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Youth & Police Initiative: Youth Follow-Up

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Please rate your experiences with the YPI training program	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
The instructors and trainers who led our classes were...				
The usefulness of the early training sessions learning about public speaking and leadership with other students was...				
The experience of getting to know police officers from my neighborhood was...				
The overall YPI training program experience was...				
The amount of time available during the training program sessions was....				

What was your favorite part about the YPI training program?

What was your least favorite part about the YPI training program?

Have you spoken to or spent time with an officer from your YPI session? If so, please describe that contact.

Have you shared anything you learned from YPI with other friends? If so, please describe. You may use the back of this paper if needed.

Thank you for your participation.

Youth & Police Initiative: Police Survey

What is your contact like with new Somali communities?

- a. No contact at all
- b. Some contact (about once a month or less)
- c. Moderate contact (weekly)
- d. Heavy contact (multiple times a week)

How challenging do you find working with new Somali populations to be as a part of your job?

- a. Extremely challenging
- b. Somewhat challenging
- c. Not challenging at all
- d. Not applicable; I do not have any contact with these communities

How would you rate your department in its ability to support you building relationships with the Somali immigrant communities?

- a. Extremely helpful
- b. Somewhat helpful
- c. Not helpful at all
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What is your contact like with the youth population of new Somali communities?

- a. No contact at all
- b. Some contact (about once a month or less)
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In the past 6 months, have your encounters with these youths been...

- a. Mostly positive (The youth communicate with me, conflict situations usually get resolved, the youth rarely run or fight back, many situations are resolved without arresting youth)
- b. Mostly negative (Youth usually refuse to provide much information, youth often run from me or try to fight with me, encounters often end with youth being arrested even when the infraction started out as minor)
- c. About evenly mixed (The situations that get easily resolved are about as common as those that are difficult or adversarial in nature)
- d. Not applicable (I have not had any encounters with teens or youth on my patrol during the past six months; it has been only adults, or I have been on desk duty or other assignments)

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I know how to resolve conflicts between teenagers and adults.				
When I encounter a teenager in the neighborhood I patrol, I expect that they are using or carrying illegal drugs.				
I know how to talk to teenagers.				
It is okay to be rude to teenagers when they are rude to you.				
I believe that it is important for youth and police officers to participate in community activities together.				

If activities/events with urban youth were offered in the city, I would participate.				
I am familiar with the youth who live in the neighborhood that I patrol.				
I believe that most urban youth are involved in illegal activities.				
I believe that arrests and convictions have a longstanding, negative effect on youth.				
I try to understand a youth's perspective when faced with a situation involving teens.				
I try to avoid arresting youth if possible.				
It is important to me to build a positive relationship with all teenagers, even those who get into trouble				
Establishing positive communication with immigrant youth is important to my job.				
All teenagers should be treated with respect regardless of their attitude.				
Teens usually tell lies to try to get out of a situation, so there isn't much point in hearing their story before making an arrest or issuing a ticket.				
I show empathy and compassion in situations involving teenagers.				
I try to understand a teenager's perspective when faced with a situation involving teens				
I stay calm even if a teenager yells at me.				
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I try to answer all of the teenager's questions during a stop or encounter.				

How familiar would you say you are with Somali culture and customs?

- a. Extremely informed
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The diversity of cultures in Boston makes my job more difficult than it might be in other places.					
I am interested in learning more about Somali culture.					
I try to incorporate diverse perspectives when speaking about cultures and religions outside of my own.					
I seek out opportunities to interact with members of the Somali community.					
I strive to help the local Somali communities in Boston to succeed in their endeavors.					
I am very familiar with how local Somalis view their community, law enforcement, and their place within Boston.					

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Has your contact with immigrant Somali youth changed at all since the YPI program?

- a. It has increased
- b. It has remained about the same
- c. It has decreased

In the past 6 months, have your encounters with the Somali community youth been...

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Since completing the YPI training, have you seen or spoken with any of the youth that you met during the program?

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- b. No

If yes, please describe: _____

Since completing YPI, have you used any skills or techniques that you learned during the training?

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How many YPI sessions have you participated in?

Please list any additional comments you have regarding the YPI program:

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