

PUBLIC SAFETY

INDICATORS	Cape County	City of Cape	City of Jackson	Scott City	Missouri	
MO Department of Public Safety						
Violent Crimes* 2001	254	102	32	22	31,310	
Violent Crimes 2002	185	65	23	23	30,392	
Violent Crimes through 8/2003	132	50	13	12	17,083	
Property Crimes** 2001	3142	2479	327	20	243,702	
Property Crimes 2002	2713	2114	281	27	232,268	
Property Crimes through 8/2003	1748	1382	189	17	142,273	
Domestic Violence Incidents 2001	435	243	79	24	37,400	
Domestic Violence Incidents 2002	427	263	71	7	37,614	
Dom Viol Incidents through 9/2003	246	150	45	10	23,281	
MO Department of Mental Health Div. of Alcohol and Drug Abuse						
	Cape County		Scott County***		Missouri	
	1999	2001	1999	2001	1999	2001
DWI/DUI Arrests	666	515	150	303	38,195	36,129
Drug Arrests	579	460	145	339	42,212	42,823
Juvenile Law Violation Offenses	997	515	520	431	48,353	45,967
Violent Offenses	234	112	92	115	12,748	11,877
Alcohol/Drug Offenses	92	67	72	61	5,240	5,168
Other Status Offenses	290	186	184	160	23,985	22,765
Motor Vehicle Accidents						
Alcohol Involved	109	100	53	72	8,381	8,393
Drugs Involved	10	12	5	9	645	779
Deaths due to Alcohol/Drugs	0	1	0	4	231	283
Injuries due to Alcohol/Drugs	58	85	29	52	6,691	6,783
KIDS COUNT in Missouri						
Child Abuse & Neglect/1000	20.7	35.2	25.1	51.5	32.8	45.4
Dom. Violence Police Reports	427	433	264	386	41,215	37,277
% of total police reports	9.0%	11.3%	16.3%	16.6%	11.8%	9.6%
Jug. Law Violation Referrals/1000	127.3	92.9	88.5	103.4	72.4	66.9

* Violent Crimes include murder, manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

** Property Crimes include burglary, larceny-theft motor vehicle theft and arson.

*** Scott County Data

Sources: MO Department of Public Safety - MO Uniform Crime Reporting Program (<http://dps.mo.gov>)

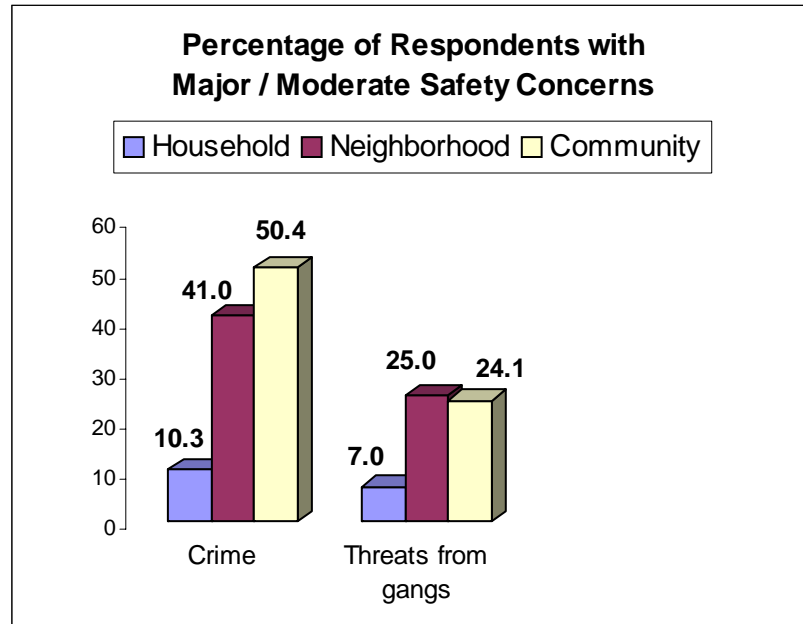
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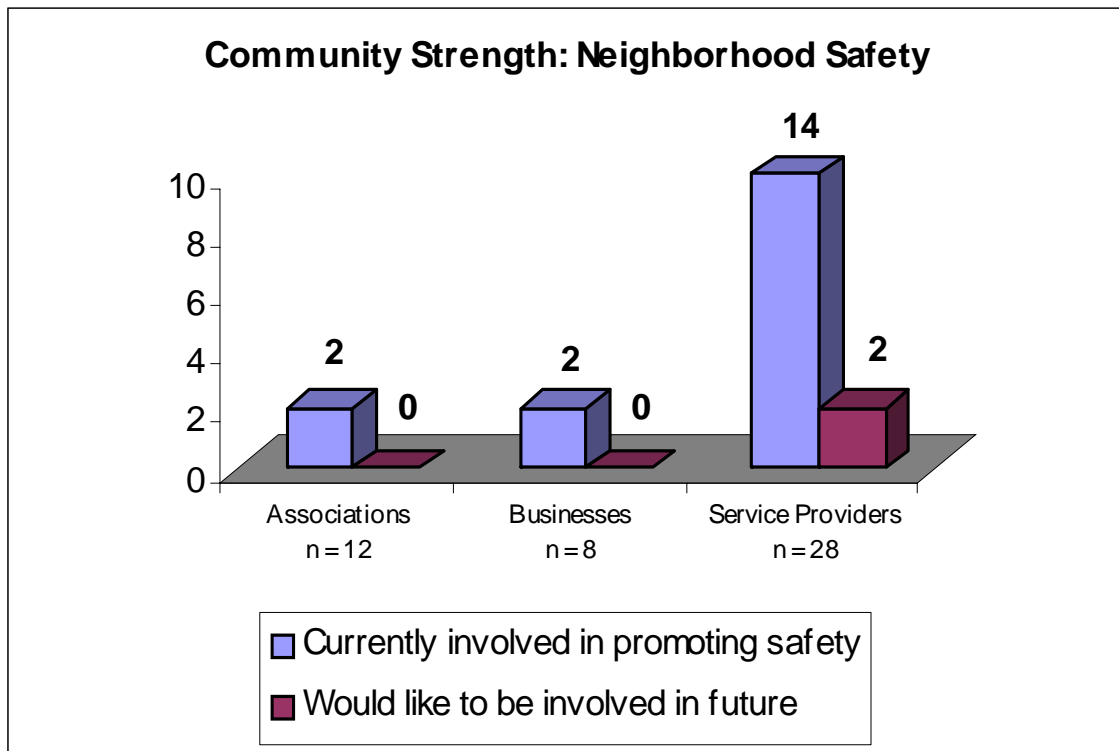
NOTE - these numbers were taken directly from the websites listed. Variations in local statistics were noted by police department personnel and data is currently being updated.

COMPASS Survey Results

Household Results: Neighborhood Safety Concerns



Community Strength: Neighborhood Safety



STRENGTHS

- 1. Local police departments are very effective in addressing crime in the community.**
- 2. Grants are helping Cape Girardeau and Jackson Police Departments to dedicate more manpower to DWI offenses.**
- 3. Neighborhood Watch groups in several local communities help to get citizens involved in the safety of their neighborhoods.**
- 4. South Cape Precinct has increased police visibility in that area.**
- 5. Through the US Department of Justice, the Weed and Seed Program in south Cape Girardeau area has provided federal money to "weed out" crime and "seed" neighborhoods with alternative activities.**
- 6. CRIMESTOPPERS works! A total of 449 calls have been made since 1997, resulting in 144 arrests (32% success rate).**
- 7. School Resource Officers in Cape Girardeau (2), Jackson (2), and Scott City (1) public schools increase police visibility in schools.**
- 8. SALT (Seniors and Lawmen Together) Council has been beneficial in opening communication and establishing a good working relationship between the 2 groups.**

CHALLENGES

- 1. DWI arrests increasing thus far in 2003 for Cape city, Jackson and Cape County (up 12% for Cape city as of August 2003). There has been 125% increase for Cape city from 1997-2003, in part due to increased manpower on patrol.**
- 2. Recruiting/hiring/retaining qualified officers is an ongoing challenge.**
- 3. Primary drug problem in Cape Girardeau County, Scott County and the state of Missouri is alcohol, closely followed by marijuana.**

4. Decreasing resources, increasing demands, especially for the city of Cape Girardeau.

5. Comprehensive training for officers

6. "Meth" production is the #1 crime problem in the state of Missouri although some decrease in lab seizures is being seen.