



PUBLIC SAFETY

What would make Red Wing a better place to live?

859

responses from the 2017 surveys suggested that law enforcement, criminal activity, community attitude, street design, and bullying all impact people's feelings of safety.



Require Law Enforcement to Wear Body Cameras

The 2017 Community Survey asked respondents about their opinion of body cameras on law enforcement officers. 381 people responded that they approve or strongly approve of police officers wearing body cameras. More than 86% of respondents to the Community Survey believe the Red Wing Police Department is fair and consistent, trustworthy, and respectful— a positive percentage compared to other communities, especially in the current climate.



Reduce Crime, Violence, and Drug Use

23% of respondents to the Community Survey report feeling that crime has increased in their area of Red Wing. Respondents across all engagement efforts cited drugs as an issue in Red Wing. Residents also said they would feel safer if there were more street lighting and more law enforcement patrol officers.



Address Racism and Intolerance

Racism and intolerance were cited 89 times as issues the community needs to address. Respondents believe that welcoming diverse perspectives, offering resources to underserved populations (i.e. special needs students, immigrants, and Native peoples), and reducing discrimination, would make Red Wing a better place to live.

What do folks like most about living in Red Wing?

50

General Sense of Safety

32

Low Crime Rate and Peaceful Community

16

Emergency Response

5

Street Environment/Walkability



Improve Street Conditions

Streets were referenced as safety issues 36 times throughout the engagement effort. Drivers disobeying traffic laws— especially speeding— and poor street lighting were cited as the main things that made residents feel unsafe.



Non-motorized Access Improvements

Accessibility around Red Wing was listed as an issue 22 times. Respondents desire more and better sidewalks; safer routes between neighborhoods and schools; implementing bike paths or bike boulevards; improving crosswalks; and expanding transportation options for older residents and those with special needs.



Address Language Barriers

15% of respondents to the 2017 Latino survey would like to see information available in Spanish and have access to more bilingual staff. Addressing language barriers like these would help ensure all residents have the proper information about what to do in case of an emergency.

STUDENT SURVEY SNAPSHOT

BULLYING

The 2016 Minnesota Student Survey asked 5th, 8th, 9th, and 11th graders from **Goodhue County's** six school districts about incidences of bullying at school and at home. Six questions elicited over 1,200 mentions of bullying. While frequency and severity vary, instances of bullying are prevalent. According to the 1,051 students surveyed, bullying can take on a variety of forms. The following were the most frequently experienced:

39%
Racism/
Intolerance

28%
General
Harrasment

20%
Physical
Bullying

13%
Sexual Harrasment
or Assault

Creating a **Culture of Respect** is one of the RW school district's goals in its forthcoming strategic plan. Building this culture of respect across the whole community is one of the most promising methods of bullying prevention.