Pre-Training Police Questionnaire

1. What percentage of your time as a police officer would you say is spent responding to minor and/or quality of life offenses, such as neighbor disputes, minor family disputes, noise complaints, trespassing, breach of the peace/disorderly conduct, noise complaints, beach or property access disputes, animal complaints/nuisance, landlord tenant disputes, minor juvenile complaints, and similar quality of life complaints?

None 1-20% 21-40% 41-60% 61-80% 81-100%

2. How often are these types of responses repeat calls involving going back to the same problem location?

None 1-20% 21-40% 41-60% 61-80% 81-100%

3. How often are these types of responses repeat calls involving the same parties?

None 1-20% 21-40% 41-60% 61-80% 81-100%

4. When responding to minor or quality of life types of calls, the most frequent actions you have taken are (check NO MORE THAN three most frequent actions and RANK them with “1” most frequent, etc.)

\_\_\_ arrested all parties

\_\_\_ arrested one party to the dispute

\_\_\_ issued a citation

\_\_\_ issued a written warning

\_\_\_ verbally warned one or more parties of potential arrest if called back

\_\_\_ talked to all parties to try to resolve dispute

\_\_\_ took information but no other action

\_\_\_ referral to another agency

\_\_\_ referral to Community Mediation

\_\_\_ 4901-00 [incident unfounded]

\_\_\_ other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify)

5. Does responding to minor or quality of life types of calls limit your ability to devote more time to other incidents requiring police attention?

Very much so Generally, yes Not sure Generally, no Not at all

Please briefly explain why you chose this answer, and if yes, what other police business could you devote more time to?

6. How satisfied are you with the tools you currently have available to deal with these calls?

Very Dissatisfied Not Satisfied Neutral Satisfied Very Satisfied

Please briefly explain why you chose this answer.

7. How familiar are you with community mediation as an option for handling minor and quality of life disputes?

Very Generally Somewhat Heard of it, Never heard of it

familiar familiar familiar but not familiar

8. How likely would you be to refer minor or quality of life calls to mediation by a community organization?

Very likely Likely Not sure Not likely Definitely not