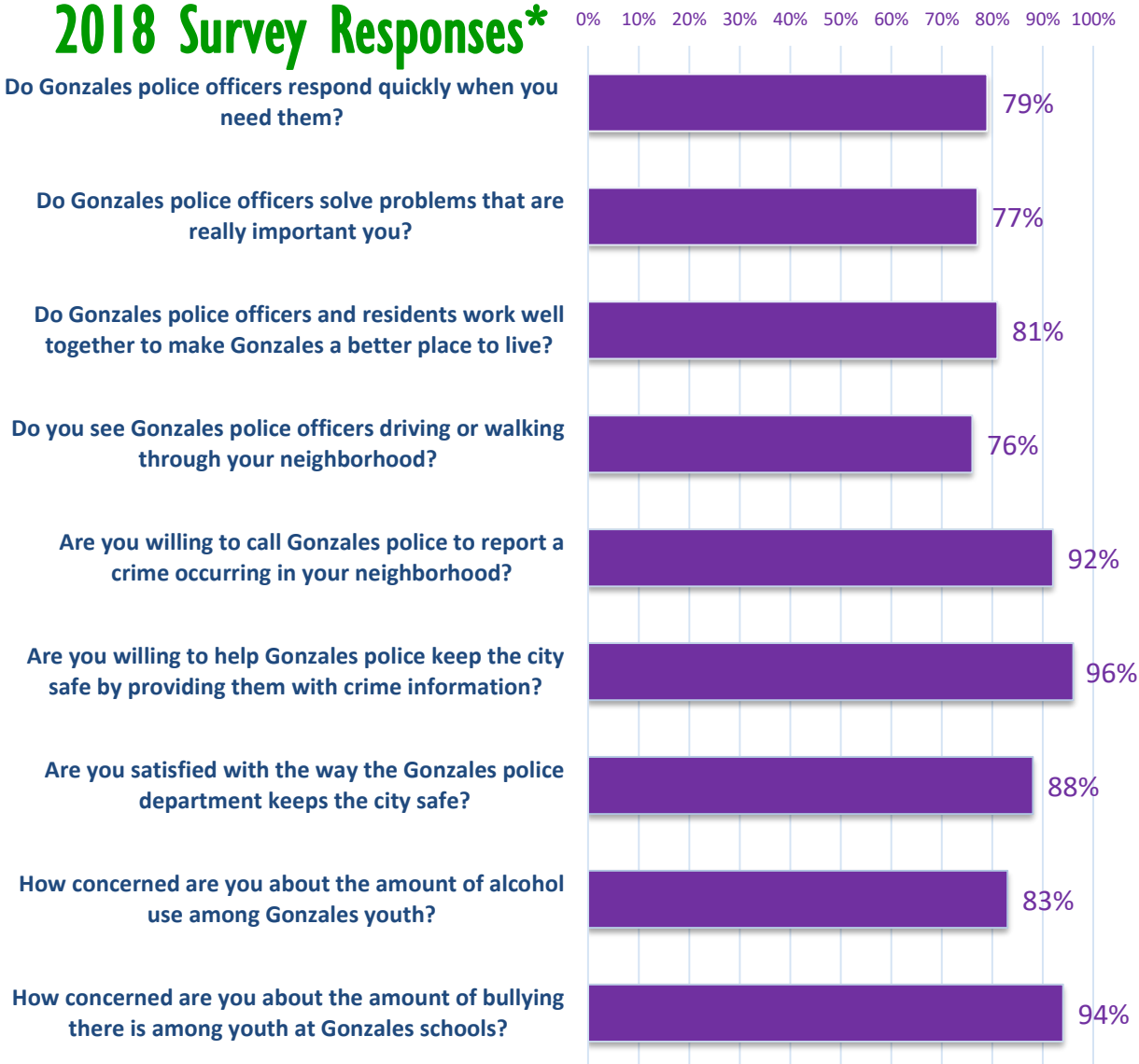
**Gonzales Survey:** From September through December 2018, Gonzales residents responded to a survey to learn how policing and community relationships could be strengthened. The survey was a follow-up to one conducted in 2017.

**Survey Says:** 255 anonymous survey responses (157 in English and 68 in Spanish) were returned in pre-stamped, pre-addressed, anonymous envelopes. Gonzales residents said their top recommendation was to provide **more visibility, more police presence, or more community policing**. The second and third most frequent recommendations were to exhibit **more friendliness or better attitude**, and offer **more program or events with police participation**. The fourth most frequent recommendation was a request for **more or better communication**.

**Survey Respondent:**

*"I would love to see more patrol cars driving through our neighborhoods. In the past, they did and it was nice to see. Also, maybe the cadets could do foot patrol around all the neighborhoods. It would be a nice welcome sight to see a couple of these cadets walking the streets and keeping an eye on things. It would be great to have more "Kid Friendly" events to improve relationships with law enforcement. Thank you!"*

## 2018 Survey Responses\*



\*Respondents selecting "Very Often/Often" or "Very/Moderately."

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# State Grant for South County Police Departments

**Gonzales, Soledad, Greenfield, & King City** received a grant to start these new programs:

- **Community Police Academies** to increase understanding of the police departments' functions.
- **Youth Diversion Program** supports and services for first time offenders and their families.
- **Police Department Communications** to inform residents of police department activities.
- **Crisis Intervention Training** and **Cultural Competency Training** for police officers.
- **Spanish Language Immersion Course** for police officers.

## Survey Respondents:

*"I have resided in Gonzales since 1971. Presently, Gonzales is the safest city in all of the Salinas Valley. Please continue your great work."*

*"I think all the community outreach events you already do are awesome. The haunted house was amazing I have never seen that many people in the "Old Side" of town for Halloween. Keep up the good work Gonzales PD."*



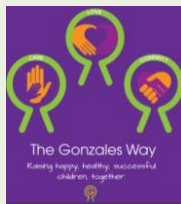
Chief Keith Wise with a young man celebrating Gonzales' National Night Out

## Join Gonzales Police Officers at these Community Events

- **Police Explorer Program** for youth between the ages of 15- 21 years. Learn about law enforcement and operations best practices and assist patrol staff during special events.
- **Elementary School Visits** give Officers a chance to talk with kids about personal safety and let them know we keep Gonzales safe.
- **Animal Clinics**, sponsored with the SPCA, gives families a one-stop place to vaccinate, microchip, and license their pet.
- **Dia del Niño** gives kids the opportunity to Color with a Cop, sit in a patrol car, ride in a bike rodeo, learn about pedestrian and bike safety, and a chance to win a bike.
- **Medication Disposal Drop Box in our lobby** lets you dispose of unwanted and/or expired medications, and is a great opportunity to talk with us about your concerns.
- **National Night Out**, a block party sponsored by neighborhood organizations, businesses, and Gonzales Police on the first Tuesday in August, strengthens our community safety with drug awareness and crime prevention tips.
- **Cinco de Mayo and July 4<sup>th</sup> celebrations** are annually supported by Police Officers and our Reserve Officers to assure traffic safety and event security.



For more information about these police-sponsored programs and activities, go to the Gonzales Police Department Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GonzalesPoliceDepartment/?rf=305743656239945](http://www.facebook.com/GonzalesPoliceDepartment/?rf=305743656239945)



The City of Gonzales sponsors year-round community events, health and wellness activities, recreation, and enrichment programs for children, teens, parents, seniors, and families. **The Gonzales Way** is your opportunity to love, care, and connect with our community. See <http://www.gonzalesway.org/Calendar>

Gonzales **Property** Crime Rate is **65% Lower** than California



Gonzales **Robbery** Crime Rate is **74% Lower** than California

Gonzales PD currently has **14** sworn officers. The national average for our population is **21** officers

