

Anonymous Survey Consent

You are invited to participate in a research study entitled “St. Louis Public Safety Survey”. The study is being conducted by Paula Ioanide, Ph.D., and Cecelia Stewart, Ph.D.

To be a participant in this study you must be 18 years or older. Participation in this study is voluntary. You can choose whether to participate or not. If you volunteer to participate, you may withdraw at any time. You do not have to answer questions that you are uncomfortable answering. There are no right or wrong answers. We are simply interested in your thoughts, feelings, and opinions.

The survey is expected to take approximately 10 minutes. You will be asked to answer a series of questions regarding your experiences with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department and preferences for alternative responses. You will also be asked to fill out some demographic questions about yourself. All responses will be kept confidential, and no participant’s individual survey responses will be provided to any police personnel. Some of the questions may cause you psychological distress, anxiety, or intensified emotions. If you experience this, please remember that you may end the survey at any time or choose not to answer questions you do not want to answer. You will only be able to submit the survey once. There are no costs to you for participating in this survey.

At the end of the survey, you will have the option to submit your name to receive a \$25 gift card as compensation for your participation. If you choose to do so, your decision to participate in the survey and your survey responses will remain confidential and your name will not be able to be linked with your responses. Identifiers might be removed from your identifiable private information. After such removal, the information could be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without your additional informed consent. All data collected from the online survey will be stored by Market Decisions Research (MDR) on a secure, encrypted and password protected computer network hosted by Voxco. This data is only accessible by senior researchers at MDR who have an administrative account and password used to manage the survey. Voxco provides the highest levels of data security, including Transport Layer Security (TLS) encryption (also known as HTTPS) for all transmitted data. Although there are no immediate research benefits to you as an individual participant, this study will help to inform the City of St. Louis about overall satisfaction with their interactions with police and their interest in alternative responders for various public safety situations, which could benefit the St. Louis community as a whole.

If you have further questions prior to or following completion of the survey, you may contact the project manager, Elisa Ungaro, at Market Decisions Research by email at research@marketdecisions.com, or by phone at (800) 293-1538 extension 1114. We will be happy to discuss any issue with you, confidentially.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant or complaints regarding this research study, or you are unable to reach the research staff, you may contact a person independent of the research team at the Biomedical Research Alliance of New York Institutional Review Board at 516-318-6877. Questions, concerns or complaints about research can also be registered with the Biomedical Research Alliance of New York Institutional Review Board at www.branyirb.com/concerns-aboutresearch. The IRB is a committee that reviews research studies to help protect the rights and welfare of study participants.

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By completing this survey you are also confirming that you are 18 years of age or older.

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