

Pinellas Police Standards Council Post Retreat Opinion Survey

Survey Notes - October 23, 2003

The Pinellas Assembly asked the Pinellas Police Standards Council to help establish some priorities for the initiatives discussed at the Council Retreat held on August 12, 2003. The initiatives in the resulting survey were identified using the same item numbers and descriptive language as used in the final report of the retreat, so that document could be used as a reference. Ten of the initiatives were rendered moot by deliberations at the retreat, either because the council members did not support the initiative, or because the initiative did not require action outside the council.

This opinion survey was to measure:

- * "Desirability" using a simple Likert Scale of 1-5 (least desirable to most desirable) to determine the level of interest council members had in seeing the initiative accomplished.
- * "Difficulty" using a simple Likert Scale of 1-5 (most difficult to least difficult) to measure the opinion of council members as to how much time, money or other resources would likely be need to accomplish the initiative.
- * Respondents were also asked to select the single initiative they would most like to see accomplished.

There were ten respondents. The tabulated scores are displayed on the following pages.

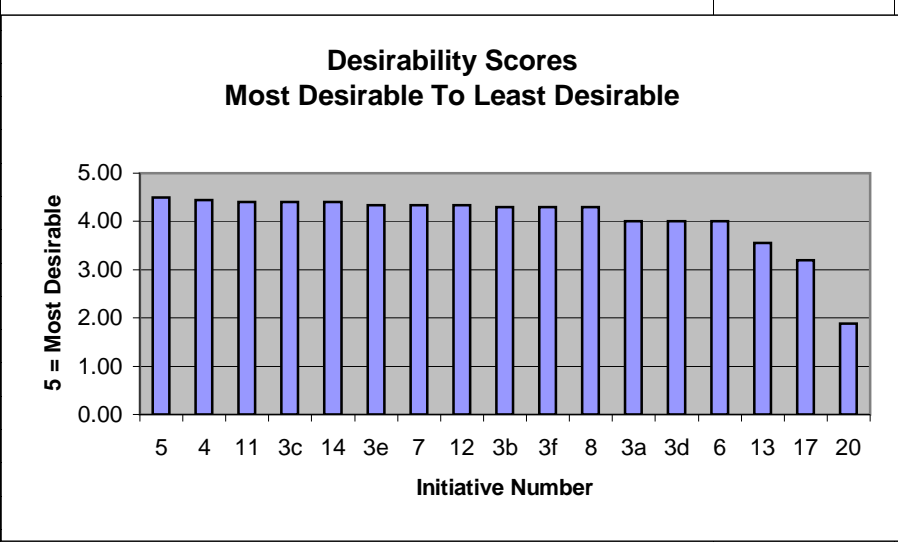
- * The first section shows the initiatives sorted by Desirability (most desirable to least desirable), with the other scores partially obscured.
- * The second section shows the initiatives sorted by Difficulty (least difficult to most difficult), with the other scores partially obscured.
- * The third section shows the initiatives sorted by a combined score (most desirable and least difficult to least desirable and most difficult), with the other scores partially obscured.
- * The fourth section shows the five initiatives selected by the respondents as the initiative they would most like to see accomplished.

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Initiatives Sorted by Desirability				
Item Number from Final Report on Retreat	Initiative	Desirability Score	Difficulty Score	Combined Score
1	Consolidation of all law enforcement services	Moot	Moot	Moot
2	Contract Issues	Moot	Moot	Moot
9	Participatory Management of Consolidated Services	Moot	Moot	Moot
10	Centralized Traffic Records	Moot	Moot	Moot
15	Expanded Air Support	Moot	Moot	Moot
16	Centralized Blood & Urine Testing	Moot	Moot	Moot
18	Specialized unit: Marine Patrol	Moot	Moot	Moot
19	School programs (DARE etc.)	Moot	Moot	Moot
21	Missing Persons Investigations	Moot	Moot	Moot
22	Officer Employment Contracts	Moot	Moot	Moot
5	The Sheriff currently provides forensic services, particularly crime scene processing, to some agencies by contract. This initiative would have the county fund the Sheriff to provide forensic services countywide.	4.50	2.50	7.00
4	Establishing an emergency channel to be monitored countywide, so officers could call for assistance from surrounding agencies without waiting for relays through dispatchers.	4.44	3.80	8.24
11	Individual agencies currently receive information, track and disseminate notifications on sexual offenders/predators. A centralized function, perhaps by contract with the Sheriff, could do this more efficiently.	4.40	3.70	8.10
3c	Electronic traffic tickets	4.40	2.70	7.10
14	This initiative would create a "Board of Directors" with authority to make policy, implementation and funding decisions for services which are consolidated. The members recommend that the Pinellas Police Standards Council undertake any such responsibility for oversight of consolidated services.	4.40	4.60	9.00
3e	Centralized pawn ticket data	4.33	3.67	8.00
7	This initiative would have the county fund the Sheriff to provide fingerprint services countywide.	4.33	3.00	7.33
12	The School Board currently determines the number and location of school crossing guards that must be provided by individual law enforcement agencies. Parking tickets	4.33	2.75	7.08
3b	Mobile data connectivity	4.30	2.10	6.40
3f	Upgrading countywide radio system emergency capabilities	4.30	2.70	7.00
8	Expanding mutual aid agreements to include traffic enforcement and crash investigations on streets contiguous to the jurisdiction of participating agencies.	4.30	5.00	9.30
3a	Countywide Law Enforcement Records Depository	4.00	2.40	6.40

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3d	Centralized records management	4.00	2.40	6.40
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6	Individual agencies currently handle most of their own property and evidence storage and disposal operations. This initiative would have the county fund the Sheriff to provide these services countywide.	4.00	2.50	6.50
13	This initiative would create a regular service by the Sheriff, collecting prisoners from temporary holding facilities and transporting them to the county jail.	3.56	2.78	6.34
17	Some agencies have existing autodialer systems to broadcast alerts or notifications to the public in specific geographical areas. This initiative would consolidate the function countywide, perhaps with the Sheriff	3.20	3.50	6.70
20	The school board currently reimburses agencies that provide School Resource Officers by contract. This initiative would make these officers direct employees of the School Board (Pinellas County Schools Police).	1.89	2.29	4.18

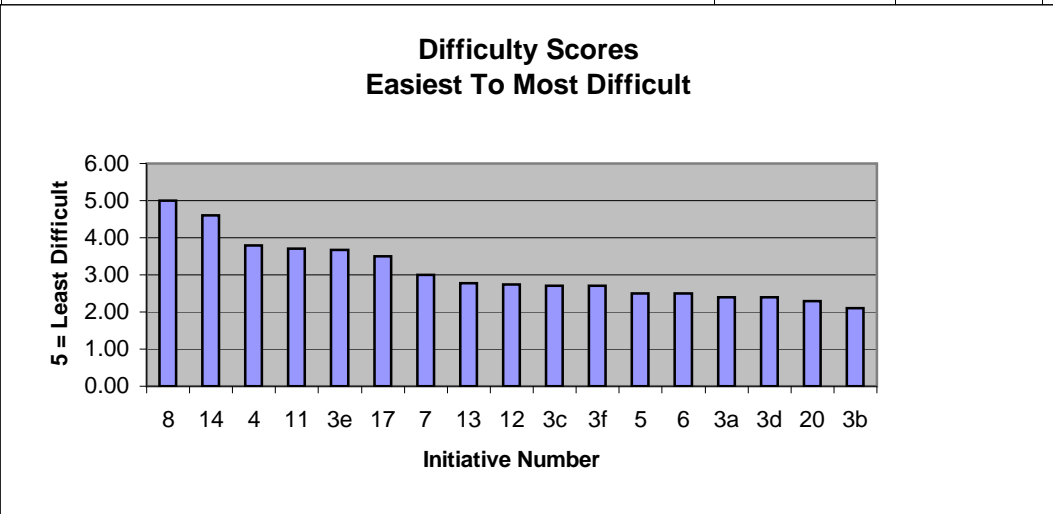


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Initiatives Sorted by Difficulty				
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2	Contract Issues	Moot	Moot	Moot
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15	Expanded Air Support	Moot	Moot	Moot
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3c	Electronic traffic tickets	4.40	2.70	7.10
3f	Upgrading countywide radio system emergency capabilities	4.30	2.70	7.00
5	The Sheriff currently provides forensic services, particularly crime scene processing, to some agencies by contract. This initiative would have the county fund the Sheriff to provide forensic services countywide.	4.50	2.50	7.00
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3a	Countywide Law Enforcement Records Depository	4.00	2.40	6.40
3d	Centralized records management	4.00	2.40	6.40
20	The school board currently reimburses agencies that provide School Resource Officers by contract. This initiative would make these officers direct employees of the School Board (Pinellas County Schools Police).	1.89	2.29	4.18
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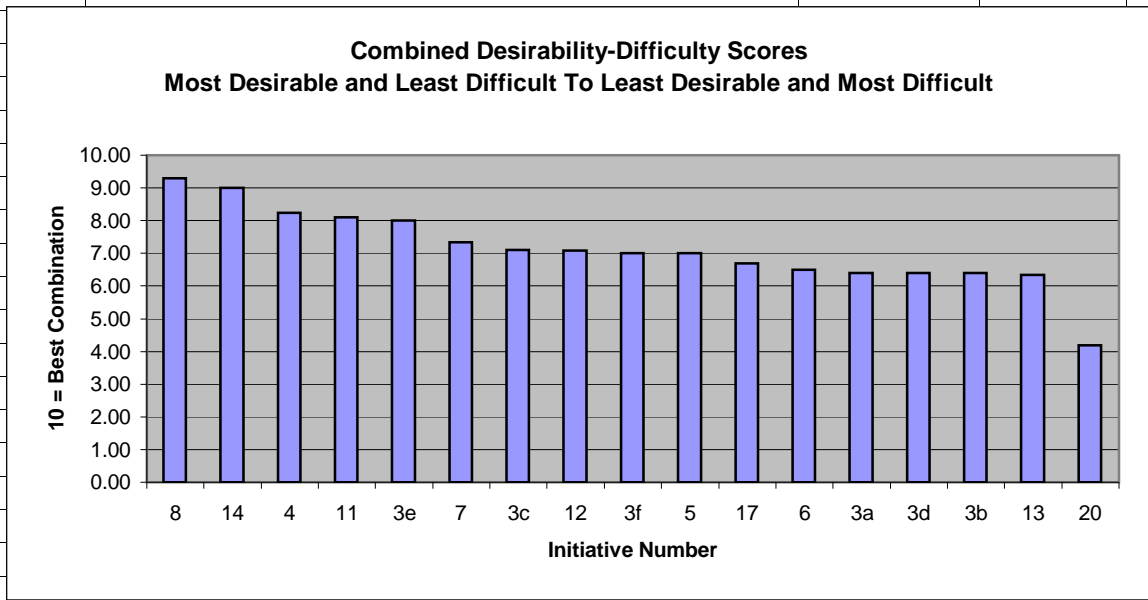


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Initiatives Sorted by Combined Desirability-Difficulty				
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Initiative You Would Most like To See Accomplished				
Item Number	Initiative	Was selected as the initiative that they would most like to see accomplished by:		
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13	This initiative would create a regular service by the Sheriff, collecting prisoners from temporary holding facilities and transporting them to the county jail.	3 Agencies		
3a	Countywide Law Enforcement Records Depository	2 Agencies		
3d	Centralized records management	1 Agency		
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