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## FOREWORD

The Law Enforcement Standards Laboratory (LESL) of the National Bureau of Standards (NBS) furnishes technical support to the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (NILECJ) program to strengthen law enforcement and criminal justice in the United States. LESL's function is to conduct research that will assist law enforcement and criminal justice agencies in the selection and procurement of quality equipment.

LESL is: (1) Subjecting existing equipment to laboratory testing and evaluation and (2) conducting research leading to the development of several series of documents, including national voluntary equipment standards, user guidelines, state-of-the-art surveys and other reports.

This document is a law enforcement equipment report developed by LESL under the sponsorship of NILECJ. Additional reports as well as other documents are being issued under the LESL program in the areas of protective equipment, communications equipment, security systems, weapons, emergency equipment, investigative aids, vehicles, and clothing.

Technical comments and suggestions concerning the subject matter of this report are invited from all interested parties. Comments should be addressed to the Law Enforcement Standards Laboratory, National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C. 20234.

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **I. SUMMARY OF BACKGROUND AND METHODOLOGY**

#### **A. Background**

° Law Enforcement Standards Laboratory (LESL) was established in 1971 under the sponsorship of the NILECJ Advanced Technology Division (ATD).

° NILECJ asked the Behavioral Sciences Group of the National Bureau of Standards to develop and carry out a procedure to get information from the users of law enforcement equipment.

° "User" information would aid NILECJ in setting priorities for LESL programs and would provide some detailed information in support of the research to develop standards and guidelines.

° In addition, gathering information from the users would help to make police agencies aware of LESL and ATD.

° A nationwide mail sample survey was selected as the best procedure to collect user information.

° An Equipment Priorities Questionnaire (EPQ) and six detailed Questionnaires (DQs) were developed and administered. A separate report was prepared for each of these seven questionnaires.

#### **B. Design of Questionnaires**

° Questionnaires were developed in conjunction with NILECJ, LESL, and cooperating police departments. Questionnaires were pretested at various times with approximately 45 police departments.

° The EPQ was designed to provide information about priority needs for standards for various types of equipment.

° In addition, the EPQ asked for data about numbers of full- and part-time officers, activities performed in the department, budget, size of jurisdiction, etc.

° The six DQs (Alarms, Security and Surveillance Equipment; Communications Equipment and Supplies; Handguns and Handgun Ammunition; Sirens and Emergency Warning Lights; Body Armor and Confiscated Weapons; and Patrol Cars) were each developed separately.

° The DQs asked about kinds and quantities of equipment in use, problems with existing equipment, suggestions for improving equipment, needs for standards related to the equipment, etc. Although entitled Detailed Questionnaires, these questionnaires were designed to give an overview of the use of specific items of equipment.

#### **C. Sample**

° The population sampled was made up of all police departments listed in a computerized file and maintained by the LEAA Statistical Service.

° Courts, correctional institutions, forensic labs, special police agencies, etc., were excluded.

° The sample was stratified by LEAA geographic region (10 regions) and by department type (7 department types: state police; county police and sheriffs; city departments with 1-9 officers; city departments with 10-49 officers; city departments with 50 or more officers, excluding the 50 largest cities; the 50 largest U.S. cities by population; and township departments).

- ° Overall, approximately 10 percent of the 12,836 departments in the population were selected as respondents (see table 1.2-2).

- ° The Equipment Priorities Questionnaire was sent to every sample department (1,386). Each Detailed Questionnaire was sent to all states, to all of the 50 largest cities, and to a randomly selected subsample of the main sample (about 530 departments received each DQ).

- ° Thus, states and the 50 largest cities were asked to fill in all 7 questionnaires. Each of the remaining 1,286 departments was asked to fill in the EPQ and 2 of the DQs.

- ° The sample for the Patrol Car DQ consisted of 530 departments (see table 1.2-3).

## **D. Questionnaire Administration**

- ° Stringent control of administration was required.

- ° Introductory letters were sent to heads of departments asking cooperation.

- ° On June 1, 1972, questionnaire packages were mailed.

- ° In July 1972, follow-up by self-return post card was begun.

- ° In August 1972, follow-up by telephone was begun. Departments which had not returned questionnaires were called. Also, calls were made to clear up ambiguities in the returned questionnaires. About 1,300 calls were made. About 70 percent of the sample departments were called at least once.

- ° Each questionnaire was edited and coded by a specialized team to ensure consistency; it was then keypunched and tabulated.

- ° Completed questionnaires were accepted for tabulation through January 7, 1973.

## **E. Rates of Return**

- ° Eighty-three percent of the 1,386 departments returned usable EPQs.

- ° Eighty-five percent of the 530 departments returned usable Patrol Car DQs.

- ° Between 81 and 85 percent of the other DQ subsamples returned usable questionnaires.

- ° Highest rates of return (over 90%) were from states, the 50 largest cities, and cities with 50 or more officers.

- ° Lowest rates of return were from counties and townships (less than 75%).

## **F. Characteristics of Responding Departments**

- ° The activities most commonly carried out by the respondents (to the EPQ) were serving traffic and criminal warrants (88%), traffic safety and traffic control (87%), and intradepartmental communications (87%).

- ° All of the responding 50 largest cities said they provided inhouse training and criminal investigations. This compared to 68 percent and 86 percent, respectively, of all responding departments.

- ° Only 13 percent of all respondents had crime laboratories. Seventy-three percent of the largest cities and 55 percent of the states had crime laboratories.

- ° About three-fifths of the departments in all department types were providing emergency aid and rescue, ranging from 60 percent of the cities with 50 or more officers to 67 percent of the counties.

- ° Overall, the reported equipment budgets represented somewhat over 10 percent of the total budgets reported.

- ° Among department types, there was a wide range of total equipment expenditures, from a mean of about \$10,000 for cities with 1-9 officers to a mean of almost \$2.7 million for the 50 largest cities.

- ° One of the 50 largest cities reported an equipment budget of \$40 million.

- ° Overall, the 50 largest cities reported a mean of 2,491 full-time sworn officers. However, one of the 50 largest cities had 27 percent of all the full-time officers reported by that department type and another had about 12 percent.



## **G. Presentation of Data**

° Data in this report are presented in two forms: text tables and full tables (app. B). Text tables do not always present a complete breakdown of the data.

° All tables (text and full) present the data in unweighted form (i.e., numbers and percentages of the responding departments from the sample for this questionnaire, not figures that have been weighted to expand the data to the total population of police departments in the U.S.).

° The sample selected for this questionnaire was not proportional to the total population of police departments. If decisions are to be made which require estimates of population figures, the appropriate extrapolation must be performed. (See app. B, p. B-1.)

## **II. SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

### **A. Use of Patrol Cars**

° More than four-fifths (84%) of patrol cars used by the responding departments were full-sized 4-door models.

° One-tenth (9%) were intermediate-sized 4-door models.

° Only 1 percent of patrol cars in use were compacts, but 29 percent of the departments said they would have use for a compact designed for police use.

° Based on the responses, it was estimated that about 160,000 patrol cars were being used by police departments in the United States in 1972.

° More than half (57%) of the responding departments reported that their patrol cars were being used 17-24 hours per day, about one-third said they were being used 9-16 hours, and only 11 percent said 8 hours or less.

° Four-fifths of large city departments were using patrol cars 17-24 hours a day, but only 17 percent of counties and 6 percent of states were using their cars this long.

° Almost half (45%) of the responding departments reported that each patrol car had three different drivers per day, but two-thirds of state departments and half of counties had only one driver per car per day.

° State police averaged about 1.5 officers per patrol car compared to an average of 7.8 officers per car for the 50 largest cities.

° Most (69%) responding departments reported officer shifts of 8 hours, but almost two-thirds of the states and about half of the counties reported officer shifts of more than 8 hours.

° City police departments reported that most of their driving (84%) was at speeds less than 51 mph, with many stops. State police said that about two-thirds (64%) of their driving was at speeds of 50 mph or more.

° More than half of the responding departments rated both the control and handling and the braking of their patrol cars as "excellent" at speeds under 30 mph but only 10 percent rated these characteristics as "excellent" at 70 mph or more, and more than one-fourth rated these aspects "poor" at over 70 mph.

° Nine-tenths of departments said their patrol cars got less than 10 miles per gallon of gasoline.

° More than half of the responding departments reported routinely carrying in their patrol cars the following equipment items: clipboard (84%), fire extinguisher (83%), flares (81%), first aid kit (79%), shotgun (73%), batons (67%), blankets (69%), extra ammunition (55%), and brief case (53%).

° State police commonly reported carrying riot equipment (77%) whereas other departments did not (18-28%).

## **B. Replacement of Patrol Cars**

° About two-thirds of the departments which reported using mileage in determining when to replace patrol cars did not replace cars until they had over 60,000 miles and about one-third replaced them between 40-60,000 miles.

° About two-fifths of the departments which reported using age of car in determining when to replace it, replaced their cars every 2 years. More than one-fourth replaced cars every year and the remaining 31 percent used their cars 3 years or more before replacement.

° Almost all responding departments (92%) reported that it took officers less than a week to get used to the controls and instruments in a new patrol car, but only three-fourths (74%) felt it was possible to become accustomed to the handling and performance in this time period.

° Virtually all (98%) departments reported that they installed a siren and mobile radio when they bought new patrol cars. Three-fourths installed a public address system, 69 percent flashing lights, 61 percent spotlights and more than half said they installed gun racks, bubble lights and mounting racks.

° The problems most commonly indicated by departments in making changes in standard automobiles were that there was lack of room for police equipment, the car had to be modified to allow for installation of equipment (which adds to expense) and/or that yearly design changes in cars caused problems.

° Ninety percent or more of responding departments had specified the options of automatic transmission, 8-cylinder engine and power steering when they bought their last patrol cars; more than 80 percent had specified power brakes, disc brakes and heavy duty suspension; and about 60 percent had specified air conditioning.

° Almost three-fourths (72%) of the responding departments reported they pay between \$3,000 and \$4,000 for a new patrol car (without trade-in).

° The features of patrol cars felt to be most important by the responding departments were air conditioning, heavy duty suspension, built-in crash bars, barriers between seats, and communications consoles.

## **C. Maintenance of Patrol Cars**

° The majority of responding departments (62%) reported an average of less than 3 days of downtime per patrol car per month and 94 percent reported 5 days or less per month.

° About half of the state police cited delays in getting parts as a cause of downtime (compared to only one-fourth of the respondents as a whole).

° Large cities most often said that a shortage of mechanics was the main cause of their downtime.

° The brake system and engine were chosen by more than half of the responding departments as the areas requiring the most service and repair.

## **D. Need for Standards**

° The two systems or aspects of patrol cars most often chosen as needing standards were the braking system and the stability and control of the patrol car.

° More than three-fourths of the departments felt that separate safety standards (different from those for civilian cars) were needed for patrol cars.

° Reasons most often given for favoring separate standards were that patrol cars are subjected to different kinds of use and/or more use than civilian cars and patrol cars are more often used in high speed situations.

° Almost half (48%) of the responding departments listed at least one patrol car feature they felt to be dangerous to occupants.



# LEAA POLICE EQUIPMENT SURVEY OF 1972

## Volume VII: Patrol Cars

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The report outlines the methodology of and summarizes a portion of the data from the LEAA Police Equipment Survey of 1972. One of a series of 7 reports resulting from this nationwide mail survey of a stratified random sample of police departments, the present report summarizes the answers of 449 police departments concerning their patrol cars: Purchasing practices, types of options and accessories usually selected, types of equipment stored in the patrol car, typical patterns of use, and needs for standards for systems or aspects of patrol cars. The data are presented by all responding departments and by seven department types.

Key words: Patrol car; police; police vehicles; standards.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. Project Background

During the past several years, law enforcement agencies in the United States have become more aware of the importance of equipment in the performance of their duties. Much of their equipment had originally been designed for other uses and had to be modified. Other equipment items had to be used as given. No standards existed against which equipment performance could be measured nor were any standard test methods or procedures available. It has been difficult for agencies to compare the performance of equipment items. Recognizing this problem, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) of the Department of Justice began a concentrated program in 1971, toward the improvement of law enforcement equipment.

As the first step in its program, LEAA in cooperation with the Department of Commerce established the Law Enforcement Standards Laboratory (LESL) at the National Bureau of Standards (NBS). The broad goal of LESL is to prepare performance standards which can be promulgated by LEAA as voluntary aids for the selection of equipment by law enforcement agencies. Additionally, LESL is developing standard test methods and procedures, so that the relative performance of similar items may be evaluated by departments themselves.

In order to provide equipment user information for the program, the National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (NILECJ) of LEAA in 1971 asked the Behavioral Sciences Group of the Technical Analysis Division at NBS to gather information from the users of law enforcement equipment about their specialized equipment needs and problems. Although face-to-face interviews with a large sample of representatives from law enforcement agencies would have been desirable, time and manpower constraints led to the development of a nationwide, mail sample survey having two general objectives: (1) To assist NILECJ in the establishment of priorities for LESL's standards development activities; and (2) to obtain detailed information about certain broad equipment categories in support of the research to develop standards and guidelines in these areas.

This report fulfills part of the second general objective and the associated survey questionnaire (see app. A) will be referred to as the Patrol Car Detailed Questionnaire (DQ). The remainder of the second objective is accomplished in the reports of the other five DQs: Alarms, Security Equipment, Surveillance Equipment; Handguns and

Handgun Ammunition; Sirens and Emergency Warning Lights; Body Armor and Confiscated Weapons; and Communications Equipment and Supplies. The first general objective (above) is accomplished in the report on the Equipment Priorities Questionnaire (EPQ).<sup>1</sup>

## 1.2. Sample Design

Although the objective of ATD is to serve all types of law enforcement agencies, this particular study was purposely limited to police departments as the largest single group of law enforcement agencies with identifiable equipment needs. No attempt was made to survey correctional institutions, courts, forensic laboratories, or special police agencies such as park police, harbor patrols, or university police. The computerized directory of approximately 14,000 police agencies, compiled and maintained by LEAA's Statistics Division, provided the population from which the sample was drawn. Care was taken to exclude the double listings that existed for some agencies. (Details of the selection process are given in app. B of the Equipment Priorities Questionnaire.)

The final list of 12,842 departments was cross-stratified by LEAA geographic region and department type by the mutual agreement of NBS and NILECJ. The assignment of states to regions and the seven departments types chosen for study are shown in table 1.2-1.

The breakdown of the population of police departments by cross-strata is exhibited in table 1.2-2. As can be seen from the table, there were no townships in regions 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Almost 63 percent of the departments were city police, 43 percent having 1-9 full-time officers. County departments comprised about 24 percent of the population. By region, the smallest (region 10) contained only 3.4 percent of the police departments, while region 5, the largest, had 22.5 percent. The variation in the number of departments in a cell (region/department type combination) was even greater than that across the strata, i.e., the number of departments in each cell ranged from 0 to 1,470.

The considerations discussed in the previous paragraph led to the sampling plan discussed briefly below. All of the state departments and the 50 largest city departments were included in the sample and were asked to complete all 6 DQs, i.e., they were sent the entire package of 7 questionnaires. For the remaining cells the variation in cell size presented a problem: If the same fraction of the entire population was to be selected from the members of each cell, a constant sampling fraction small enough to make the total sample manageable would yield too few sample units in small cells. To solve this problem, a fixed sample of 30 police departments/cell was chosen, wherever possible, resulting in a different sampling fraction for each cell. A fixed sample size of 30 departments/cell was chosen to facilitate the equitable distribution of the 6 DQs. This plan resulted in sending the Patrol Car DQ to 536 departments.

The departments were selected randomly within each cell, from the total cell population, each department (other than the states and 50 largest cities) receiving 2 DQs. Thus, in cells having 30 sample units, the Patrol Car DQ was mailed to 10 departments; cells having fewer sample units were allocated proportionally fewer Patrol Car DQs. Table 1.2-3 presents the total sample for the Patrol Car DQ by region and department type. Once the sample was selected, each sample unit was assigned a unique seven-digit identification number, coding region, type, and questionnaire assignment.

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<sup>1</sup> LEAA Police Equipment Survey of 1972, Vol. I: The Need for Standards-Priorities for Police Equipment.

TABLE 1.2-1. *Stratification categories*

Department types	LEAA geographic region
State police	1 = Conn., Maine, Mass., N.H., R.I., Vt.
County police and sheriffs	2 = N.J., N.Y.
City with 1-9 officers	3 = Del., Md., Pa., Va., W. Va., D.C.
City with 10-49 officers	4 = Ala., Fla., Ga., Ky., Miss., N.C., S.C., Tenn.
City with 50 or more officers <sup>1</sup>	5 = Ill., Ind., Mich., Ohio, Wis., Minn.
The 50 largest U.S. cities <sup>2</sup>	6 = Ark., La., N. Mex., Okla., Tex.
Township departments	7 = Iowa, Kans., Mo., Nebr.
	8 = Colo., Mont., N. Dak., S. Dak., Utah, Wyo.
	9 = Ariz., Calif., Nev., Hawaii
	10 = Alaska, Idaho, Oreg., Wash.

<sup>1</sup>Does not include the 50 largest cities.<sup>2</sup>By population, U.S. 1970 census.TABLE 1.2-2. *Number of police departments by region and type*

Department type	LEAA region										Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
State	6	2	5	8	6	5	4	6	4	4	50 <sup>1</sup>
County	66	84	257	764	536	506	413	288	103	120	3,137
City (1-9 officers)	27	348	713	979	1,470	703	611	283	135	217	5,486
City (10-49 officers)	40	237	166	344	508	230	142	71	168	79	1,985
City (50+ officers)	60	64	36	83	119	46	23	19	87	17	554
50 largest cities	1	4	5	8	10	8	3	1	8	2	50
Township	629	349	362	-	234	-	-	-	-	-	1,574
Total	829	1,088	1,544	2,186	2,883	1,498	1,196	668	505	439	12,836

<sup>1</sup>Questionnaires were actually sent to 56 state police departments since there were 6 state departments which listed 2 police agencies without reference to a common central agency. However, only one set of questionnaires was accepted from each of these six states as described in vol. 1, app. B, p. B-2.

TABLE 1.2-3. *Number of departments selected to receive the Detailed Questionnaire: Patrol cars—by region and department type*

Department type	LEAA geographic region										Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
State <sup>1</sup>	6	2	5	8	6	5	4	6	4	4	50
County	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	100
City (1-9 officers)	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	99
City (10-49 officers)	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	100
City (50+ officers)	10	10	10	10	10	10	8	6	10	5	89
50 largest cities	1	4	5	8	10	8	3	1	8	2	50
Township <sup>2</sup>	10	10	10	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	40
Total	56	56	60	56	66	53	45	43	52	41	528

<sup>1</sup>Questionnaires were actually sent to 56 state police departments since there were 6 state departments which listed 2 police agencies without reference to a common central agency. However, only one set of questionnaires was accepted from each of these six states.

<sup>2</sup>Township departments exist only in regions 1, 2, 3, and 5.

### 1.3. Questionnaire Administration

From the beginning of the project, it was evident that stringent control would be required in administering the questionnaires to ensure a high rate of response. Computer-stored daily status records were input via a teletypewriter for each sample department. In general, the following procedure was used:

(1) Each department in the sample was mailed a letter, signed by the director of NILECJ, addressed to the head of the department. This letter introduced the survey and requested cooperation.

(2) About 1 week later, the questionnaire packages were mailed.

(3) Departments not returning the questionnaires within a month were identified by the computer and were sent a self-return post card requesting information as to the status of the questionnaires. Departments not receiving the questionnaire package were sent another; those not returning the post card were placed on a list for telephone follow-up.

(4) About a month and a half later, departments with which no contact had been made were called by telephone.

(5) Returned questionnaires were reviewed for completeness and either coded for keypunching or filed for telephone callback to supply missing data or to resolve ambiguities.

Considerable effort was expended to ensure a high rate of response, and this effort was rewarded with an 85 percent response for the Patrol Car DQ, and between 80 percent and 85 percent for each of the other questionnaires. In the course of the survey more than 70 percent of the sample departments were contacted at least once by telephone. More than 1,300 phone calls were made by the survey team.

The distribution of respondents (departments which returned usable Patrol Car DQs) is exhibited in table 1.3-1. The highest percentages of response were from the states and larger cities (89-94%), while counties and townships had the poorest response rates (under 70%).

TABLE 1.3-1. *Number of departments returning acceptable  
Detailed Questionnaires: Patrol cars*

Department type	LEAA geographic region										Total	Percent total sample
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
State <sup>1</sup>	6	2	5	8	6	5	3	6	3	3	47	94
County	5	7	6	8	8	5	8	9	10	7	73	73
City (1-9 officers)	7	10	7	9	9	7	9	8	9	9	84	85
City (10-49 officers)	9	8	7	9	10	8	9	10	10	9	89	89
City (50+ officers)	9	8	10	9	8	10	7	5	8	5	79	89
50 largest cities	1	3	4	7	8	8	3	1	8	2	45	90
Townships <sup>2</sup>	7	9	7	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	27	68
Total	44	47	46	50	53	43	39	39	48	35	444	84
Percent total sample	79	84	77	89	80	81	87	91	92	85	84	

<sup>1</sup>Questionnaires were actually sent to 56 state police departments since there were 6 state departments which listed 2 police agencies without reference to a common central agency. However, only one set of questionnaires was accepted from each of these six states.

<sup>2</sup>Township departments exist only in regions 1, 2, 3, and 5.



## 1.4. Development and Design of the Patrol Car DQ

The survey plan and questionnaire design (of all seven questionnaires) evolved over a 12-month period. During this time, the survey team consulted at length with NILECJ equipment experts, LESL program managers, and equipment manufacturers. In addition, the officers and administrators of about 40 police departments served as consultants and/or as respondents for pretests of various versions of the questionnaires.

The Patrol Car DQ, in its final form, is reproduced in appendix A. This DQ asked respondents to describe their general use of patrol cars, their purchasing practices, the types of options and accessories they usually select, the types of equipment they store in their patrol cars and their need for standards. The questionnaire was limited to general topics because: (1) It was not possible, considering the scope of the present survey, to explore in a detailed manner all of the complex components, accessories and systems normally found in these vehicles, and (2) it was felt that the general data gathered in the present effort would provide important direction for research in the development of standards, the main objective of the survey.

## 1.5. Characteristics of Subsample Groups

The EPQ of the LEAA Police Equipment Survey requested data from each department about population served, physical size of jurisdiction served, type of jurisdiction, number of full- and part-time officers, approximate total, equipment, and personnel budgets during 1971, and activities handled by the department.

Table 1.5-1 presents a partial tabulation, by department types, of the responses to a checklist of 30 typical police activities by the respondents to the EPQ. (The EPQ respondents include, but are not limited to, the respondents to the Patrol Car DQ. See sec. 1.2.). The activities most frequently checked by all departments were: (1) serve traffic and criminal warrants (88%), (2) traffic safety and traffic control (87%), and (3) communications for own department (87%). The activity with the most consistent level across all department types was that of emergency aid and rescue, ranging from 60 percent (cities with 50+ officers) to 67 percent (counties).

Higher percentages of state and 50 largest city departments than of other department types were handling certain of the 30 activities. For example, all of the 50 largest city departments responding, and 98 percent of the responding state departments said that their departments provided police training for their own department. These compare to 68 percent for all responding departments. All of the responding 50 largest cities said that they handled criminal investigation in their own departments. This compares to 86 percent of the total sample of departments. Although only 13 percent of the departments overall had crime laboratories, 73 percent of the 50 largest cities and 55 percent of the states had them.

Counties appeared to be the only department type with significant responsibilities for custody and detention for more than 1 week. Seventy-eight percent of those departments had custody/detention up to 1 year, as compared with 22 percent of all responding departments.

Tables 1.5-2 and 1.5-3 present summaries of descriptive data by department type and LEAA region, respectively. As can be seen from the column for "Annual equipment budget" (table 1.5-2), there was a wide range of expenditures among different department types: from a mean of about \$10,000 for cities (1-9) to almost \$2.7 million for the 50 largest cities. Overall, equipment budgets represented somewhat over 10 percent of the annual total budgets.

The mean number of part-time officers was based on those respondents having part-time officers in their departments. Of the 45 responding from the 50 largest cities, only 6 had part-time officers, including 1 city which had nearly 6,000. Thus, the mean value of 1,115 for this department type is somewhat misleading. It should be noted that

TABLE 1.5-1. *Activities handled by at least one-third of the departments by department type, and percent of total departments having each activity*

Description of activity	State	County	City (1-9)	City (10-49) (in %)	City (50+)	50 largest	Town- ship	Total
Serve traffic and criminal warrants	70	89	84	89	94	87	93	88
Traffic safety and traffic control	92	56	94	96	96	98	94	87
Communications for own department	94	86	76	95	94	96	70	87
Criminal investigation	66	86	71	95	97	100	79	86
Police training for own department	98	55	48	77	87	100	42	68
Custody/detention—less than 1 day	-	79	51	73	72	80	43	65
Breath-alcohol test	89	46	47	72	83	91	49	64
Emergency aid and rescue	62	67	62	63	60	67	62	63
Public building protection	-	40	63	60	58	44	68	54
Service function	-	-	48	55	60	60	42	48
Animal control (dogcatcher)	-	-	58	63	42	-	37	44
Highway patrol	96	38	48	36	-	-	88	43
Maintenance of police buildings	51	36	34	41	48	47	-	40
Custody/detention—1 week or less	-	73	-	36	46	49	-	38
Communications for other agency	66	56	-	40	-	-	-	36
Serve civil process	-	88	-	-	-	-	-	32
Police training for other agency	77	-	-	-	42	84	-	24
Custody/detention—up to 1 year	-	78	-	-	-	-	-	22
Underwater recovery	34	42	-	-	-	42	-	19
Bomb disposal	45	-	-	-	-	82	-	17
Polygraph	62	-	-	-	36	90	-	17
Vehicle inspection	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Crime laboratory	55	-	-	-	-	73	-	13
Narcotics laboratory analysis	43	-	-	-	-	62	-	11
Harbor patrol	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Lab analysis for blood alcohol	34	-	-	-	-	53	-	7
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Coroner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Test for driver's license	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Custody/detention—more than 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3

TABLE 1.5-2. *Descriptive data by department type (means)*

Department type	Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Population	Number of full-time officers	Number of part-time officers	Annual total budget	Annual equipment budget	Annual personnel budget
50 largest	187	851,342	2,491	1,115	\$43,268,865	\$2,669,920	\$34,712,818
State	62,580	3,936,410	889	18	16,377,358	2,304,339	12,020,572
County	1,518	130,254	60	25	1,089,919	58,539	859,984
City (50+)	31	83,334	132	26	1,733,340	173,099	1,407,177
City (10-49)	12	15,849	22	9	257,927	24,362	206,187
Township	28	13,228	14	8	175,654	20,854	141,675
City (1-9)	9	5,038	8	5	82,381	9,764	60,061



TABLE 1.5-3. *Descriptive data by LEAA region (means)*

LEAA region	Area (mi <sup>2</sup> )	Population	Number of full-time officers	Number of part-time officers	Annual total budget	Annual equipment budget	Annual personnel budget
1	750	158,112	96	18	\$1,360,155	\$135,130	\$ 979,911
2	648	240,781	365	97	7,148,315	148,172	5,265,546
3	1,096	245,733	216	7	3,412,567	435,153	2,879,293
4	3,691	340,996	151	11	2,318,382	248,600	1,767,292
5	2,652	448,174	288	8	4,916,607	431,478	3,879,374
6	5,738	271,386	160	17	2,193,823	160,363	1,709,910
7	2,379	112,094	84	9	1,220,385	121,001	983,696
8	6,346	83,023	54	9	728,549	77,081	568,463
9	4,218	372,094	281	46	5,743,553	728,801	4,528,692
10	3,580	104,877	69	9	1,253,894	82,198	1,011,604

the category part-time officers included officers described as auxiliary, volunteer, reserve, school-crossing guard, dispatcher, summer, special agent, traffic supervisor, posse, and cadet. All of these classifications were counted in the part-time officer category since it has different meanings for different departments.

Variations in these descriptive averages by LEAA region (table 1.5-3) were considerably smaller than variations by department type. Regions 1 and 8 had smaller budgets than the others primarily because each had only 1 of the 50 largest cities.

## 2. QUESTION BY QUESTION DISCUSSION

### 2.1. Advice to the Reader

In reading section 2, certain points should be kept in mind:

(1) This report is not an evaluation of any of the equipment described or discussed within it. It is a presentation of information and opinions of a stratified random sample of police departments given in response to a specific set of questions. It does not, in any way, reflect objective testing of any equipment by the National Bureau of Standards.

(2) The report reflects only what police departments were willing and able to say in response to a specific set of questions. In most cases, no attempt was made to verify the accuracy of the information given or the level of sophistication of the respondent.

(3) Each discussion begins with the presentation of the question that appeared in the questionnaire, and in most cases the choices supplied, if any, set off in bold face type. However, the reader is cautioned to become familiar with the questionnaire sent to sample departments (see app. A) and to evaluate the data in terms of the exact questions asked.

(4) The text tables that appear in section 2 are almost never the complete tables that were tabulated for that question. Data categories for text tables may have been collapsed from the full table, or certain categories of interest may have been singled out for fuller discussion. Appendix B contains the complete tables from which the text tables were extracted. Text tables have been numbered after the question number (e.g., the text tables for Question 6A would be numbered 6A-1, 6A-2, etc.). The tables in appendix B are also numbered the same as question number, in the same manner. In some cases, tables that appear in the appendix B will not have been discussed at all in the text.

(5) Data in the text of this report are usually presented by nearest whole percent of the group under consideration. In appendix B, the data are usually presented by number of respondents and percent. Because of statistical limitations imposed by the

sample sizes used in this study, the reader is cautioned to be wary of assigning importance to percentage differences of less than 5 percent when percentages are based on the total number of respondents, and to percentage differences of less than 10 percent when percentages are based on one of the subsample groups, (e.g., a particular department type or region). No statistical tests of significance are reported.

(6) Data were always tabulated by each of the choices supplied, if any, in the questionnaire. Any "other" choices written in by the respondents were also tabulated and/or recorded verbatim. In most cases, the numbers of respondents giving a specific "other" response do not reflect the numbers of respondents who might have marked that choice if it had been one of those provided. Therefore, in most cases, this report lists or gives examples of "other" responses, but does not present numbers or percents of departments giving that response. For those questions for which choices were not provided in the questionnaire, coding categories were developed after approximately one-fourth of the questionnaires had been returned.

(7) The following convention has been adopted in the report to designate the four city department types:

City with 1-9 officers=city (1-9)

City with 10-49 officers=city (10-49)

City with 50 or more officers=city (50+)<sup>2</sup>

The 50 largest cities=50 largest<sup>3</sup>

In table headings this same convention has been used.

(8) Questions which asked departments to identify manufacturers of their equipment were asked in this manner only to make the question clearer; not to evaluate a manufacturer's product.

(9) In an attempt to make this report more readable, the main topics of the questionnaire have been reordered in the report; the discussion of the findings does not follow the order of the questions. To find the discussion of a particular question quickly, consult the Contents or the List of Tables.

(10) When the subsample groups are discussed (e.g., "counties said..." or "cities (1-9) said...") the reference is to the responding departments from one of the sample strata. It is particularly important to note that when the text or tables refer to "all departments" or "all responding departments," the reference is to all responding departments from the sample described in section 1.2. This sample was not proportional to the total population of police departments, and although it is possible to do so, the data in this report have not been weighted to allow direct extrapolation to the total population. (See app. B, p. B-1.)

## **2.2. Discussion**

### **2.2.1. Characteristics of Respondents**

#### **a. Rank/Title of Respondents**

All of the questionnaires in the LEAA Police Equipment Survey were mailed to the chief (or highest official) of the department with a request that the questionnaires be directed to the person or persons within the department who were best qualified to answer the questions.

In general, the Patrol Car DQ was filled by officers with high rank. In 63 percent of the smallest city departments, the questionnaire was completed by the chief of the department; in township departments, 52 percent were filled in by the chief; and in cities (10-49), 49 percent of the patrol car questionnaires were filled in by the chief. As

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<sup>2</sup>Excluding the 50 largest U.S. cities.

<sup>3</sup>By population, 1970 U.S. Census.

the size of the city department type increased, the percentage of chiefs completing this questionnaire decreased. In the larger cities, greater percentages of respondents were captains and lieutenants.

In county and state departments too, relatively high ranking officers filled in the patrol car questionnaire: in 47 percent of the state departments the questionnaire was completed by either a captain or a lieutenant; in 63 percent of the county departments the form was answered by the sheriff or deputy sheriff.

In about one-fourth of the state (23%) and 50 largest city (26%) departments the questionnaire was completed by a person with some title that was not a police rank. Usually these persons were fleet personnel or other civilians in charge of patrol car maintenance or purchase.

## b. Number of Years of Law Enforcement Experience of Respondent

In general, the respondents to the patrol car questionnaire had been in law enforcement work for several years when they answered the questionnaire. In 51 percent of the 449 responding departments the responding officer had more than 15 years of experience in law enforcement. Eighty-four percent of the total had 6 or more years of experience. Only 5 percent of all respondents had less than 3 years of such experience. (In the questionnaire, space was provided for the person who filled in the questionnaire and for two persons who may have helped fill in the questionnaire. Only the information from the primary respondent was included in the tabulation.)

More than 48 percent of the respondents from every department type had more than 10 years of experience in law enforcement. State departments and the two groups of largest city departments had the highest percentages of respondents with lengthy police service.

TABLE i. *Title of respondent to patrol cars DQ by city types and township*

Rank/title of respondent	Department type (in %)				
	City (1-9)	City (10-49)	City (50+)	50 largest	Township
Chief	63	49	22	4	52
Captain	2	4	29	15	7
Lieutenant	2	12	18	24	7
Sergeant	7	18	11	13	17
"Nonrank" title	13	4	6	26	3
Total	87	87	86	82	86

TABLE ii. *Number of years of law enforcement experience of respondents to the patrol cars DQ, by department type*

Number of years of law enforcement experience	Department type						
	State	County	City (1-9)	City (10-49)	City (50+)	50 largest	Township
More than 10 years	82	59	48	75	80	84	57
More than 20 years	42	19	18	30	43	45	16
More than 25 years	21	11	11	16	13	17	13



## 2.2.2. Need for Patrol Car Standards

1. What two general systems or aspects of the patrol cars used by your department need standards most? (Mark X by 2 of the Following)

Cooling system	Stability and control
Braking system	Collision capacity
Transmission system	Ride and comfort
Suspension system	Convenience of equipment & controls
Restraint system	Engine
	Other (specify)

Each department had a chance to "vote" twice in reply to this question. In the few cases in which a department marked three choices, all three were counted because there was no way to distinguish the first two.

Across all respondents, braking system and stability and control were chosen by about one-third of the departments (36% and 33% respectively). The other patrol car systems that were said to be in need of standards by at least 20 percent of all respondents were: engine (24%), convenience of equipment and controls (22%), and cooling system (21%). These five most chosen systems/aspects are presented below by department type. (See table 1.)

The most interesting aspect of the department type breakdown was the relative consistency among the seven department types in the systems they selected as needing standards most. This consistency was striking because, as will become apparent in the following discussion, there was a great deal of difference in the ways the different department types used their patrol cars and in the options and modifications they required to transform a regular automobile into a patrol car.

TABLE 1. Aspects or systems of patrol cars said to need standards most, by department type

Aspect	Department type							
	All departments	City (10-49)	State	50 largest	Township	City (1-9)	City (50+)	County
Braking system	36	43	40	39	34	33	33	32
Stability and control	33	29	38	35	41	33	28	35
Engine	24	28	26	9	21	29	24	25
Equipment/control								
convenience	22	27	17	15	31	32	13	17
Cooling system	21	18	32	24	10	21	14	28

## 2.2.3. Numbers and Types of Patrol Cars

**2.A. How many of the following types of patrol cars do you now have in your department?**

**Full size 2-door**

**Full size 4-door**

**Intermediate size 2-door**

**Intermediate size 4-door**

**Station Wagon**

**Compact**

In the questionnaire, examples were given of each of the size designations listed above. When respondents listed both marked and unmarked patrol cars, both were counted. It is possible that some departments did not include unmarked cars in their answers. Since the question asked specifically for numbers of patrol cars, most departments were assumed to have excluded auxiliary police vehicles not used for patrol purposes.

The great majority (84%) of all patrol cars currently in use by responding departments were full size 4-door models. About 9 percent of the total were intermediate size 4-door models, which were used relatively more by counties than any other department type. Only 1 percent were compacts. (See table 2A-1.)

A total of 46,562 patrol cars was reported by the 449 responding departments—an average of 104 patrol cars per department (excluding 4 departments which gave no answer). This average is a misleading one, as will be shown below, since the 47 state department responses accounted for more than half (27,403) of the patrol cars reported by the total respondents; and the 50 largest cities (46 departments) accounted for an additional 31 percent (14,541) of the patrol cars reported. (See table 2A-2.)

TABLE 2A-1. *Proportions of full size 4-door and intermediate size 4-door patrol cars, by department type*

Model	Department type (in%)						Township
	State	County	City (1-9)	City (10-49)	City (50+)	50 largest	
Full size 4-door	88	53	80	83	72	81	84
Intermediate 4-door	3	35	7	7	18	15	10

TABLE 2A-2. *Average number of patrol cars per department type*

Department type	Total number departments responding	Total number patrol cars reported	Mean number patrol cars per department
State	47	27,403	583
County	72	1,579	23
City (1-9)	82	161	2
City (10-49)	90	460	5
City (50+)	83	2,379	29
50 largest	46	14,415	321
Township	29	129	4

TABLE 2A-3. *Mean number of officers per patrol car, by department type*

Department type	Mean number patrol cars per department	Mean number officers per department <sup>1</sup>	Mean number of officers per patrol car
State	583	889	1.5
County	23	60	2.6
City (1-9)	2	8	4.0
City (10-49)	5	22	4.4
City (50+)	29	132	4.6
50 largest	321	2,492	7.8
Township	4	14	3.5

<sup>1</sup> Data for average number of full-time sworn officers per department type were drawn from the Equipment Priorities Questionnaire for the LEAA Police Equipment Survey.

TABLE 2A-4. *Estimated total population of patrol cars in the U.S., by department type*

Department type	Mean number patrol cars per department	Number departments that type in population	Estimated number of patrol cars in total population
State	583	50	29,150
County	23	3,137	70,896
City (1-9)	2	5,486	10,897
City (10-49)	5	1,985	10,123
City (50+)	29	554	15,900
50 largest	321	50	16,055
Township	4	1,574	6,296
Estimated total U.S. patrol cars			159,327

The mean number of patrol cars within each department type varied generally with the size of the department as indicated by numbers of full-time sworn officers<sup>4</sup> with one exception: State police departments had many fewer officers per patrol car than any other department type. (See table 2A-3.)

Using these averages, it appears that state police departments had approximately one patrol car for every 1.5 officers. In contrast, the 50 largest cities had approximately 1 patrol car for every 8 officers. The ratios for the other department types fall between these two figures.

Using the figures discussed above, it was possible to estimate the total number of patrol cars that were in use during 1972. If the mean number of patrol cars reported by each department type is multiplied by the total population of departments of that type, the sum of these subtotals is an estimate of patrol cars in use by all departments in the United States. (See table 2A-4.)

This estimate of approximately 160,000 patrol cars in use in the United States should probably be considered a minimum estimate. The calculations were based on the total number of departments listed in LEAA's computer file. The LEAA Statistics Division has estimated that between 5 and 10 thousand more small, part-time departments may exist that were not listed on the LEAA tape. (See table 2B-1.)

<sup>4</sup> Data for average number of full-time sworn officers per department type were drawn from the Equipment Priorities Questionnaire of the LEAA Police Equipment Survey.



TABLE 2B-1. *Percent of departments with use for a compact patrol car*

Department type	Use for compact designed for police use?		
	Yes	No	No answer/ don't know
City (50+)	39	59	2
City (1-9)	35	65	0
City (10-49)	31	68	1
50 largest	28	72	0
Townships	28	72	0
Counties	22	76	1
States	13	85	2
All department types	29	69	1

TABLE 2B-2. *Reasons why departments would use compact (or smaller) patrol cars specially designed for police use*

Percent of the 132 departments who said "yes" to the need for compact patrol cars <sup>1</sup>	
45	Economy
23	For special purpose use
17	Handling/maneuverability
12	Not need big engine/car
8	Refer to design, not size
6	Comment/caveat, not reason
6	Other
10	No answer

<sup>1</sup> Respondents could give two reasons, percentages add to more than 100.

**2B. Would it be of any use to your department to be able to buy standard compact (or smaller) cars that were specifically designed for police use?**

**Why, or Why Not?**

Although compacts made up only 1 percent of patrol cars being used by responding departments, more than one-quarter (29%) of the departments said they would have use for a compact or smaller patrol car. State departments less often expressed a need for compacts than did other department types.

**2B. (If "Yes") Why?**

Forty-five percent of the departments which said that compact patrol cars would be useful for police work gave economy as their reason (e.g., they would cost less, get better gas mileage, have cheaper maintenance, etc.) and 23 percent said that compacts would be useful for special purposes (e.g., for detectives, for the chief's car, for stake-outs, etc.). (See table 2B-2.)

## 2B. (If "No") Why not?

The majority of the 449 respondents (312 or 69%) said that they did not think it would be of any use to their departments to be able to buy standard compact or smaller cars that were specially designed for police use. Most of the reasons for saying "no" related to the belief that compacts would be generally too small for police needs: Too small for officer comfort and/or convenience (20%), too small for prisoner and/or passenger transport (16%), too small for necessary equipment (8%), and too small or too light in general (11%). Another fairly large group of respondents said they thought compacts would be unsuitable as patrol cars because they thought current models did not perform as well (16%), were not as safe (8%), and were not as durable (8%) as larger cars. Objections such as these might not necessarily be relevant if the car were, in fact, specially designed to be a patrol car. (See table 2B-3.)

TABLE 2B-2. *Reasons why departments would not use compact (or smaller) patrol cars specially designed for police use*

Percent of the 312 departments who said "no" to the need for compact patrol cars <sup>1</sup>	
20	Too small for officer comfort/convenience
16	Too small for passenger/prisoner transport
16	Roadability, stability, performance
12	Satisfied with present car
11	Too small/light in general
8	Too small for necessary equipment
8	Not suitable for all purpose use
8	Not as durable as larger car
8	Not as safe as larger car
8	Other

<sup>1</sup> Respondents could give two reasons, percentages add to more than 100.

### 2.2.4. Use of Patrol Cars

#### 3. On the average, about how many hours is one of your patrol cars in use during a typical day?

Under 4 hours

4-8 hours

9-16 hours

17-24 hours

There was great variation in the average number of hours of daily patrol car use among the seven department types. In general, city departments of medium size and larger (10 or more officers) had the highest average daily use of patrol cars. (See table 3.)

Only a few of the smallest and medium sized cities had patrol cars in use less than 9 hours per day, and about 80 percent of all large city departments (with 10 or more officers) said their patrol cars were in use 17 or more hours per day.

State departments and counties reported lower average daily use of patrol cars than did cities. More than one-fourth of the state and county departments reported that, on the average, a patrol car in their departments was in use only 4-8 hours per day.

TABLE 3. Average daily patrol car use by department type

Department type	Average daily hours of patrol car use by percent of departments			
	17-24 hours	9-16 hours	4-8 hours	Under 4 hours
50 largest	80	20	0	0
City (50+)	80	19	0	0
City (10-49)	79	18	3	0
City (1-9)	62	30	2	5
Township	52	34	14	0
County	17	47	29	7
State	6	68	26	0

The small percentage of state departments (6%) reporting patrol cars in use for more than 16 hours a day as compared to departments in the larger cities (80%) appears to be directly related to the answers to Question 2A: State departments averaged about 1 patrol car to each 1.5 full-time sworn officers while the 50 largest cities had an average of 1 patrol car for each 8 officers.

**4. On the average, how many different officers drive one patrol car in a day?**

**One**

**Two**

**Three**

**More than three**

Larger city departments tended to have more different drivers per patrol car per day than did smaller city departments; and city departments, in general, reported more drivers per car than either state or county departments. For example, 66 percent of the state departments reported only one driver per car per day, while 93 percent of the 50 largest cities said that each patrol car had three or more different drivers each day. The differences between the state and county departments and the city departments in this aspect of patrol car usage is again consistent with the general differences in patrol car utilization reported in Questions 2A and 3. (See table 4.)

TABLE 4. Number of drivers per patrol car per day, by department type

Department type	Average number different drivers each day (by % of departments)			
	One	Two	Three	More than three
State	66	28	4	2
County	51	25	18	7
City (1-9)	12	20	45	23
Township	10	17	55	14
50 largest	4	2	52	41
City (50+)	1	10	64	27
City (10-49)	0	4	61	34

**5. How long is an officer's shift in your department?**

**Under 4 hours**

**4-8 hours**

**9-12 hours**

**Over 12 hours**

Although most departments reported an officer's shift to be 4-8 hours, one-fourth of the departments reported a shift of 9-12 hours. State police (64%) and county police departments (53%) most often had officers working shifts of more than 8 hours. (See table 5.)

Comparing these responses to those for Question 3 ("About how many hours is one of your patrol cars in use during a typical day?") it appears that most state departments were using a patrol car for one shift only and that city departments were using a patrol car for at least three shifts.

TABLE 5. *Length of officers' shifts, by department type*

Department type	Length of officer shift (by % of departments)		
	4-8 hours	9-12 hours	12+ hours
City (10-49)	91	9	0
City (50+)	86	14	0
50 largest	78	20	0
Townships	72	14	10
City (1-9)	61	34	4
County	46	31	22
State	36	62	2

**6. What determines when your patrol cars are replaced?**

**Mileage? (If "yes," What mileage? )**

**Years of use? (If "yes," How many years? )**

**Other? (If "yes," Please specify.)**

Departments were asked to indicate whether their patrol cars were replaced on the basis of the number of miles on the car, the age of the car, or other factors. About half (51%) of the respondents said that patrol car replacement was based on only one of these three factors, and the other half selected some combination of the three. About two-thirds (64%) selected the age of the car (alone, or in combination with other factors) and almost two-thirds (61%) selected mileage (alone, or in combination) as a criterion for deciding when to replace the car. About one-third of the sample indicated other criteria (in addition to, or instead of, mileage or age) such as: General condition of the car, budget/administrative policy, the fact that repair costs had become too high, or the fact that the car had been in a major accident. (See table 6-1.)

Almost all state police (94%) used mileage (alone, or in combination with other factors) in determining when a car was to be replaced. Small city departments (less than 10 officers) most often reported that they considered the number of years the car had been in use when making their decision. (See table 6-2.)

Of those departments using mileage as one of the criteria for patrol car replacement, about two-thirds replaced the cars when they had over 60,000 miles and about one-third replaced them when they had between 40,000-60,000 miles. Few departments replaced cars with less than 40,000 miles.

TABLE 6-1. *Mileage and years of use as criteria for patrol car replacement, by department type*

Department type	Mileage (by % of departments)		Years of use	
	Mileage in combination with other factors	Only mileage on car	Years in combination with other factors	Only years of use
State	94	36	47	6
50 largest	74	9	63	9
County	68	17	65	14
City (10-49)	58	27	62	32
City (50+)	55	18	58	27
Townships	52	10	62	24
City (1-9)	39	6	80	40
All department types	43	18	40	24

TABLE 6-2. *Of those which used mileage in replacement decisions (61 % total, n=272) percentages replacing patrol cars at each mileage level, by department type*

Department type	40,000-60,000 miles	Over 60,000 miles
City (50+) [n=46]	43	57
City (10-49) [n=52]	42	52
City (1-9) [n=32]	37	59
State [n=44]	36	64
50 largest [n=34]	26	71
Townships [n=15]	13	73
County [n=49]	12	84
All departments	32	65

TABLE 6-3. *Of those which used age in replacement decisions (64 % total, n=286) percentages replacing patrol cars at each age level, by department type*

Department type	Number of years to replacement		
	1 year	2 years	3 years or more
City (10-49)	54	39	7
Township	44	39	17
City (50+)	35	46	14
City (1-9)	24	39	37
50 largest	10	38	50
State	5	45	50
County	4	36	55
All departments	27	40	31

Of those departments (64% of the respondents) which used the age of the car as one of the criteria for determining patrol car replacement, 40 percent replaced their cars every 2 years. States, counties and departments in the 50 largest cities more often reported using their cars for 3 years before replacement than did other department types. (See table 6-3.)



**7. About what percent of all the miles driven by all the patrol cars in use in your department is at each of the following speeds?**

<b>25-30 miles/hour with many stops</b>	<b>50-70 miles/hour</b>
<b>30-50 miles/hour with many stops</b>	<b>Over 70 miles/hour</b>
<b>35-50 miles/hour with few stops</b>	<b>Other (please specify)</b>

This question was designed to elicit approximate percentages from each department for each of the speed/type responses provided. Average percentages for each department type were calculated from these answers. Nine percent of the 449 respondents placed an "X" in one of the spaces rather than a percentage. Telephone calls were made to about half of these "indefinite" respondents, and it was determined from these calls that almost all of these respondents were indicating "100 percent" by marking a single response. In the tables, these 41 responses were counted as "100 percent" to the choice marked. (See table 7.)

The responses of the city departments to this question were very similar to one another and were different from the responses of state, county and township departments. The mean percentages for all 301 city departments showed that 84 percent of the driving by city departments was at speeds less than 50 mph with many stops (59% at 25-30 mph and 25% at 30-50 mph). Little driving was done by city departments at the higher speeds (5% at 50-60 mph; 2% over 70 mph) or in areas where it was possible to travel without frequent stopping (8% at 35-50 mph with few stops).

State departments reported most of their driving to be at high speeds and to have few stops. State departments said that about 64 percent of all their driving was at speeds of 50 mph or more. The mean percentages compiled for county departments were more evenly distributed among the five speed ranges than those for any other department type. About 35 percent of all county driving was said to be at speeds of 25-50 mph with many stops; about 19 percent was 35-50 mph with few stops, and about 37 percent was at speeds of 50-70 mph. The mean percentages for township departments showed that most of their driving occurred at speeds between 25 and 50 miles per hour (89%). A small number of departments (n=15, 4%) reported other kinds of driving. Most of these responses were "idling" or "less than 25 mph."

TABLE 7. Mean percentages of total driving time expended in each speed/type category, by department type

Speed/type	Mean percentage of the total driving done in that department type						
	City (50+)	City (1-9)	City (10-49)	50 largest	Township	County	State
25-30 mph, many stops	63	59	59	54	23	13	4
30-50 mph, many stops	26	25	22	28	41	22	10
35-50 mph, few stops	6	6	8	8	25	19	22
50-70 mph	4	5	6	6	8	37	51
Over 70 mph	1	2	2	2	2	7	13



**8A and B. Please tell us how well your patrol cars usually perform with regard to (A) Control and Handling, and (B) Braking at each of the following speeds.**

**Under 30 Miles per Hour**

**30 to 70 Miles per Hour**

**Over 70 Miles per Hour**

The majority of departments rated both the control and handling and the braking of their patrol cars satisfactory or better at all speeds. Both of these performance characteristics were given lower ratings at higher speeds: More than half of the departments rated both control and braking excellent at speeds under 30 mph while only 10 percent of departments rated these characteristics excellent at speeds over 70 mph (and about one-fourth of the total respondents rated these characteristics poor at over 70 mph). (See table 8A and B-1.)

The majorities of departments within all seven department types also gave better ratings to control and handling at lower speeds. State police and townships more often gave ratings of excellent at lower speeds than did the other department types. (See table 8A and B-2.)

Overall, and within the seven department types, the ratings given for patrol car braking were similar to the ratings of control and handling. Only at speeds of over 70 mph was there a tendency for braking to be rated poor. This increase in poor ratings was contributed mostly by state departments; only 6 percent of the state departments said patrol car control and handling was poor at speeds over 70 mph; but 26 percent of state departments said braking was poor at those higher speeds. Note that state departments spend a greater proportion of their driving time at higher speeds than any other department type (see preceding discussion of Question 7).

TABLE 8A and B-1. *Ratings given to patrol car control and handling and patrol car braking at various speeds*

Speed	Percent of all departments giving that rating					
	Excellent		Satisfactory		Poor	
	Control	Braking	Control	Braking	Control	Braking
Under 30 mph	55	59	42	38	0	1
30-70 mph	26	36	69	68	4	5
Over 70 mph	10	10	60	54	25	31

TABLE 8A and B-2. *Ratings of "excellent" given to control and handling and to braking of patrol cars at various speeds, by department type*

Department type	Control and handling (by % of departments)			Braking		
	Under 30 mph	30-70 mph	70+ mph	Under 30 mph	30-70 mph	70+ mph
Township	72	41	17	69	34	10
State	70	47	11	77	43	6
City (50+)	59	18	5	58	16	7
City (1-9)	55	28	10	65	29	9
City (10-49)	52	21	8	56	19	10
County	46	26	15	56	36	24
50 largest	46	17	7	43	14	4

**9A. On the average, how long does it take an officer to become accustomed to the controls and instruments of a new patrol car?**

**Less than a day**

**More than a day, less than a week**

**More than a week, less than a month**

**More than a month**

**9B. On the average, how long does it take an officer to become accustomed to the handling and performance of a new patrol car?**

**Less than a day**

**More than a day, less than a week**

**More than a week, less than a month**

**More than a month**

Almost all responding departments (92%) reported that it took less than a week to get used to the controls and instruments in a new patrol car. Fewer departments (74%) felt that it was possible to become accustomed to the handling and performance in this time period. About one-fifth of the departments said it took more than a week to get used to the handling and performance of a car, while only 7 percent felt it took this long to become familiar with the instruments. (See table 9A and B.)

TABLE 9A and B. *Time needed by officers to become accustomed to a new patrol car, by all respondents*

Time	Controls and instruments (by % of departments)	Handling and performance
Less than a day	41	20
1 day to 1 week	51	54
1 week to 1 month	7	20
More than 1 month	1	2

**10. About how many miles per gallon of gas do your patrol cars get?**

**Less than 8 miles/gallon**

**8-11 miles/gallon**

**12-15 miles/gallon**

**More than 15 miles/gallon**

Ninety percent of the responding departments said their patrol cars got less than 12 miles/gallon of gasoline. Seven-tenths of the departments got between 8 and 11 miles/gallon, cities and townships more often reported getting less than 8 miles to a gallon (17%-37%) than did counties and states (6-7%). Almost all state departments (94%) reported getting 8-11 miles/gallon. (See table 10.)

TABLE 10. *Miles per gallon of gasoline per patrol car, by department type*

Miles/gallon	Department type (by %)							
	All department types	City (50+)	50 largest	City (10-49)	Township	City (1-9)	County	State
Less than 8	21	37	35	22	17	17	7	6
8-11	69	59	63	73	76	70	60	94
12-15	10	4	2	3	7	13	32	0
More than 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

## 2.2.5. Patrol Car Features and Options

**11A. When your new patrol cars come from the manufacturer, what changes or additions are made for your department (either by you or your dealer)? (X Each Item That Applies)**

**(For the choices supplied, see table 11A-1)**

Police departments indicated that they, or their dealers, were making many changes to the manufacturers' basic models in order to adapt them to patrol use. In addition to the 12 more common changes listed in the questionnaire for check-off, 29 percent of the respondents listed at least one other item which did not appear on that original list.

TABLE 11A-1. Percentages making each change in manufacturers' basic models, by all respondents

Accessory/change	Percent of all departments <sup>1</sup> [n=449]
Install siren	98
Install mobile radio	98
Install P.A. system	75
Install bar flashing lights	69
Install spotlights	61
Install gun racks	56
Install bubble lights	54
Install mounting racks	51
Install barrier between seats	43
Install trunk racks	38
Special engine changes	2
Remove chrome	0
Other	29

<sup>1</sup> Percentages add to more than 100 percent since each department could mark each choice that applied.

Townships and larger city departments (more than 10 officers) reported more additions than did states, counties and cities (1-9). The most common changes made, according to all respondents, were installations of sirens (98%), mobile radios (98%), P.A. systems (75%), and bar flashing lights (69%). Table 11A-2 highlights the results of this question.

Many other changes were specified by the departments. Because mention of these items was scattered across respondents, the percentages are not presented. The general categories of other additions/changes are listed below:

- Special tires
- Writing desk
- Seat covers/floor mats
- Interior trunk release
- Radar installation
- Remove door/window handles
- Disconnect interior lights
- Map/interior light
- Wiring
- Electronic device to compute speed from time and distance

- Fuel changeover system
- Fire extinguisher mount
- Console/controls for lights/sirens
- Push bumpers
- Baton/flashlight holder
- Rear flashing lights
- Grille lights
- Flashing headlights
- Painting/decals

TABLE 11A-2. Percentages<sup>1</sup> of all departments and ranges of percentages within department types making each accessory/change

Accessory/change	All departments	Lowest department type	Highest department type
Siren	98	Township=93	City 1-9=100
Mobile radio	98	County=94	City 50+=99
P.A. system	75	City 1-9=60	50 largest=85
Bar flashing lights	69	State=47	City 10-49=87
Spotlights	61	State=23	Township=79
Gun racks	56	State=34	City 10-49=69
Bubble lights	54	City 10-49=43	50 largest=72
Mounting racks	51	State=17	City 10-49=67
Barrier between seats	43	State=17	50 largest=61
Trunk racks	38	State=26	Township=52
Special engine changes	2	State, County=0	Township=7
Remove chrome	0		Township=3
Other	29	County=17	State=60

<sup>1</sup> Percentages for total and for each department type add to more than 100 percent since each department could mark each item that applied.

**11B. What problems do you have making these changes to the "Manufacturer's regular model"? (For the items you marked in Question 11A.)**

This question was left open-ended to allow respondents to write in any problems they had had with converting standard automobiles into police patrol cars. Slightly more than half (57%) of the departments listed some problems; the others wrote in "no problems" (30%) or left the question blank (13%).

Codes were developed to handle the answers given by departments. The problems most commonly encountered by departments while making changes in standard automobiles are shown in table 11B.

**12. Which of the following options were included the last time your department bought patrol cars? (X Each Item That Applies)**  
(For choices supplied, see table 12-1.)

Of the 14 options listed for check-off, all but 3 (bulletproof glass, locking gas cap, and bucket seats) had been specified by at least one-third of the respondents when they last bought patrol cars. Six of the 14 had been specified by more than 80 percent of the



TABLE 11B. *Problems in converting standard automobiles to patrol cars for police use, by all respondents*

Problem	Percent of all departments <sup>1</sup> [n=499]
Lack of room/appropriate place to install/mount	17
Must modify car/buy new equipment to install	13
Year-to-year design/model changes cause problems	11
Takes time/adds costs/depreciates vehicle	10
Lack of appropriate support to install/mount	6
Wiring problems	6
"Other"	5
Availability of mechanics	1
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Slight problems, unspecified	6
None, no problems	30
No answer	13

<sup>1</sup> Percentages, except for "No answer," "None, no problems," and "Slight problems," may represent double counting since each department could give two answers.

TABLE 12-1. *Percentages of departments which specified each option the last time they bought patrol cars*

Option	Percent of all departments <sup>1</sup> [n=449]
Automatic transmission	95
8-cylinder engine	94
Power steering	90
Power brakes	86
Disc brakes	84
Heavy duty suspension	83
Air conditioning	59
Tinted glass	52
Interior hood release	49
Light in trunk	45
Interior trunk release	37
Locking gas cap	10
Bucket seats	4
Bulletproof glass	0
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Other	30
No answer	1

<sup>1</sup> Percentages add to more than 100 percent since each department could mark each option that applied.

TABLE 12-2. Options specified by 60 percent or more of the departments in each department type

Option	Department type							
	All departments	State	50 largest	City (10-49)	City (50+)	City (1-9)	Township	County
Automatic transmission	95	98	100	98	95	95	90	87
8-cylinder engine	94	98	100	94	93	95	93	85
Power steering	90	91	89	94	95	85	93	79
Power brakes	86	96	89	88	84	80	83	82
Disc brakes	84	98	96	82	86	77	83	79
Heavy duty suspension	83	98	91	87	84	76	90	68
Air conditioning	59	81	63		71		-	
Tinted glass	52	70	-		67		-	
Interior hood release	49	81	63				-	
Light in trunk	45	66					-	
Interior trunk release	37	60					62	

responding departments. In addition, 30 percent of the departments listed at least one "other" option that they had asked for the last time they bought patrol cars.

As can be seen in table 12-2, state police had specified more options than the other department types. The top six options on the list (automatic transmission, 8-cylinder engine, power steering, power brakes, disc brakes and heavy duty suspension) were chosen by 80 percent or more of the departments in every department type except counties and cities (1-9), where the lowest percentage observed was 68 percent.

Thirty percent of the 449 departments specified at least one other option in addition to those listed on the questionnaire. Heavy duty battery, alternator or electrical system was volunteered by 8 percent of departments which listed other options, a striking rate since the item was not originally listed. Other options listed were:

- ° Special tires/tire size
- ° Special cooling system
- ° Heavy duty seats
- ° Special gauges or dials
- ° Special interior light
- ° Rear window defroster
- ° AM radio
- ° Special seat covers/upholstery
- ° Spotlight
- ° Power windows
- ° Special engine
- ° Floor mats/carpet
- ° Special traction device
- ° Special mirrors
- ° Special hand throttle
- ° Special suspension
- ° Heavy duty shock absorbers
- ° Fuel transfer kit
- ° Special gearing
- ° Split-bench front seat

**13. About how much does a new patrol car cost without trade-in? (Include costs for changes, specified by you, which the dealer makes.)**

**Under \$2500**

**\$2500-2999**

**\$3000-3499**

**\$3500-3999**

**\$4000-4499**

**\$4500-4999**

**\$5000 or more**

About half (51%) of the respondents said new patrol cars for their departments cost less than \$3,500. The majority (72%) of all departments and the majority of departments in every department type said new patrol cars cost between \$3,000 and \$3,999. (See table 13-1.)

Departments with the smaller fleets of patrol cars (counties, townships, cities (1-9), and cities (10-49)) had higher percentages of departments paying more than \$4,000 for their patrol cars than did the larger cities and state departments. (See table 13-2.)

TABLE 13-1. Amount paid for new patrol cars by responding departments

Price of new patrol cars	Percent of all departments
Under \$3,000	12
\$3,000-3,499	39
\$3,500-3,999	33
\$4,000-5,000	13
Over \$5,000	1

TABLE 13-2. Amount paid for new patrol cars, by department type

Department type	Price range (by % of department type)			
	\$4,000 or more	\$3,000- 3,999	Under \$3,000	No answer
Township	24	62	13	0
County	23	55	13	8
City (1-9)	19	69	12	0
City (10-49)	16	73	10	2
State	9	91	0	0
City (50+)	5	83	12	2
50 largest	4	74	22	0

**14. What equipment is normally carried in your patrol cars? (X  
Each Item That Is Carried in Nearly Every Patrol Car)**

**(For choices supplied, see table 14.)**

More than half of the departments routinely carried in their patrol cars the following equipment items: clipboard, fire extinguisher, flares, first aid kit, shotgun, batons, blankets, extra ammunition and brief case. Further, more than one-fourth (29%) of the departments said they carried at least one item of equipment in addition to those in the questionnaire. (See table 14.)

State police departments carried more equipment items in their patrol cars than other department types. State police more commonly carried riot equipment (77%) than other department types (18-28%). Two-thirds, or more, of the 50 largest cities carried the first 6 items listed in table 14, but less than half of them carried any of the other items.

A variety of items was carried by the responding departments in addition to the items listed in the questionnaire:

*"Other "equipment items*

- Pry bar/wrecking bar
- Flashlight
- Measuring tape/wheel
- Oxygen/resuscitator
- Rope
- Dog equipment
- Rain gear/bad weather gear
- Axe
- Shovel
- Traffic cones/reflectors
- Lug wrench
- Snow chains
- Life ring/life jacket
- Jumper cables
- Broom
- Report forms/books
- Radar
- Equipment box
- Tow chain
- Water or gasoline container
- Portable barricades
- High visibility clothing
- Tear gas/gas mask
- Jack
- Spare tire
- Splint
- Tape recorder
- Rifle



TABLE 14. Equipment routinely carried in patrol cars by 50 percent or more of the departments in a particular department type and percentage of total respondents carrying this equipment

Equipment item	Department type						
	All departments	Township	City (1-9)	County	State	City (10-49)	City (50+) 50 largest
Clipboard	84	97	95	86	85	83	72
Fire extinguisher	83	100	76	81	96	86	83
Flares	81	100	87	81	91	77	76
First aid kit	79	90	83	76	98	80	71
Shotgun	73	69	72	79	77	76	69
Batons	67	72	74	62	85	54	61
Blankets	64	72	54	65	77	73	64
Extra ammo	55	55	61	72	77	53	.
Brief case	53	69	56	62	-		53
Camera and film	32				55		
Hand-held radio	30				-		
Riot equipment	28				77		
Fingerprint kit	19				-		
Field detection kit	6				-		
Other	29				57		

**14A. What problems have you had, if any, storing in the car the equipment that is usually carried in your patrol cars? (Name the Item of Equipment and Describe the "Problem" in the Spaces Provided.)**

More than one-third (39%, n=175) of all respondents listed at least one problem associated with storing equipment items in their patrol cars. The answers given by these departments were tabulated in three ways: (1) number of departments citing a specific item of equipment as having a problem associated with it; (2) number of departments citing a specific problem; and (3) a cross-tabulation of specific equipment item with a specific problem. This third tabulation will not be discussed because the numbers in each equipment item/problem group are too small to draw any generalizations. (See table 14A-1.)

The shotgun was the only item presenting equipment storage problems for a significant percentage (16%) of the respondents. These respondents, however, had differing storage problems; no one problem was cited by more than 2 percent of the respondents. (See table 14A-2.)

The larger city department types (50 largest, 50+) most often reported problems storing equipment; counties least often reported such problems. The shotgun was the item of equipment most frequently listed as a storage problem by all department types except townships (in which 14% listed first aid kits) and counties (in which no single item was listed by many departments). Within department types, the shotgun was most often mentioned as a storage problem by medium sized cities (10-49 officers, 50 or more officers). (See table 14A-3.)

The storage problems listed by departments were coded into 11 general categories. Most of the responses fell into three of the categories: no appropriate place to store, item gets dirty or damp, or not enough room to store in place desired.

TABLE 14A-1. *Equipment items named as being associated with storage problems, by all responding departments*

Equipment item	Percent of all departments <sup>1</sup> (n=449)
Shotgun	16
First aid kit	7
Flares	6
Trunk items in general	6
Fire extinguisher	5
Communications equipment	4
Blankets	3
Storage box	2
Equipment in general	2
Batons	2
Camera and film	2
Clipboard	2
Hand-held radio	1
Extra ammunition	1
Briefcase	1
Riot equipment	1
Oxygen tanks	1
Flashlight	1
Dog equipment in general	1
Spare tire/spare tire mounts	1
Siren	1
None/no problem	24
No answer	37

<sup>1</sup> Percentages, except for "None" and "No answer," may represent double counting since departments could list up to four equipment items/problems.

TABLE 14A-2. *Departments which had no storage problems, and departments which had problems storing shotguns, by department type*

Department type	Have had no problems in storing equipment ("no problems," "no answer") (in %)	Listed shotguns as an equipment storage problem
County	75	4
City (1-9)	67	11
State	66	9
Township	66	7
City (10-49)	57	27
City (50+)	50	25
50 largest	48	15

TABLE 14A-3. *Storage problems listed as being associated with storing equipment items in the patrol cars*

Storage problem	Percent of all departments <sup>1</sup> [n=449]
No appropriate place to store (general)	18
Gets dirty or damp	16
Not enough room to store in place desired	14
Difficult to store/mount (general)	9
No appropriate place to store that is also accessible	6
Not enough support to install/mount	2
Year-to-year design/model changes	2
Problems with equipment, not storage	2
Threatens safety	1
Problem unspecified	1
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None/no problems	24
No answer	37

<sup>1</sup> Percentages, except for "None" and "No answer" may represent double counting since each department could cite up to four equipment items/problems.

**15. Which of the following features do you think should be on all of your patrol cars? (Check Each Item That Applies Regardless of Whether You Know It Is Now Available or Not.)**

**(For choices supplied, see table 15 or 15A-1.)**

**15A. Which three of the above features (items checked in Question 15) would be most important to have on all of your patrol cars?**

Twenty-three features were listed in the questionnaire for check-off. Of those, 17 were felt to be essential in all the patrol cars of more than half of the responding departments. The feature receiving the lowest percentage (noise soundproofing) was still felt to be essential to one-third of the departments. Since none of the features listed was standard on current automobiles, these answers imply that current model cars probably require many optional features and modifications in order to make them well suited for patrol use.

A comparison of the answers to Questions 15 and 15A (see table 15 and 15A-1) revealed that there were relatively large differences between patrol car features the departments would like to have on all of their cars and those they thought to be most essential. Those features that were said to be among the three most important (Question 15A) were not always the ones that received the highest percentages of votes (Question 15). For example, although 76 percent of the respondents said that interior map lights should be on all their patrol cars, only 1 percent of them said that this was one of the three most important features among the choices supplied. (See table 15 and 15A-1.)

The features felt to be among the three most important by 20 percent or more of the responding departments were: air conditioning, heavy duty suspension, built-in crash bars, barriers between seats and communications consoles. (See table 15 and 15A-2.)

Among the department types, state police more often placed air conditioning and additional headroom among the three most important features than did other department types. The 50 largest cities and states placed greater importance on heavy duty suspension than other department types.

TABLE 15 and 15A-1. *Features which departments said should be on all patrol cars; features chosen as the three most important to have on all patrol cars, by all responding departments*

Feature	Total saying it should be on all patrol cars (Question 15) <sup>1</sup>	Total saying it is one of three most important (Question 15A) <sup>2</sup>
Heavy duty suspension	94	38
Interior trunk/hood release	85	7
Air conditioning	85	42
Tinted glass	83	3
Interior map light	76	1
More durable seat springs	72	7
Barrier between seats	72	31
Central door lock	71	10
Better ventilated upholstery	71	7
Built-in crash bars	70	32
Communications console	69	24
Additional headroom	63	14
360° mirror	63	6
Built-in mounting brackets	62	7
Bumpers with push bars	58	6
Built-in shelves in trunk	56	6
Locking gas cap	50	2
Additional legroom	44	5
Larger glove compartment	40	2
Bullet-proof glass	38	10
Fold-out desk in front	37	3
Bucket seats with console	37	8
Noise soundproofing	33	1
Other	22	12

<sup>1</sup>Percentages add to more than 100 percent since each department could mark each answer that applied.

<sup>2</sup>Percentages add to approximately 300 percent since each department was allowed three answers.

TABLE 15 and 15A-2. *Features chosen among the three most important by 25 percent or more of departments, by department type*

Feature	Department type (in %)							
	All departments	State	City (1-9)	City (10-49)	50 largest	County	Township	City
Air conditioning	42	62	43	42	41	40	38	35
Heavy duty suspension	38	51	39	30	61	33	38	30
Built-in crash bars	32	34	30	36	-	33	24	37
Barrier between seats	31	-	38	36	30	28	34	35
Communications console	24	-	29	-	-	31	24	29
Additional headroom	14	30	-	-	-	-	-	-



Twenty-two percent of the responding departments listed at least one other feature that they said should be on every patrol car, and 12 percent of the total said that some other feature was one of the three most important features.

*"Other" categories*

- Power windows
- Special tires
- Special cooling system
- Disc brakes/power disc brakes
- Heavy duty electrical system
- Larger engine
- Special door locks
- Special bumpers
- Fuel transfer
- Special restraint system
- Heavy duty transmission
- Special built-in equipment
- Spotlight
- Roll bars in roof
- Rear window defroster/defogger
- Special storage
- Additional room/bigger door in rear
- Special suspension
- Special traction
- Front window vents
- Split bench front seat

## 2.2.6. Maintenance and Repairs

### 16. What is the average downtime per patrol car per month for service and repair?

**Less than 3 days per month**

**3-5 days per month**

**6-8 days per month**

**9-11 days per month**

**12-14 days per month**

**More than 14 days per month**

The majority of all departments (62%) said they had an average of less than 3 days of downtime per patrol car per month, and 94 percent said they had 5 days or less. The larger city departments (10 or more officers) appeared to be losing more patrol car time to service and repair than the other department types. (see table 16.)

TABLE 16. *Days of downtime per patrol car per month, by department type*

Days of downtime per month	Department type (in %)						
	Township	City (1-9)	County	State	City (50+)	City (10-49)	50 largest
Less than 3	79	76	75	72	53	51	37
3-5	14	23	18	28	39	43	48
More than 6	3	1	4	0	8	4	13

17. Listed below are four factors that may be causes of patrol car "downtime." Look over the entire list, and then place an X by the item that most often causes patrol car "downtime" in your department.

Length of time to actually perform the service/repair.

Frequent need for service/repair.

Delay in getting parts.

Shortage of mechanics/repairmen (heavy workload in service facility)

Other (specify)

The responses of the 449 responding departments were about evenly divided among the four causes of patrol car downtime. Among department types, about half of the state police cited delays in getting parts compared to only about one-fourth of the departments as a whole. The largest cities (50 largest, 50+ officers) most often said that a shortage of mechanics was the main cause of their downtime while townships most often reported time to actually perform service/repair. (See table 17.)

The "other" responses to this question were varied, and no categories were developed. Examples of these are "distance from service facility," "poor mechanics," "time for insurance claims," "car not heavy duty enough," etc.

TABLE 17. *Causes of downtime in patrol cars, by department type*

Cause	Department type (in %)							
	All departments	50 largest	City (50+)	County	City (1-9)	City (10-49)	State	Township
Shortage of mechanics/ repairmen	30	43	42	33	29	22	17	10
Delay in getting parts	26	26	22	26	21	22	49	21
Frequent need for service/ repair	24	22	25	17	27	34	21	10
Time to actually perform service/repair	23	15	23	21	20	23	15	59

18. In what *three* areas does the majority of your patrol car service/repairs occur. (Do not include oil changes and scheduled tune-ups.)

Body work

Brake system

Standard transmission system

Automatic transmission system

Replacement of tires

Front end alignment

Service of air conditioner

Electrical system

Auxiliary (non-automotive)

electrical equipment

Rear end maintenance

Engine

Other (specify)

Two of the choices, engine (56%) and brake system (51%) were selected by more than half of the respondents. Five more of the 11 choices were selected as high service/repair areas by one-fourth or more of the responding departments. (See table 18-1.)

There were considerable differences among the seven department types in the areas they selected as having the highest requirements for service and repair. Table 18-2

TABLE 18-1. *The three areas of highest service repair*

Service/repair	Percent of all departments <sup>1</sup> [n=449]
Engine	56
Brake system	51
Replacement of tires	45
Front end alignment	38
Electrical system	29
Automatic transmission system	26
Body work	24
Auxiliary electrical equipment	9
Service of air conditioning	6
Rear end maintenance	2
Standard transmission	0
Other	6

<sup>1</sup> Percentages add to approximately 300 percent since departments were asked to select the three major areas.

TABLE 18-2. *The three highest votes (percentages<sup>1</sup>) within each department type for cause of patrol car service/repair*

Service/repair	Department type (in %)						
	All departments	State	County	Township	City (1-9)	City (10-49)	City (50+)
Engine	56	87	47	52	57	53	59
Brake system	51	40	-	-	41	59	63
Replace tires	45	-	62	66	62	59	-
Front alignment	38	-	62	55			-
Electrical system	29	43					-
Automatic transmission	26						-
Body work	24						39
Auxiliary electrical equipment	9						59
Service AC	6						
Rear end maintenance	2						
Standard transmission	0						

<sup>1</sup> Each department was allowed to give three answers to this question.

presents the three choices within each department type which received the highest percentages of votes.

These department type differences in service/repair experience may have been a result of the different kinds of driving done (Questions 3 and 7). For example, state departments which did 64 percent of their driving at speeds over 50 mph experienced a higher percentage (87%) of engine service/repair problems than did any of the other department types. On the other hand, the data do not suggest why the smaller departments had higher percentages of departments citing replacement of tires as a major service/repair area (townships, city (1-9), city (10-49) and counties; range=59-66%, states, 50 largest, and city (50+); range=7-25%).

Other interesting trends in the data show that the larger cities had higher percentages of departments saying that the brake system was an area of high concern: City (10-49) = 59 percent; city (50+) = 63 percent; and the 50 largest = 74 percent. In addition, the two largest city types had higher percentages of departments listing body work, and over half of the counties and townships listed front end alignment as a problem area.

**19. What features of your present patrol cars do you consider dangerous to the occupants, and how are they dangerous? (Name the Patrol Car Features and Describe the Danger in the Spaces Provided Below.)**

Codes were developed from the narrative answers the respondents gave to this question. These coded responses were then tabulated in three ways: (1) number of departments mentioning a particular system or aspect of the patrol car as dangerous, (2) number of departments describing a particular danger, and (3) a cross-tabulation of those departments mentioning a specific danger with respect to a specific system or aspect of the patrol car. Each department could list up to four dangerous features/dangers. (see table 19-1.)

Almost half of the responding departments (48%) listed at least one patrol car feature that they felt to be dangerous to the occupants. States and counties least often listed dangerous features; larger cities (more than 10 officers) most often listed them.

Partially because of the open-ended nature of the question, respondents cited a wide variety of dangerous features. Thus, because of the large number of different responses, the percentages for any one feature were uniformly low with the exception of brake system (32% of those listing any dangerous feature). (See table 19-2.)

Using the narrative answers, categories were developed to describe how the features listed were felt to be dangerous. Only three of these categories approached 20 percent of the departments responding to this question: failure or lower performance at high speeds (22%); failure in general (22%), and potential cause of injury during collision (20%). Note, again, that slightly fewer than half of the responding departments did not answer this question and are not included in the tabulation.

The intent of developing these problem categories was for use in cross-tabulation with the dangerous features. However, because only about half the respondents listed any dangerous features, and because there was such a wide variety of both features cited and descriptions of how the features were dangerous, no discussion will be presented of this cross-tabulation, which may be found in appendix B (table 19-3).



TABLE 19-1. *Departments indicating dangerous features of patrol cars, by department type*

Department type	Percent of department type	
	Listed at least one dangerous feature	None/no answer
50 largest	59	41
City (50+)	56	42
City (10-49)	54	46
Township	48	52
City (1-9)	43	57
County	38	62
State	36	64
All department types	48	52

TABLE 19-2. *Patrol car features listed as dangerous*

Dangerous feature	Percent of all departments listing at least one dangerous feature <sup>1</sup> [n=216]
Brake system	32
Suspension system (front and rear)	18
Body construction/strength	15
Restraint system	13
Auxiliary front seat equipment	13
Lack of barrier between the seats	11
Engine performance	9
Doors/door locks	9
Shotgun mount/holder/rack	7
Tires	6
Windshield/windows	6
Lack of crash bars/roof support	6
Seats (front and rear)	5
Rear view mirror/corner post	5
Bumpers	4
Insufficient headroom/legroom	4
Design problem (general)	4
Exhaust system/ventilation	4
Light weight	3
Transmission system	2
Steering wheel/column	2
Spotlight	2
Radio mount/controls	2
Wiring	1
Miscellaneous	24

<sup>1</sup> Percentages may represent double counting since each department could list up to four dangerous features/dangers.

TABLE 19-3. *Description of how the dangerous features were dangerous*

Problem	Percent of all departments describing at least one danger <sup>1</sup> [n=205]
Failure or lower performance at high speeds	22
Failure in general	22
Potential cause of injury during collision	20
Decreases control of vehicle	15
Insufficient for purpose	14
Prisoner transport more hazardous	13
Potential cause of injury (general)	13
Interferes with officer duty	13
Failure during collision	13
Stress or wear causes failure	10
Lack of protection (general)	9
Not strong enough (general)	9
Decreases visibility	8
Not enough room (general)	5
Design problem (general)	5
Interfers with driver	4
Not heavy enough (general)	3
Not secured (general)	2
Other	14

<sup>1</sup> Percentages may represent double counting since each department could list up to four dangerous features/how dangerous.

### 2.2.7. Safety Standards

**20. Do you think that separate safety standards are needed for patrol cars? That is, do you think that the safety standards for police vehicles need to be different than the safety standards for cars used by the general public?**

#### **Why, or Why Not?**

More than three-quarters (78%) of the respondents said there should be safety standards for patrol cars than those for the general public. Most departments within each department type agreed that different safety standards were needed. (See table 20-1.)

Of those who said separate safety standards were needed, the reasons given for this answer generally fell into three categories: 33 percent said that patrol cars, in general, were subjected to different uses than civilian cars, 30 percent said that the reason for this belief was that patrol cars were used in high speed situations, and 26 percent said their reason was the fact that patrol cars get more use than a civilian car.

There was some variation among the seven department types in the reasons they gave for thinking that safety standards for patrol cars should be different than those for the general public. The 50 largest cities (12%) and townships (17%) more frequently mentioned that they had many drivers for the same car than did the other department types (0-5%). States (49%) and counties (49%) more often listed high speed use as a reason for separate standards than did other departments (14-36%). (See table 20-2.)

TABLE 20-1. Percentages of departments which felt that separate safety standards are needed for patrol cars, by department type

Department type	Yes, separate standards needed	No, separate standards not needed	No answer
City (1-9)	84	12	4
Township	83	17	0
City (10-49)	81	18	1
State	79	21	0
City (50+)	76	22	2
50 largest	74	26	0
County	68	26	6
All department types	78	20	2

TABLE 20-2. Reasons supplied by the 349 departments which said safety standards for patrol cars should be different than the safety standards for cars used by the general public

If yes, why?	Percent of all departments saying yes to Question 20 <sup>1</sup> [n=349]	Percentage range among seven department types
Different use than civilian car	33	41 (County) to 27 (City 10-49)
High speed use	30	49 (States, County) to 14 (City 50+)
More use than civilian car	26	42 (Township) to 14 (County)
Mention specific aspect of system or patrol car	18	38 (State) to 8 (City 10-49, Township)
Greater risk, more exposure to accidents	15	26 (City 1-9) to 4 (Township)
Many drivers for same car	4	17 (Township) to 0 (State)
Variety of driving speeds	3	8 (Township) to 0 (County, City 1-9)
Other	3	
No answer	8	

<sup>1</sup> Percentages add to more than 100 percent since each department could give two answers to this question.

Ninety departments (20% of all respondents) said that they did not think safety standards for patrol cars should be different than those for the general public. By far the most common reason for believing safety standards for patrol cars should not be different was that departments felt safety standards should apply equally to all cars: (e.g., "everyone is as important to his family as an officer is to his"; "safety standards should apply equally to all vehicles and should provide the maximum amount of protection to all drivers and passengers"; "all vehicles should have all safety features technologically possible"). More than one-third of the departments who said standards should not be different, however, gave no reason for that answer.

Because of the small numbers of departments within the seven department types who said no to this question, the table below will present percentages for the total only. (See table 20-3.)

TABLE 20-3. *Reasons supplied by the 90 departments which said safety standards for patrol cars should not be different from the safety standards for cars used by the general public*

If no, why not?	Percent of departments which said no to Question 20 <sup>1</sup> [n=90]
Safety standards should apply equally to all cars	37
No need (general)	9
Would cost too much	4
No high speed driving	3
Good driving eliminates need	3
Good maintenance eliminates need	2
Other	7
No answer	39

<sup>1</sup> Percentages may add to more than 100 percent since each department could give two answers to this question.

## 2.2.8. Comments from Respondents

A comments page was appended to the end of the questionnaire. As might be expected at the end of a rather lengthy questionnaire, the response rate was low. The comment page on the Patrol Car DQ drew responses from 69 of the 449 respondents (15%). These comments were well thought out and, in general, revealed a high degree of concern by the respondents for their patrol vehicles. (See table iii.)

No attempt was made actually to tabulate the comments. They have been retained verbatim, and are available for research purposes (without the information that would identify the particular department). These comments identified two areas of high concern to the departments: the need for, or possibility of, designing a police vehicle specifically for police use; and the need for examination of the currently available "police package" in terms of whether or not it is meeting police needs.



Exemplative responses follow:

We recommend that a special police car be designed and not changed each year. Checker cabs in the past proved successful along these lines. Cars could be designed so new engines could be replaced as needed. Parts could be replaced even if a car was 10 years old. Size of wheels would be standard, year after year.

Police vehicles should be specially designed vehicles because they are intended for special uses. We are putting things rear end first. We are taking cars designed for the competitive civilian and commercial markets and its uses and trying to adapt them for our specialized uses.

...the engine, etc., transmission, and rear end of some model/make cars currently offered in the "Police Package" from our experience give satisfactory service, but we have had generally poor experience with chassis and suspension failure.

Manufacturers should attempt to include the bulk of accessory equipment and electrical terminals for ease in hook-up as standard equipment in their "police-package." Optional factory installed equipment should include: console for radios and storage as well as central location for switches; roll bars and crash bars; frame mounted tow and push bars; and assorted distinctive paint designs for patrol vehicles; compensation of power loss due to antipollution devices; steel plates in back rests of front seat; partition of front and rear seat; electric door locks with provision for emergency manual operation; anti-theft and booby trap devices; reinforced hood, trunk and door panels; bulletproof glass.

Most companies are making police packages for their cars at this time, but inspection of the finished product is poor.

The automobiles produced for use by many departments are generally satisfactory but fail to meet the demands of extended periods of idling or slow moving traffic.

There is a need for a police vehicle to be designed for high performance, based on information and research of law enforcement agencies.

TABLE iii. *Departments supplying additional comments about their patrol cars, by department types*

Department type	Percent of that department type supplying a comment
State	15
County	8
City (1-9)	13
City (10-49)	17
City (50+)	22
50 largest	15
Townships	17



## APPENDIX A

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### DETAILED QUESTIONNAIRE: PATROLCARS\*

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NOTE: This questionnaire is included in this document as a supplement to the discussion in the text. It has no other intended use.

INTRODUCTION: The patrolcar is generally one of the most important and most expensive items of equipment in a police department. In talking with police departments, we have been told of the performance, safety, and comfort shortcomings of their current patrolcars. The Law Enforcement Standards Laboratory is beginning its work on writing performance standards for patrolcars. This work can go on only if the Laboratory can find out the needs of police departments throughout the country.

PURPOSE OF THIS QUESTIONNAIRE: The purpose of this "detailed" questionnaire is to get answers from YOU, the user, about the patrolcars you are currently using; the modifications you make to your current cars; and the problems you are having with them. Your answers will be used to help police departments throughout the country solve their patrolcar problems.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fill in the questionnaire completely. Even if you do not have all the information you need "at your fingertips", please make your best effort to supply every answer AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE.
2. Answer all questions for YOUR OWN DEPARTMENT. Do not attempt to supply information that might exist in some other department.
3. The results of this questionnaire will be at least partially compiled by computer. It is important that you follow directions and answer every question legibly and in the boxes and spaces provided.
4. No individual department will be identified in the report of this survey; the results will be published in tabulated form.
5. Additional instructions for filling in your answers appear after some questions. Follow the directions given.
6. Please PRINT all answers and comments CLEARLY.
7. When this questionnaire has been completely filled in; place it, with the other questionnaires sent to your department, in the stamped, addressed envelope supplied. Return all of them to:  
Technology Building, A-110  
National Bureau of Standards  
Washington, D.C. 20034
8. If you have any questions, write to the above address, or call collect:  
E. Bunten, or P. Klaus  
Phone: 301-921-3558
9. Remember that it is only by getting YOUR answers to these questions that it will be possible to begin solving the problems that police have with their patrolcars.



SECTION I: STANDARDS FOR PATROLCARS

INSTRUCTION: This first question asks you to tell us which systems or aspects of your patrolcars are most important to you IN TERMS OF NEEDS FOR STANDARDS.

By this, we mean: Consider a system or an aspect of the patrolcar IMPORTANT (in terms of need for standards) if it is

- \* something that does not perform satisfactorily;
- \* something that needs improvement to really meet your needs;
- \* something that is excellent on some cars but only fair or poor on others.

Consider the system or aspect UNIMPORTANT (in terms of need for standards) if it is

- \* something that does meet your needs
- \* something that you consider generally unimportant in your patrolcars.

1. What two general systems or aspects of the patrolcars used by your department need standards most? (MARK X BY 2 OF THE FOLLOWING)

(10-20)\*\*\*

- ☐ Cooling system
- ☐ Braking system
- ☐ Transmission system
- ☐ Suspension system
- ☐ Restraint system (i.e., safety belts)
- ☐ Stability and control
- ☐ Collision capacity
- ☐ Ride and comfort
- ☐ Convenience of equipment and controls
- ☐ Engine
- ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Numbers in parentheses are for computer use only.

SECTION II: CURRENT PATROLCAR USE

2.A. How many of each of the following types of patrolcars do you now have in your department?

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	
(21-25)	_____	Full Size 2-door	(For example: Ford Custom, Plymouth Fury, or Chevrolet Impala.)
(26-30)	_____	Full Size 4-door	
(31-35)	_____	Intermediate Size 2-door	(For example: Chevrolet Chevelle, Plymouth Satellite, or Ford Torino)
(36-40)	_____	Intermediate Size 4-door	
(41-45)	_____	Station Wagon	
(46-50)	_____	Compact	(For example: Chevrolet Nova, Ford Maverick, or Plymouth Valiant)

2.B. Would it be of any use to your department to be able to buy standard compact (or smaller) cars that were specially designed for police use?

(51) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

(52-53) Why, or Why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. On the average, about how many hours is one of your patrolcars in use during a typical day?

(54-57) \_\_\_\_\_ Under 4 hours

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-8 hours

\_\_\_\_\_ 9-16 hours

\_\_\_\_\_ 17-24 hours

(58-61)                               1  
                                            2  
                                            3  
                                            More than 3

(62-65)                    Under 4 hours  
                                4-8 hours  
                                9-12 hours  
                                Over 12 hours

(67-70)	_____	Under 20,000 miles
	_____	20,000-40,000 miles
	_____	40,001-60,000 miles
		Over 60,000 miles

(72-75)

<u>          </u>	1 year
<u>          </u>	2 years
<u>          </u>	3 years
	Over 3 years

(77-80)

7. About what percent of all the miles driven by all the patrolcars in use in your department is at each of the following speeds?

	<u>PERCENT</u>	<u>CONDITION</u>
(10-12)	_____	25 - 30 miles/hour with many stops
(13-15)	_____	30 - 50 miles/hour with many stops
(16-18)	_____	35 - 50 miles/hour with few stops
(19-21)	_____	50 - 70 miles/hour
(22-24)	_____	Over 70 miles/hour
(25-27)	_____	Other (Specify) _____
	100%	TOTAL

8. Please tell us how well your patrolcars usually perform with regard to (A) Control and Handling, and (B) Braking at each of the following speeds: (PUT ONE X ON EACH LINE)

A. <u>CONTROL &amp; HANDLING:</u>		Performance is:		
		<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Poor</u>
(28-30)	Under 30 miles/hour	_____	_____	_____
	30 - 70 miles/hour	_____	_____	_____
	Over 70 miles/hour	_____	_____	_____

B. <u>BRAKING:</u>		Performance is:		
		<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Poor</u>
(31-33)	Under 30 miles/hour	_____	_____	_____
	30 - 70 miles/hour	_____	_____	_____
	Over 70 miles/hour	_____	_____	_____

9. On the average, how long does it take an officer to become accustomed to (A) the controls and instruments and (B) the handling and performance of a new patrolcar? (MARK ONE X IN COLUMN A, AND ONE X IN COLUMN B)

A. <u>CONTROLS AND INSTRUMENTS IN CAR</u>		B. <u>HANDLING AND PERFORMANCE OF CAR</u>	
(34-35)	_____ Less Than a Day	_____	
(36-37)	_____ More Than a Day, Less Than a Week	_____	
(38-39)	_____ More Than a Week, Less Than a Month	_____	
(40-41)	_____ More Than a Month	_____	



10. About how many miles per gallon of gas do your patrolcars get?  
(MARK X BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

- (42-45)    ☐ Less than 8 miles/gallon  
          ☐ 8 - 11 miles/gallon  
          ☐ 12 - 15 miles/gallon  
          ☐ More than 15 miles/gallon

11.A. When your new patrolcars come from the manufacturer, what changes or additions are made for your department (either by you or by your dealer)? (X EACH ITEM THAT APPLIES.)

- (46-58)    ☐ Install siren  
          ☐ Remove chrome  
          ☐ Special engine changes  
          ☐ Install spotlights  
          ☐ Install mounting racks  
          ☐ Install bar flashing lights  
          ☐ Install bubble light  
          ☐ Install gun racks  
          ☐ Install trunk racks for portable equipment (flares, etc.)  
          ☐ Install public address system  
          ☐ Install barrier between front and back seats  
          ☐ Install mobile radio  
          ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
          ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
          ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

11.B. What problems do you have making these changes to the "manufacturer's regular model"? (For the items you marked in Question 11.A.)

- (59-60)    \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_  
          \_\_\_\_\_

12. Which of the following options were included the last time your department bought patrolcars? (X EACH ITEM THAT APPLIES)

(61-75)

- ☐ Power brakes
- ☐ Automatic transmission
- ☐ Bullet-proof glass
- ☐ Light in trunk
- ☐ Interior trunk release
- ☐ Interior hood release
- ☐ Locking gas cap
- ☐ Eight-cylinder engine
- ☐ Heavy duty suspension
- ☐ Air conditioning
- ☐ Bucket seats
- ☐ Tinted glass
- ☐ Power steering
- ☐ Disc brakes
- ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

13. About how much does a new patrolcar cost without trade-in? (INCLUDE COSTS FOR CHANGES, SPECIFIED BY YOU, WHICH THE DEALER MAKES.)

(10-16)

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Under \$2500  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$4500-\$4999  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2500-\$2999 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5000 or more |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$3000-\$3499 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$3500-\$3999 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$4000-\$4499 |   |

14. What equipment is normally carried in your patrolcars? (X EACH ITEM THAT IS CARRIED IN NEARLY EVERY PATROLCAR)

(17-31)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Hand-held radio
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shotgun
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flares
- \_\_\_\_\_ First aid kit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra ammunition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Batons
- \_\_\_\_\_ Camera and film
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clipboard
- \_\_\_\_\_ Briefcase
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fire extinguisher
- \_\_\_\_\_ Blankets
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fingerprint kits
- \_\_\_\_\_ Field detection kits (Narcotic, alcohol detection, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Riot equipment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

14.A. What problems have you had, if any, storing in the car the equipment that is usually carried in your patrolcars? (NAME THE ITEM OF EQUIPMENT AND DESCRIBE THE "PROBLEM" IN THE SPACES PROVIDED)

	<u>EQUIPMENT ITEM</u>	<u>PROBLEM</u>
(32-35)	a. _____	_____
		_____
(36-39)	b. _____	_____
		_____
(40-43)	c. _____	_____
		_____
(44-47)	d. _____	_____
		_____

15. Which of the following features do you think should be on all of your patrolcars? (CHECK EACH ITEM THAT APPLIES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU KNOW IT IS NOW AVAILABLE OR NOT)

(48-71)

- ☐ Air Conditioning
- ☐ Tinted glass
- ☐ Additional headroom
- ☐ Additional legroom
- ☐ Bucket seats with console between for storage
- ☐ Better ventilated upholstery
- ☐ More durable springs in front seats
- ☐ Fold-out desk in front seat
- ☐ Communications console
- ☐ Larger glove compartment
- ☐ Barrier between front and back seats
- ☐ Built-in storage shelves in trunk
- ☐ Noise soundproofing to silence droning of the motor
- ☐ Built-in mounting brackets for equipment
- ☐ Bullet-proof glass
- ☐ Interior map lamp
- ☐ Built-in crash bars in hood and doors
- ☐ Locking gas cap
- ☐ Bumpers with vertical push bars
- ☐ Mirrors allowing 360° observation
- ☐ Trunk and hood releases from inside vehicle
- ☐ Centrally located door lock control
- ☐ Heavy Duty Suspension
- ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

15.A Which three of the above features (items checked in Question <sup>15</sup>~~14~~) would be most important to have in all of your patrolcars?

(72-73)

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(74-75)

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

(76-77)

(c) \_\_\_\_\_



SECTION III: SERVICE AND REPAIR

16. What is the average "downtime" per patrolcar per month for service and repair? (X ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

(10-15)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Less than 3 days per month  
\_\_\_\_\_ 3-5 days per month  
\_\_\_\_\_ 6-8 days per month  
\_\_\_\_\_ 9-11 days per month  
\_\_\_\_\_ 12-14 days per month  
\_\_\_\_\_ More than 14 days per month

17. Listed below are four factors that may be causes of patrolcar "downtime". Look over the entire list, and then place an X by the item that most often causes patrolcar "downtime" in your department.

MARK X BY  
ONE CHOICE

(16-20)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Length of time to actually perform the service/  
repair  
\_\_\_\_\_ Frequent need for service/repair  
\_\_\_\_\_ Delay in getting parts  
\_\_\_\_\_ Shortage of mechanics/repairmen (heavy workload  
in service facility)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

18. In what THREE areas does the majority of your patrolcar service/repairs occur. (Do not include oil changes and scheduled tune-ups.)

MARK X BY  
3 CHOICES

(21-32)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Body work  
\_\_\_\_\_ Brake system  
\_\_\_\_\_ Standard transmission system  
\_\_\_\_\_ Automatic transmission system  
\_\_\_\_\_ Replacement of tires  
\_\_\_\_\_ Front end alignment  
\_\_\_\_\_ Service of air conditioner  
\_\_\_\_\_ Electrical system  
\_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary (non-automotive) electrical equipment  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rear end maintenance  
\_\_\_\_\_ Engine  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION IV: SAFETY

19. What features of your present patrolcars do you consider dangerous to the occupants, and how are they dangerous? (NAME THE PATROLCAR FEATURES AND DESCRIBE THE DANGER IN THE SPACES PROVIDED BELOW)

DANGEROUS FEATURE

HOW IS IT DANGEROUS?

(33-34) CASE # 1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(35-36) CASE # 2 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(37-38) CASE # 3 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(39-40) CASE # 4 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

20. Do you think that separate safety standards are needed for patrolcars? That is, do you think that the safety standards for police vehicles need to be different than the safety standards for cars used by the general public?

(41)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

Why, or Why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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confidential)

Name of Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person who answered this questionnaire:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of years experience in law enforcement: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Others who helped: 1. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of years experience in law enforcement: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of years experience in law enforcement: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_





## **APPENDIX B**

### **Data Tables**

#### **B.1. Advice to the Reader**

(a) The data presented in the following tables resulted from the responses of a stratified random sample (see sec. 1.2) of police departments in response to a specific set of questions (see app. A). These data do not, in any way, reflect objective testing of any of the equipment by the National Bureau of Standards. The reader is cautioned to become familiar with the questionnaire and to evaluate the data in terms of the exact questions asked.

(b) Tables have been numbered after the question number (e.g., the tables for Question 6A would be numbered 6A-1, 6A-2, etc.). The data are usually presented by number of respondents and nearest whole percentage. Because of the statistical limitations imposed by the sample sizes used in this study, the reader is cautioned to be wary of assigning importance to percentage differences of less than 5 percent when percentages are based on all respondents, and to percentage differences of less than 10 percent when percentages are based on one of the subsample groups (e.g., a particular department type or region). No statistical tests of significance are reported.

(c) These tables are based on the responding departments from the specific sample selected for this questionnaire. This sample was not proportional to the total population of police departments, and although it is possible to do so, the data in these tables have not been weighted to allow direct extrapolation to the total population.

(d) In order to extrapolate to the total population from the respondent data presented in this report, use the following procedure: For each department type, multiply the percentage of respondents of a particular department type giving the answer of interest (see B.2 Data Tables, app. B) by the total number of departments of that department type in the population (see table 1.2-2, sec. 1.2); add those seven subtotals; and divide the total by the total number of police departments in the population (table 1.2-2). The quotient of this division will be an estimate of the percentage of all U.S. police departments that would choose the answer of interest.

#### **B.2. Data Tables**

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS BY DEPARTMENT TYPE:

ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE	COUNTY	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	TOWNSHIP
449	47	72	82	90	83	46	29

NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS BY REGION:

TOTAL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
449	42	47	50	48	56	44	42	40	46	34

Table 1-2

RANK OF PERSON WHO FILLED IN QUESTIONNAIRE:

RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE	COUNTY	DEPARTMENT TYPE					FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	TOWNSHIP
				CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	TOWNSHIP		
CHIEF	133	30	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
CAPTAIN	57	13	0	0	52	63	44	49	18	22
COMMISSIONER	0	0	15	32	2	2	4	4	24	29
COLONEL	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACTING CHIEF	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASSISTANT CHIEF	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAJOR	11	2	1	2	0	0	4	4	4	5
LIEUTENANT	50	11	4	9	0	0	3	3	0	0
CORPORAL	1	0	7	15	2	2	11	12	15	18
PRIVATE	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEPUTY SHERIFF	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INSPECTOR	4	1	15	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
SHERIFF	32	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTABLE	0	0	32	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
SERGEANT	48	11	0	0	0	0	16	18	9	11
PATROLMAN	26	6	2	3	6	7	4	4	5	6
OTHER TITLE	51	11	0	0	9	11	11	13	5	6
UNDERSHERIFF	5	1	11	23	0	0	4	4	12	26
NO ANSWER	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	82	100	90	100	83	100
			72	100	82	100	90	100	46	100
									29	100

Table i-3

## YEARS OF EXPERIENCE OF PERSON WHO FILLED IN QUESTIONNAIRE:

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE						COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE						CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP			
		NO.		%		NO.		%		NO.		%		NO.		%		NO.		%			
2 OR LESS	24	5		1	2		5	7		11	13		3	3		0	0		2	4		2	7
3-5 YEARS	32	7		1	2		8	11		8	10		7	8		4	5		3	7		1	3
6-10 YEARS	66	15		4	9		15	21		20	24		12	13		7	8		0	0		8	28
11-15 YEARS	79	18		3	6		18	25		15	18		20	22		12	14		8	17		3	10
16-20 YEARS	96	21		16	34		11	15		10	12		21	23		19	23		10	22		9	31
21-25 YEARS	74	16		10	21		6	8		6	7		13	14		25	30		13	28		1	3
26-30 YEARS	37	8		7	15		2	3		5	6		7	8		7	8		6	13		3	10
31 OR MORE	27	6		3	6		6	8		4	5		7	8		4	5		2	4		1	3
NO ANSWER	14	3		2	4		1	1		3	4		0	0		5	6		2	4		1	3
TOTAL	449	99		47	99		72	99		82	99		90	99		83	99		46	99		29	98

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Table i

## 1. WHAT TWO GENERAL SYSTEMS OR ASPECTS OF THE PATROLCARS USED BY YOUR DEPARTMENT NEED STANDARDS MOST? (MARK X BY 2 OF THE FOLLOWING)

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES			STATE			COUNTY			DEPARTMENT TYPE						TOWNSHIP							
										CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP					
	NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%				
COOLING SYSTEM	94	21		15	32		20	28		17	21		16	18		12	14		11	24		3	10
BRAKING SYSTEM	163	36		19	40		23	32		27	33		39	43		27	33		18	39		10	34
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM	66	15		4	9		7	10		9	11		13	14		19	23		9	20		5	17
SUSPENSION SYSTEM	67	15		4	9		10	14		14	17		12	13		17	20		9	20		1	3
RESTRAINT SYSTEM	8	2		0	0		2	3		1	1		0	0		3	4		1	2		1	3
STABILITY AND CONTROL	147	33		18	38		25	35		27	33		26	29		23	28		16	35		12	41
COLLISION CAPACITY	78	17		6	13		6	8		10	12		16	18		22	27		12	26		6	21
RIDE AND COMFORT	38	8		4	9		6	8		8	10		8	9		6	7		3	7		3	10
EQUIP/CONTROL CONVENIENCE	97	22		8	17		12	17		26	32		24	27		11	13		7	15		9	31
ENGINE	109	24		12	26		18	25		24	29		25	28		20	24		4	9		6	21
OTHER	34	8		5	11		5	7		5	6		3	3		9	11		6	13		1	3
NO ANSWER	8	2		0	0		6	8		1	1		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	3
TOTAL	909	203		95	204		140	195		169	206		182	202		169	204		96	210		58	197

Table 2A-1

2.A. HOW MANY OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PATROLCARS DO YOU  
NOW HAVE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT?

## RESPONSE

	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
FULL SIZE 2-DOOR	1463	3	1251	5	64	4	15	9	9	2	96	4	27	0	1	1
FULL SIZE 4-DOOR	38915	84	24113	88	829	53	129	80	383	83	1707	72	11646	81	108	84
INTERMEDIATE SIZE 2-DOOR	792	2	693	3	50	3	0	0	1	0	15	1	33	0	0	0
INTERMEDIATE SIZE 4-DOOR	4078	9	828	3	549	35	11	7	31	7	421	18	2225	15	13	10
STATION WAGON	1012	2	416	2	56	4	6	4	19	4	78	3	430	3	7	5
COMPACT	302	1	102	0	31	2	0	0	17	4	62	3	90	1	0	0
TOTAL	46562	100	27403	100	1579	100	161	100	460	100	2379	100	14451	100	129	100
NO ANSWER	4		0		2		1		0		0		1		0	

Table 2A-2

2.A. HOW MANY OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PATROLCARS DO YOU  
NOW HAVE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT?

## RESPONSE

	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	TOWNSHIP	
		AVERAGE NUMBER		AVERAGE NUMBER		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	AVERAGE NUMBER	AVERAGE NUMBER	AVERAGE NUMBER	AVERAGE NUMBER
FULL SIZE 2-DOOR	3.29	26.62		.91		.19	.10	1.16	.60	.03		
FULL SIZE 4-DOOR	87.45	513.04		11.84		1.59	4.26	20.57	258.80	3.72		
INTERMEDIATE SIZE 2-DOOR	1.78	14.74		.71		.00	.01	.18	.73	.00		
INTERMEDIATE SIZE 4-DOOR	9.16	17.62		7.84		.14	.34	5.07	49.44	.45		
STATION WAGON	2.27	8.85		.80		.07	.21	.94	9.56	.24		
COMPACT	.68	2.17		.44		.00	.19	.75	2.00	.00		
TOTAL	104.63	583.04		22.56		1.99	5.11	28.66	321.13	4.45		



Table 28-1

2.B. WOULD IT BE OF ANY USE TO YOUR DEPARTMENT TO BE ABLE TO BUY  
STANDARD COMPACT (OR SMALLER) CARS THAT WERE SPECIALLY DESIGNED  
FOR POLICE USE?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	DEPARTMENT TYPE															
		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP			
		NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%		
YES	132	29	6	13	16	22	29	35	28	31	32	39	13	28	8	28	
NO	312	69	40	85	55	76	53	65	61	68	49	59	33	72	21	72	
NO ANSWER/DONT KNOW	5	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100	83	100	46	100	29	100	

Table 2B-2

IF YES, WHY?

RESPONSE

ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
ECONOMY	60	45	2	33	17	59	14	50	13	41	4	31
HANDLING/MANEUVRABILITY	23	17	0	0	4	14	5	18	7	22	5	38
FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE USE	31	23	4	67	3	10	3	11	9	28	6	46
REFER TO DESIGN NOT SIZE	10	8	0	0	0	0	3	11	3	9	0	0
COMMENT/CAVEAT NOT REASON	8	6	0	0	1	3	1	4	5	16	0	0
NOT NEED BIG ENGINE/CAR	16	12	1	17	5	17	2	7	4	12	1	8
OTHER	8	6	1	17	2	7	1	4	3	9	0	0
NO ANSWER	13	10	0	0	4	14	4	14	2	6	1	8
TOTAL	169	127	8	134	36	124	33	119	46	143	17	131
			20	123							9	110

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Table 2B-3

IF NO, WHY NOT?

RESPONSE

ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
TOO SMALL/LIGHT: GENERAL	35	11	3	7	8	15	4	7	5	10	6	18
TOO SMALL FOR COMFORT			7	13							2	10
CONVENIENCE OF OFFICER	62	20	6	11	10	19	11	18	13	27	8	24
TOO SMALL FOR EQUIPMENT	26	8	4	7	0	11	4	7	1	2	5	15
NOT AS SAFE AS LARGER CAR	24	8	2	4	5	9	7	11	4	8	1	3
ROADABILITY/STABILITY/ PERFORMANCE	50	16	17	42	6	11	7	11	4	8	5	15
NOT SUITED TO ALL PURPOSES	26	8	2	5	4	8	9	15	5	10	2	6
NOT AS DURABLE	24	8	1	2	3	6	6	10	7	14	0	0
NO NEED: GENERAL	36	12	2	5	4	7	5	8	8	16	5	15
TOO SMALL FOR PRISONER/ PASSENGER TRANSPORT	49	16	9	16	8	15	16	26	7	14	7	21
OTHER	26	8	10	18	2	4	4	7	5	10	1	3
NO ANSWER	58	19	15	27	11	21	11	18	6	12	3	9
TOTAL	416	134	4	133	72	136	84	138	65	131	43	129
			71	128							27	130

Table 3

3. ON THE AVERAGE, ABOUT HOW MANY HOURS IS ONE OF YOUR PATROLCARS IN USE DURING A TYPICAL DAY?

## RESPONSE

	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
UNDER 4 HOURS	9	2			5	7	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	42	9	12	26	21	29	2	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	4	4
	142	32	32	68	34	47	25	30	16	18	16	19	9	20	10	34
	255	57	3	6	12	17	51	62	71	79	66	80	37	80	15	52
NO ANSWER	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100	83	100	46	100	29	100

UNDER 4 HOURS

4-8 HOURS

9-16 HOURS

17-24 HOURS

NO ANSWER

TOTAL

Table 4

4. ON THE AVERAGE, HOW MANY DIFFERENT OFFICERS DRIVE ONE PATROLCAR IN A DAY?

## RESPONSE

	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
ONE	84	19	31	66	37	51	10	12	0	0	1	1	2	4	3	10
TWO	65	14	13	28	18	25	16	20	4	4	8	10	1	2	5	17
THREE	200	45	2	4	13	18	37	45	55	61	53	64	24	52	16	55
MORE THAN THREE	101	22	1	2	5	7	19	23	31	34	22	27	19	41	4	14
NO ANSWER	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100	83	100	46	100	29	100

ONE

TWO

THREE

MORE THAN THREE

NO ANSWER

TOTAL

Table 5

## 5. HOW LONG IS AN OFFICERS SHIFT IN YOUR DEPARTMENT?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
		NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
UNDER 4 HOURS	2	0		0	0	1	1		0	0		1	2	0	0
4-8 HOURS	310	69		17	36	50	61		82	91		36	78	21	72
9-12 HOURS	112	25		29	62	28	34		8	9		9	20	4	14
OVER 12 HOURS	23	5		1	2	3	4		0	0		0	0	3	10
NO ANSWER	2	0		0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	1	3
TOTAL	449	100		47	100	82	100		90	100		46	100	29	100

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Table 6-1

## 6. WHAT DETERMINES WHEN YOUR DEPARTMENTS PATROLCARS ARE REPLACED?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
		NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
MILEAGE	272	61		44	94	32	39		52	58		34	74	15	52
YEARS OF USE	286	64		22	47	66	80		56	62		29	63	18	62
OTHER	175	39		21	45	27	33		20	22		27	59	14	48
NO ANSWER	3	1		0	0	0	0		2	2		0	0	0	0
TOTAL	736	165		87	186	125	152		130	144		90	196	47	162

Table 6-2

IF MILEAGE (YES TO QUESTION 6A) DETERMINES WHEN PATROLCARS ARE REPLACED;  
WHICH MILEAGE?

## RESPONSE

ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
UNDER 20,000 MILES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20,000-40,000 MILES	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1	3	2	13
40,000-60,000 MILES	87	32	16	36	12	37	22	42	20	43	9	26	2	13
OVER 60,000 MILES	176	65	28	64	41	84	19	59	26	57	24	71	11	73
NO ANSWER	4	1	0	0	1	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	272	100	44	100	32	100	52	100	46	100	34	100	15	100

Table 6-3

IF YEARS OF USE (YES TO QUESTION 6B) DETERMINES WHEN PATROLCARS ARE REPLACED;  
HOW MANY YEARS OF USE?

## RESPONSE

ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
ONE YEAR	77	27	1	5	16	24	30	54	17	35	3	10	8	44
TWO YEARS	115	40	10	45	26	39	22	39	22	46	11	38	7	39
THREE YEARS	60	21	8	36	17	26	3	5	5	10	8	28	3	17
OVER THREE YEARS	30	10	3	14	7	11	1	2	2	4	7	24	0	0
NO ANSWER	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	3	0	0
TOTAL	286	100	22	100	66	100	56	100	48	100	29	100	18	100



Table 6-4

IF SOMETHING OTHER THAN MILEAGE OR YEARS OF USE (YES TO QUESTION 6C) DETERMINES  
WHEN PATROLCARS ARE REPLACED;  
WHAT ELSE?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE				COUNTY				CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)				CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)				FIFTY LARGEST CITIES				TOWNSHIP			
		NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
AGE/MILEAGE COMBINATION	16	9		2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	4	11	6	22			6	22			2	14		
GENERAL CONDITION OF CAR	59	34		5	24	11	38	8	30	8	30	15	41	6	30	15	41	11	41			11	41			3	21		
MAJOR ACCIDENT	28	16		4	19	3	10	4	15	4	15	7	19	4	20	7	19	4	15			4	15			2	14		
BUDGET/ADMINIS. POLICY	49	28		6	29	8	28	6	22	6	22	13	35	7	35	13	35	5	19			5	19			4	29		
REPAIR/MAINT. COST TOO HIGH	41	23		8	38	9	31	7	26	7	26	6	16	5	25	6	16	2	7			2	7			4	29		
SPECIFIC JOB FOR WHICH PATROLCAR IS USED	12	7		1	5	1	3	1	4	1	4	4	11	2	10	4	11	3	11			3	11			0	0		
RENT OR LEASE FOR SPECIFIED TIME	2	1		0	0	0	0	1	4	1	4	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0			0	0			0	0		
REPLACE ON ALTERNATE YEARS	10	6		0	0	0	0	3	11	3	11	2	5	2	10	2	5	2	7			2	7			1	7		
OTHER	15	9		3	14	4	14	2	7	2	7	1	3	0	0	1	3	2	7			2	7			3	21		
NO ANSWER	1	1		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4			1	4			0	0		
TOTAL	233	134		29	139	36	124	32	119	29	145	52	141	36	133											19	135		

Table 7

7. ABOUT WHAT PERCENT OF ALL THE MILES DRIVEN BY ALL THE PATROLCARS IN  
USE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT IS AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SPEEDS?

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE	COUNTY	DEPARTMENT TYPE					FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	TOWNSHIP
				CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PERCENT		
	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PERCENT	AVERAGE PERCENT
25-30 MPH: MANY STOPS	43.58	4.13	12.75	59.31	59.12	62.51	53.67	22.55		
30-50 MPH: MANY STOPS	23.67	9.83	21.62	24.52	22.19	25.58	28.41	40.52		
35-50 MPH: FEW STOPS	11.60	22.30	18.58	5.61	8.13	6.04	8.15	25.48		
50-70 MPH	15.20	50.79	37.38	4.77	5.52	3.96	6.00	7.93		
OVER 70 MPH	3.80	12.51	7.44	1.74	2.06	1.36	1.57	2.28		
OTHER	1.34	.45	.07	2.87	1.67	.52	2.41	1.21		
NO ANSWER	5	0	1	2	0	2	0	0		

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Table 8A

8.A. PLEASE TELL US HOW WELL YOUR PATROLCARS USUALLY PERFORM WITH REGARD TO CONTROL AND HANDLING AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SPEEDS:

UNDER 30 MILES PER HOUR, CONTROL AND HANDLING IS:

RESPONSE	DEPARTMENT TYPE															
	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
EXCELLENT	249	55	33	70	33	46	45	55	47	52	49	59	21	46	21	72
SATISFACTORY	189	42	13	28	35	49	34	41	42	47	34	41	25	54	6	21
POOR	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO ANSWER/NOT APPLICABLE	9	2	1	2	4	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100	83	100	46	100	29	100

30-70 MILES PER HOUR, CONTROL AND HANDLING IS:

RESPONSE	DEPARTMENT TYPE															
	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
EXCELLENT	118	26	22	47	19	26	23	28	19	21	15	18	8	17	12	41
SATISFACTORY	308	69	25	53	49	68	54	66	65	72	64	77	36	78	15	52
POOR	18	4	0	0	4	6	3	4	5	6	3	4	2	4	1	3
NO ANSWER/NOT APPLICABLE	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	3
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100	83	100	46	100	29	100

OVER 70 MILES PER HOUR, CONTROL AND HANDLING IS:

RESPONSE	DEPARTMENT TYPE															
	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
EXCELLENT	43	10	5	11	11	15	8	10	7	8	4	5	3	7	5	17
SATISFACTORY	268	60	38	81	41	57	50	61	54	60	46	55	27	59	12	41
POOR	111	25	3	6	14	19	20	24	25	28	30	36	12	26	7	24
NO ANSWER/NOT APPLICABLE	27	6	1	2	6	8	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	9	5	17
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100	83	100	46	100	29	100

Table 88

8.B. PLEASE TELL US HOW WELL YOUR PATROLCARS USUALLY PERFORM WITH REGARD TO BRAKING  
AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SPEEDS:

UNDER 30 MILES PER HOUR, BRAKING IS:

RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE	COUNTY	DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	TOWNSHIP
				CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%			
EXCELLENT	267	59	36	77	40	56	53	65	50	56
SATISFACTORY	170	38	10	21	26	36	28	34	39	43
POOR	4	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	1
NO ANSWER/NOT APPLICABLE	8	2	1	2	4	6	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100

30-70 MILES PER HOUR, BRAKING IS:

RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE	COUNTY	DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	TOWNSHIP
				CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%			
EXCELLENT	117	26	20	43	26	36	24	29	17	19
SATISFACTORY	306	68	27	57	43	60	54	66	67	74
POOR	21	5	0	0	3	4	2	2	5	6
NO ANSWER/NOT APPLICABLE	5	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100

OVER 70 MILES PER HOUR, BRAKING IS:

RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE	COUNTY	DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	TOWNSHIP
				CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%			
EXCELLENT	47	10	3	6	17	24	7	9	9	10
SATISFACTORY	242	54	31	66	36	50	52	63	48	53
POOR	137	31	12	26	14	19	20	24	29	32
NO ANSWER/NOT APPLICABLE	23	5	1	2	5	7	3	4	4	4
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100

Table 9A

9.A. ON THE AVERAGE, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE AN OFFICER TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THE CONTROLS AND INSTRUMENTS OF A NEW PATROL CAR?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (11-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
LESS THAN A DAY	186	41	11	23	22	31	30	37	41	46	47	57	24	52	11	38
	227	51	29	62	41	57	45	55	42	47	34	41	19	41	17	59
2-7 DAYS	30	7	7	15	6	8	6	7	6	7	2	2	3	7	0	0
8-30 DAYS	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORE THAN A MONTH	3	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
NO ANSWER																
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100	83	100	46	100	29	100

Table 9B

9.B. ON THE AVERAGE, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE AN OFFICER TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO THE HANDLING AND PERFORMANCE OF A NEW PATROL CAR?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP		
		NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	
LESS THAN A DAY	91	20	4	9	15	21	11	13	19	21	27	33	11	24	4	14
	244	54	27	57	35	49	49	60	45	50	44	53	27	59	17	59
	88	20	12	26	16	22	15	18	20	22	12	14	6	13	2	4
8-30 DAYS	9	2	2	4	0	0	3	4	2	2	0	0	2	4	0	0
MORE THAN A MONTH	17	4	2	4	6	8	4	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	1	3
NO ANSWER																
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	62	100	90	100	83	100	46	100	29	100



Table 10

## 10. ABOUT HOW MANY MILES PER GALLON DO YOUR PATROLCARS GET?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES			STATE			COUNTY			DEPARTMENT TYPE			CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)			FIFTY LARGEST CITIES			TOWNSHIP		
	NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%	
LESS THAN 8 MILES/GALLON	94	21		3	6		5	7		14	17		20	22		31	37		5	17	
8-11 MILES/GALLON	310	69		44	94		43	60		57	70		66	73		49	59		22	76	
12-15 MILES/GALLON	43	10		0	0		23	32		11	13		3	3		3	4		1	2	
MORE THAN 15 MILES/GALLON	1	0		0	0		1	1		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
NO ANSWER	1	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	1		0	0		0	0	
TOTAL	449	100		47	100		72	100		82	100		90	100		83	100		46	100	

Table 11A

## 11.A. WHEN YOUR NEW PATROLCARS COME FROM THE MANUFACTURER, WHAT CHANGES OR ADDITIONS ARE MADE FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT (EITHER BY YOU OR BY YOUR DEALER)?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES			STATE			COUNTY			DEPARTMENT TYPE			CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)			FIFTY LARGEST CITIES			TOWNSHIP		
	NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%	
INSTALL STRENGTHEN	438	98		45	96		69	96		82	100		88	98		82	99		45	98	
REMOVE CHROME	2	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	1		0	0	
SPECIAL ENGINE CHANGES	10	2		0	0		0	0		2	2		2	2		3	4		1	2	
INSTALL SPOTLIGHTS	276	61		11	23		46	64		56	68		59	66		51	61		30	65	
INSTALL MOUNTING RACKS	229	51		8	17		28	39		39	48		60	67		54	65		24	52	
INSTALL BAR FLASHING LIGHTS	311	69		22	47		40	56		50	61		78	87		70	84		30	65	
INSTALL BUBBLE LIGHT	243	54		29	62		34	47		48	59		39	43		42	51		33	72	
INSTALL GUN RACKS	253	56		16	34		27	37		45	55		62	69		55	66		30	65	
INSTALL TRUNK RACKS	169	38		12	26		19	26		27	33		42	47		37	45		17	37	
INSTALL P.A. SYSTEM	338	75		35	74		46	64		49	60		75	83		70	84		39	85	
INSTALL BARRIER BETWEEN SEATS	192	43		8	17		25	35		36	44		46	51		36	43		28	61	
INSTALL MOBILE RADIO	438	98		46	98		68	94		81	99		88	98		82	99		45	98	
OTHER	130	29		28	60		12	17		18	22		29	32		17	20		20	43	
NO ANSWER/NONE	1	0		0	0		1	1		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
TOTAL	3030	674		260	554		415	576		533	651		668	743		600	722		342	743	

Table 11 B-1

11-B. WHAT PROBLEMS DO YOU HAVE MAKING THESE CHANGES TO THE MANUFACTURERS REGULAR MODEL?

EQUIPMENT ITEM MENTIONED:

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
RADIO EQUIP/CONTROLS	50	11	8	17	5	7	7	9	7	8	11	13	7	15	5	17
GUN RACK/MOUNTS	23	5	0	0	4	6	5	6	5	6	3	4	6	13	0	0
SIREN	24	5	10	21	0	0	2	2	5	6	3	4	3	7	1	3
BARRIER BTWN SEATS	21	5	1	2	6	8	5	6	4	4	4	5	1	2	0	0
SPOTLIGHT	18	4	2	4	5	7	3	4	3	3	2	2	0	0	3	10
BAR FLASHING LIGHTS	15	3	2	4	1	1	3	4	5	6	2	2	1	2	1	3
BUBBLE LIGHTS	6	1	1	2	1	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
PA SYSTEM	8	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	5	1	2	1	3
ITEMS UNDER HOOD	11	2	2	4	1	1	0	0	2	2	3	4	3	7	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	8	2	3	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
NO ANSWER/NONE SPECIFIED	332	74	24	51	54	75	65	79	73	81	61	73	33	72	22	76
TOTAL	516	114	54	113	78	107	95	116	105	117	95	114	56	122	33	112

Table 11 B-2

## 11.B. WHAT PROBLEMS DO YOU HAVE MAKING THESE CHANGES TO THE MANUFACTURERS REGULAR MODEL?

## EQUIPMENT PROBLEM:

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (11-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
SLIGHT PROB.:UNSPECIFIED	25	6	1	2	5	7	6	7	4	4	6	7	2	4	1	3
COST/TIME/DEPRECIATION	44	10	4	9	3	4	9	11	9	10	9	11	6	13	4	14
YEAR-TO-YEAR DESIGN/ MODEL CHANGES	49	11	3	6	9	12	4	5	11	12	16	19	6	13	0	0
LACK OF ROOM/APPRO. PLACE TO INSTALL/MOUNT	75	17	15	32	11	15	9	11	14	16	12	14	10	22	4	14
LACK OF APPRO. SUPPORT TO INSTALL/MOUNT	28	6	4	9	5	7	5	6	6	7	2	2	4	9	2	7
AVAILABILITY OF MECHANICS	6	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	0
WIRING PROBLEMS	25	6	0	0	4	6	4	5	4	4	7	8	3	7	3	10
MUST MODIFY/BUY EQUIPMENT OR MODIFY CAR TO INSTALL	57	13	7	15	7	10	10	12	13	14	10	12	8	17	2	7
OTHER	21	5	2	4	4	6	3	4	4	4	3	4	3	7	2	7
NONE/NO PROBLEMS	134	30	13	28	18	25	27	33	25	28	28	34	14	30	9	31
NO ANSWER	59	13	5	11	14	19	14	17	15	17	5	6	0	0	6	21
TOTAL	523	118	54	116	81	112	92	112	106	117	100	119	57	124	33	114

Table 12

## 12. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS WERE INCLUDED THE LAST TIME YOUR DEPARTMENT BOUGHT PATROLCARS?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE						CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	
POWER BRAKES	384	86	45	96	59	82	66	80	79	88	70	84	41	89	24	83				
AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION	426	95	46	98	63	87	78	95	88	98	79	95	46	100	26	90				
BULLET-PROOF GLASS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	3				
LIGHT IN TRUNK	200	45	31	66	33	46	36	44	38	42	31	37	14	30	17	59				
INTERIOR TRUNK RELEASE	164	37	28	60	23	32	17	21	34	38	30	36	14	30	18	62				
INTERIOR HOOD RELEASE	218	49	38	81	34	47	30	37	39	43	35	42	29	63	13	45				
LOCKING GAS CAP	47	10	8	17	6	8	7	9	7	8	6	7	13	28	0	0				
EIGHT-CYLINDER ENGINE	420	94	46	98	61	85	78	95	85	94	77	93	46	100	27	93				
HEAVY DUTY SUSPENSION	373	83	46	98	49	68	62	76	78	87	70	84	42	91	26	90				
AIR CONDITIONING	267	59	38	81	38	53	35	43	53	59	59	71	29	63	15	52				
BUCKET SEATS	19	4	1	2	3	4	2	2	3	3	3	4	7	15	0	0				
TINTED GLASS	235	52	33	70	28	39	34	41	46	51	56	67	25	54	13	45				
POWER STEERING	402	90	43	91	57	79	70	85	85	94	79	95	41	89	27	93				
DISC BRAKES	379	84	46	98	57	79	63	77	74	82	71	86	44	96	24	83				
OTHER	135	30	26	55	14	19	13	16	24	27	26	31	23	50	9	31				
NO ANSWER	4	1	0	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
TOTAL	3675	819	475	***	529	734	591	721	733	814	692	832	415	900	240	829				

Table 13

## 13. ABOUT HOW MUCH DOES A NEW PATROLCAR COST WITHOUT TRADE-IN? (INCLUDE COSTS FOR CHANGES, SPECIFIED BY YOU, WHICH THE DEALER MAKES.)

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES			STATE			COUNTY			DEPARTMENT TYPE						FIFTY LARGEST CITIES			TOWNSHIP					
	NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	NO.	%		NO.	%	
UNDER \$2500	10	2		0	0		3	4		1	1		2	2		3	4		0	0		1	3	
\$2500-\$2999	44	10		0	0		8	11		9	11		7	8		7	8		10	22		3	10	
\$3000-\$3499	176	39		23	49		22	31		24	29		42	47		37	45		23	50		5	17	
\$3500-\$3999	147	33		20	43		17	24		33	40		23	26		30	36		11	24		13	45	
\$4000-\$4499	41	9		4	9		7	10		12	15		9	10		3	4		1	2		5	17	
\$4500-\$4999	17	4		0	0		5	7		3	4		5	6		1	1		1	2		2	7	
\$5000 OR MORE	4	1		0	0		4	6		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
NO ANSWER	11	2		0	0		6	8		0	0		2	2		2	2		1	2		0	0	
TOTAL	449	100		47	100		72	100		82	100		90	100		83	100		46	100		29	100	

Table 14

14. WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NORMALLY CARRIED IN YOUR PATROLCARS? (X EACH ITEM THAT IS CARRIED IN NEARLY EVERY PATROLCAR)

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES			STATE			COUNTY			DEPARTMENT TYPE						CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)			FIFTY LARGEST CITIES			TOWNSHIP		
	NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%	
HAND-HELD RADIO	135	30		3	6		15	21		25	30		27	30		35	42		17	37		13	45	
SHOTGUN	329	73		36	77		57	79		59	72		68	76		57	69		32	70		20	69	
FLARES	364	81		43	91		58	81		71	87		69	77		63	76		31	67		29	100	
FIRST AID KIT	356	79		46	98		55	76		68	83		72	80		59	71		30	65		26	90	
EXTRA AMMUNITION	245	55		36	77		52	72		50	61		48	53		26	31		17	37		16	55	
BATONS	300	67		40	85		45	62		61	74		49	54		51	61		33	72		21	72	
CAMERA AND FILM	144	32		26	55		34	47		24	29		28	31		14	17		6	13		12	41	
CLIPBOARD	375	84		40	85		62	86		78	95		75	83		60	72		32	70		28	97	
BRIEFCASE	238	53		21	45		45	62		46	56		41	46		44	53		21	46		20	69	
FIRE EXTINGUISHER	372	83		45	96		58	81		62	76		77	86		69	83		32	70		29	100	
BLANKETS	288	64		36	77		47	65		44	54		66	73		54	65		20	43		21	72	
FINGERPRINT KITS	85	19		5	11		27	37		16	20		16	18		11	13		7	15		3	10	
FIELD DETECTION KITS	28	6		8	17		4	6		4	5		6	7		2	2		3	7		1	3	
RIOT EQUIPMENT	124	28		36	77		17	24		15	18		14	16		23	28		11	24		8	28	
OTHER	129	29		27	57		13	18		23	28		21	23		18	22		15	33		12	41	
NO ANSWER	1	0		0	0		1	1		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
TOTAL	3513	783		448	954		590	818		646	788		677	753		586	705		307	669		259	892	



Table 14 A-1

14.A. WHAT PROBLEMS HAVE YOU HAD, IF ANY, STORING IN THE CAR THE EQUIPMENT THAT IS USUALLY CARRIED IN YOUR PATROLCARS? (NAME THE ITEM OF EQUIPMENT AND DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM IN THE SPACES PROVIDED)

## EQUIPMENT ITEMS NAMED AS BEING ASSOCIATED WITH STORAGE PROBLEMS:

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES			STATE			COUNTY			DEPARTMENT TYPE						CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)			FIFTY LARGEST CITIES			TOWNSHIP		
	NO.	%		NO.	%		NO.	%		CITY (11-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	NO.	%	FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	NO.	%	TOWNSHIP	NO.	%
EQUIPMENT IN GENERAL	7	2		1	2		1	1		0	0		1	1		3	4		1	2		0	0	
HAND-HELD RADIO	6	1		0	0		0	0		1	1		2	2		1	1		2	4		0	0	
SHOTGUN	70	16		4	9		3	4		9	11		24	27		21	25		7	15		2	7	
FLARES	26	6		1	2		2	3		4	5		7	8		8	10		3	7		1	3	
FIRST AID KIT	31	7		1	2		4	6		3	4		6	7		11	13		2	4		4	14	
EXTRA AMMUNITION	4	1		1	2		0	0		1	1		1	1		1	1		0	0		0	0	
BATONS	10	2		0	0		2	3		1	1		4	4		1	1		2	4		0	0	
CAMERA AND FILM	11	2		0	0		2	3		3	4		3	3		1	1		2	4		0	0	
CLIPBOARD	9	2		1	2		0	0		1	1		3	3		2	2		1	2		0	0	
BRIEFCASE	4	1		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		3	4		1	2		0	0	
FIRE EXTINGUISHER	21	5		2	4		1	1		4	5		5	6		3	4		1	2		1	3	
BLANKETS	13	3		0	0		1	1		1	1		6	7		3	4		4	9		2	7	
FINGERPRINT KITS	1	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	1		0	0		0	0		0	0	
FIELD DETECTION KITS	1	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
RIOT EQUIPMENT	4	1		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	2		0	0	
TRUNK ITEMS IN GENERAL	28	6		3	6		4	6		7	9		4	4		6	7		3	7		1	3	
REPORT BOX	2	0		0	0		0	0		1	1		0	0		0	0		1	2		0	0	
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	17	4		1	2		4	6		0	0		0	0		9	11		1	2		1	3	
OXYGEN TANKS	6	1		0	0		1	1		2	2		2	2		0	0		0	0		1	3	
FLASHLIGHT	5	1		2	4		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	1		1	2		1	3	
DOG EQUIP IN GENERAL	3	1		0	0		1	1		2	2		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
RADAR EQUIPMENT	2	0		0	0		0	0		2	2		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
STRETCHER	2	0		0	0		0	0		2	2		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
SPARE TIRE/MOUNTS	5	1		0	0		1	1		0	0		1	1		1	1		1	2		0	0	
SIREN	6	1		2	4		2	3		1	1		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	3	
TAPE MEASURE	1	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	1		0	0		0	0	
BINOCULARS	1	0		0	0		0	0		1	1		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
BARRIER BETWEEN SEATS	2	0		0	0		0	0		1	1		0	0		0	0		1	2		0	0	
STORAGE BOX	7	2		1	2		1	1		2	2		2	2		0	0		1	2		0	0	
EMERGENCY EQUIP IN GEN.	2	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		1	2		1	3	
OTHER	19	4		3	6		0	0		4	5		3	3		4	5		4	9		1	3	
NONE/NO PROBLEM	106	24		12	26		20	28		23	28		16	18		16	19		11	24		8	28	
NO ANSWER	168	37		19	40		34	47		32	39		35	39		26	31		11	24		11	38	
TOTAL	600	131		54	113		84	116		106	127		127	140		127	152		64	137		38	128	

Table 14 A-2

14.A. WHAT PROBLEMS HAVE YOU HAD, IF ANY, STORING IN THE CAR THE EQUIPMENT THAT IS USUALLY CARRIED IN YOUR PATROLCARS? (NAME THE ITEM OF EQUIPMENT AND DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM IN THE SPACES PROVIDED)

PROBLEM MENTIONED:

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	
DIFFICULT TO INSTALL/MOUNT: GENERAL NOT ENOUGH SUPPORT TO INSTALL/MOUNT NO APPRO. PLACE TO STORE THAT IS ALSO ACCESSIBLE YEAR-TO-YEAR DESIGN/MODEL CHANGES GETS DIRTY OR DAMP THREATENS SAFETY NOT ENOUGH ROOM TO STORE IN PLACE DESIRED NO APPROPRIATE PLACE TO STORE (GENERAL) EQUIP. PROB. NOT STORAGE OTHER PROBLEM UNSPECIFIED NONE/NO PROBLEM NO ANSWER	39	9	5	11	4	6	2	2	7	8	16	19	4	9	1	3		
	11	2	0	0	0	0	3	4	4	4	3	4	1	2	0	0		
	25	6	4	9	1	1	1	1	10	11	4	5	5	11	0	0		
	11	2	1	2	0	0	2	2	3	3	4	5	1	2	0	0		
	71	16	1	2	11	15	12	15	18	20	17	20	4	9	8	28		
	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	0	0		
	61	14	5	11	4	6	11	13	10	11	14	17	11	24	6	21		
	83	18	7	15	10	14	18	22	13	14	22	27	10	22	3	10		
	11	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	6	7	3	4	0	0	0	0		
	8	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	4	9	1	3		
	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0		
	106	24	12	26	20	28	23	28	16	18	16	19	11	24	8	28		
	167	37	18	38	34	47	32	39	35	39	26	31	11	24	11	38		
	TOTAL	600	134	54	116	84	117	106	128	127	140	127	153	64	140	38	131	

Table 14 A-3

14.A. WHAT PROBLEMS HAVE YOU HAD, IF ANY, STORING IN THE CAR THE EQUIPMENT THAT IS USUALLY CARRIED IN YOUR PATROLCARS? (NAME THE ITEM OF EQUIPMENT AND DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM IN THE SPACES PROVIDED)

## EQUIPMENT STORAGE PROBLEM\*

EQUIPMENT ITEM	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.
EQUIPMENT IN GENERAL	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
HAND-HELD RADIO	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
SHOTGUN	11	2	6	1	8	2	10	14	3	0	0	0	0
FLARES	4	1	1	0	12	3	0	7	2	0	1	0	0
FIRST AID KIT	2	0	0	0	12	3	0	8	2	2	0	0	0
EXTRA AMMUNITION	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
BATONS	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
CAMERA AND FILM	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	1	1	0	0	0
CLIPBOARD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
BRIEFCASE	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
FIRE EXTINGUISHER	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	0	0	0
BLANKETS	0	0	0	0	10	2	0	2	0	3	1	0	0
FINGERPRINT KITS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
FIELD DETECTION KITS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
RIOT EQUIPMENT	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TRUNK ITEMS IN GENERAL	2	0	0	0	14	3	0	9	2	1	0	0	0
REPORT BOX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP	3	1	2	0	2	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
OXYGEN TANKS	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
FLASHLIGHT	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
DOG EQUIP IN GENERAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
RADAR EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
STRETCHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPARE TIRE/MOUNTS	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SIREN	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAPE MEASURE	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
BINOCULARS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
BARRIER BETWEEN SEATS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
STORAGE BOX	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
EMERGENCY EQUIP IN GEN.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	2	4	1	0	0	0
NONE/NO PROBLEM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106	24
NO ANSWER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	167
													37

\*A. DIFFICULT TO INSTALL/MOUNT (GENERAL)

B. NOT ENOUGH SUPPORT TO INSTALL/MOUNT

C. NO APPRO. PLACE TO STORE THAT IS ALSO ACCESSIBLE

D. YEAR-TO-YEAR DESIGN/MODEL CHANGES

E. GETS DIRTY OR DAMP

F. THREATENS SAFETY

G. NOT ENOUGH ROOM TO STORE IN PLACE DESIRED

H. NO APPROPRIATE PLACE TO STORE (GENERAL)

I. EQUIP. PROB. NOT STORAGE

J. OTHER

K. PROBLEM UNSPECIFIED

L. NONE/NO PROBLEM

M. NO ANSWER

Table 15

15. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING FEATURES DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE ON ALL OF YOUR PATROLCARS? (CHECK EACH ITEM THAT APPLIES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU KNOW IT IS NOW AVAILABLE OR NOT)

## RESPONSE

	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
		NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
AIR CONDITIONING	383	85		61	85	67	82	76	84	74	89	39	85	23	79		
TINTED GLASS	373	83		56	78	66	80	76	84	71	86	37	80	25	86		
ADDITIONAL HEADROOM	281	63		38	53	46	56	57	63	58	70	30	65	19	66		
ADDITIONAL LEGROOM	199	44		22	31	33	40	46	51	38	46	23	50	14	48		
BUCKET SEATS W/ CONSOLE	168	37		15	21	32	39	37	41	41	49	19	41	13	45		
BETTER VENT. UPHOLSTERY	320	71		39	54	55	67	75	83	64	77	38	83	20	69		
MORE DURABLE SEAT SPRINGS	325	72		39	54	61	74	68	76	66	80	36	78	22	76		
FOLD-OUT DESK IN FRONT	167	37		21	29	37	45	41	46	31	37	14	30	14	48		
COMMUNICATIONS CONSOLE	309	69		44	61	54	66	73	81	63	76	29	63	20	69		
LARGER GLOVE COMPARTMENT	178	40		31	43	32	39	38	42	27	33	16	35	12	41		
BARRIER BETWEEN SEATS	325	72		49	68	72	88	71	79	59	71	33	72	24	83		
BUILT-IN SHELVES IN TRUNK	252	56		29	40	56	68	64	71	48	58	16	35	24	83		
NOISE SOUNDPROOFING	149	33		18	25	32	39	32	36	27	33	12	26	10	34		
BUILT-IN MOUNTING BRACKETS	280	62		37	51	57	70	69	77	57	69	23	50	21	72		
BULLET-PROOF GLASS	172	38		25	35	40	49	37	41	29	35	18	39	15	52		
INTERIOR MAP LAMP	339	76		36	77	65	79	67	74	65	78	36	78	23	79		
BUILT-IN CRASH BARS	313	70		47	65	58	71	69	77	59	71	31	67	20	69		
LOCKING GAS CAP	226	50		29	40	40	49	50	56	37	45	31	67	13	45		
BUMPERS WITH PUSH BARS	259	58		35	49	42	51	57	63	51	61	28	61	16	55		
360 DEGREE OBSRV. MIRRORS	285	63		42	58	57	70	71	79	49	59	21	46	18	62		
TRUNK/HOOD RELEASES INSIDE	382	85		54	75	67	82	78	87	75	90	41	89	27	93		
CENTRAL DOOR LOCK	317	71		45	62	59	72	73	81	58	70	28	61	25	86		
HEAVY DUTY SUSPENSION	420	94		64	89	78	95	84	93	78	94	42	91	28	97		
OTHER	98	22		11	15	12	15	24	27	16	19	17	37	5	17		
NO ANSWER	1	0		1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	10034	***		1489	***	1864	***	2110	***	1827	***	965	***	710	***		

15.A. WHICH THREE OF THE ABOVE FEATURES (ITEMS CHECKED IN QUESTION 15) WOULD BE MOST IMPORTANT TO HAVE IN ALL YOUR PATROLCARS?

DEPARTMENT TYPE

	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (11-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
AIR CONDITIONING	190	42	29	62	29	40	35	43	38	42	29	35	19	41	11	38
TINTED GLASS	14	3	2	4	6	8	2	2	1	1	0	0	2	4	1	3
ADDITIONAL HEADROOM	65	14	14	30	8	11	8	10	18	20	9	11	6	13	2	7
ADDITIONAL LEGROOM	24	5	3	6	2	3	2	2	6	7	2	7	2	4	2	7
BUCKET SEATS W/ CONSOLE	36	8	3	6	3	4	8	10	4	4	8	10	6	13	4	14
BETTER VENT. UPHOLSTERY	31	7	2	4	2	3	4	5	6	7	5	6	6	13	6	21
MORE DURABLE SEAT SPRINGS	32	7	2	4	1	1	4	5	8	9	9	11	4	9	4	14
FOLD-OUT DESK IN FRONT	12	3	0	0	1	1	3	4	1	1	5	6	2	4	0	0
COMMUNICATIONS CONSOLE	108	24	5	11	22	31	24	29	20	22	24	29	6	13	7	24
LARGER GLOVE COMPARTMENT	8	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	7	2	7
BARRIER BETWEEN SEATS	139	31	3	6	20	28	31	38	32	36	29	35	14	30	10	34
BUILT-IN SHELVES IN TRUNK	28	6	0	0	4	6	7	9	6	7	8	10	1	2	2	7
NOISE SOUNDPROOFING	5	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BUILT-IN MOUNTING BRACKETS	32	7	4	9	4	6	8	10	8	9	3	4	3	7	2	7
BULLET-PROOF GLASS	47	10	0	0	6	8	11	13	13	14	9	11	3	7	5	17
INTERIOR MAP LAMP	4	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
BUILT-IN CRASH BARS	142	32	16	34	24	33	25	30	32	36	31	37	7	15	7	24
LOCKING GAS CAP	8	2	0	0	2	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0
BUMPERS WITH PUSH BARS	27	6	6	13	5	7	2	2	4	4	8	10	2	4	0	0
360 DEGREE OBSRV. MIRRORS	27	6	2	4	3	4	5	6	9	10	5	6	1	2	2	7
TRUNK/HOOD RELEASES INSIDE	33	7	1	2	4	6	5	6	8	9	7	8	5	11	3	10
CENTRAL DOOR LOCK	44	10	2	4	10	14	7	9	13	14	9	11	1	2	2	7
HEAVY DUTY SUSPENSION	171	38	24	51	24	33	32	39	27	30	25	30	28	61	11	38
OTHER	55	12	10	21	8	11	5	6	6	7	9	11	13	28	4	14
NO ANSWER	13	3	2	4	6	8	3	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1295	287	131	277	197	272	238	290	263	292	244	294	135	292	87	300



Table 16

## 16. WHAT IS THE AVERAGE DOWNTIME PER PATROLCAR PER MONTH FOR SERVICE AND REPAIR?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
		NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
LESS THAN 3 DAYS/MONTH	280	62		34	72	62	76		46	51		17	37	23	79
3-5 DAYS PER MONTH	142	32		13	28	19	23		39	43		22	48	4	14
6-8 DAYS PER MONTH	21	5		0	0	1	1		4	4		5	11	1	3
9-11 DAYS PER MONTH	2	0		0	0	0	0		1	1		1	2	0	0
12-14 DAYS PER MONTH	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0
MORE THAN 14 DAYS/MONTH	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	0	0
NO ANSWER	4	1		0	0	0	0		0	0		1	2	1	3
TOTAL	449	100		47	100	82	100		90	100		46	100	29	100

Table 17

## 17. LISTED BELOW ARE FOUR FACTORS THAT MAY BE CAUSES OF PATROLCAR DOWNTIME. LOOK OVER THE ENTIRE LIST, AND THEN PLACE AN X BY THE ITEM THAT MOST OFTEN CAUSES PATROLCAR DOWNTIME IN YOUR DEPARTMENT.

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
		NO.	%	NO.	%	CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
TIME TO ACTUALLY PERFORM THE SERVICE/REPAIR	102	23		7	15	16	20		21	23		7	15	17	59
FREQUENT NEED FOR SERVICE/REPAIR	109	24		10	21	22	27		31	34		10	22	3	10
DELAY IN GETTING PARTS	115	26		23	49	17	21		20	22		12	26	6	21
SHORTAGE OF MECHANICS/ REPAIRMEN (WORKLOAD)	134	30		8	17	24	29		20	22		20	43	3	10
OTHER	25	6		3	6	4	5		4	4		3	7	0	0
NO ANSWER	7	2		0	0	2	2		0	0		0	0	1	3
TOTAL	492	111		51	108	85	104		96	105		52	113	30	103

Table 18

18. IN WHAT THREE AREAS DOES THE MAJORITY OF YOUR PATROL CAR SERVICE/  
REPAIR OCCUR. (DO NOT INCLUDE OIL CHANGES AND SCHEDULED TUNE-UPS.)

## RESPONSE

	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE						COUNTY						CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)						CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)						CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)						FIFTY LARGEST CITIES						TOWNSHIP					
		NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
BODY WORK	109	24		9	19			12	17			7	9			16	18			32	39			27	59			6	21			6	21			10	34			0	0		
BRAKE SYSTEM	228	51		19	40			26	36			34	41			53	59			52	63			34	74			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0		
STANDARD TRANSMISSION SYS.	1	0		0	0			1	1			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0		
AUTO. TRANSMISSION SYSTEM	116	26		16	34			12	17			20	24			16	18			26	31			20	43			6	21			6	21			6	21			6	21		
REPLACEMENT OF TIRES	203	45		11	23			45	62			51	62			53	59			21	25			3	7			19	66			19	66			19	66			19	66		
FRONT END ALIGNMENT	170	38		12	26			45	62			25	30			33	37			27	33			12	26			16	55			16	55			16	55			16	55		
SERVICE OF AIR CONDITIONING	26	6		6	13			2	3			1	1			5	6			7	8			5	11			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0		
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	128	29		20	43			12	17			25	30			24	27			26	31			16	35			5	17			5	17			5	17			5	17		
AUXILIARY ELECTRICAL EQUIP.	39	9		0	0			4	6			8	10			10	11			9	11			2	4			6	21			6	21			6	21			6	21		
REAR END MAINTENANCE	7	2		3	6			0	0			3	4			1	1			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0		
ENGINE	250	56		.41	87			34	47			47	57			48	53			49	59			16	35			15	52			15	52			15	52			15	52		
OTHER	28	6		2	4			4	6			8	10			7	8			3	4			3	7			1	3			1	3			1	3			1	3		
NO ANSWER	1	0		0	0			1	1			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0			0	0		
TOTAL	1306	292		139	295			198	275			229	278			266	297			252	304			138	301			84	290			84	290			84	290			84	290		

Table 19-1

19. WHAT FEATURE OF YOUR PRESENT PATROLCARS DO YOU CONSIDER DANGEROUS TO THE OCCUPANTS, AND HOW ARE THEY DANGEROUS? (NAME THE PATROLCAR FEATURES AND DESCRIBE THE DANGER IN THE SPACES PROVIDED BELOW)

## DANGEROUS FEATURE:

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
		NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
BRAKE SYSTEM	70	16	6	13	6	8	10	22	24	16	19	6	13	6	21
RESTRAINT SYSTEM(S)	28	6	3	6	7	10	4	3	3	6	7	3	7	2	7
SHOTGUN MOUNT/HOLDER/RACK	15	3	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	3	4	7	15	0	0
TIRES	14	3	0	0	0	0	3	4	4	3	4	2	4	2	7
AUXILIARY FRONT SEAT EQUIP	28	6	0	0	4	6	4	5	6	11	13	3	7	1	3
LACK CRASH BARS/ROOF SUPPT	12	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	10
BUMPERS	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	2	4	3	10
LACK OF BARRIER BTWN SEATS	23	5	0	0	3	4	5	6	4	5	6	4	9	2	7
BODY CONSTRUC/STRENGTH	33	7	3	6	4	6	5	6	11	12	6	4	9	1	3
SUSPENSION SYS. (FT & REAR)	39	9	0	0	5	7	5	6	9	10	4	11	24	5	17
ENGINE PERFORMANCE	20	4	3	6	2	3	3	4	4	3	4	2	4	1	3
DOORS/DOOR LOCKS	19	4	0	0	2	3	4	5	7	8	4	2	4	0	0
INSUFFICIENT HEADRM/LEG RM	9	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	1	2	4	3	10
SEATS (FRONT AND REAR)	11	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	5	11	0	0
WINDSHIELD/WINDOWS	14	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	4	4	3	3	7	1	3
TRANSMISSION SYSTEM	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	3
DESIGN PROB. (GENERAL)	8	2	3	6	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
REAR VIEW MIRROR/CORNR POST	10	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	7	1	2	4	0	0
EXHAUST SYSTEM/VENTILATION	8	2	0	0	0	0	3	4	2	2	0	1	2	2	7
STEERING WHEEL/COLUMN	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
SPOTLIGHT	5	1	1	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
RADIO MOUNT/CONTROLS	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0
FENDER OVERHANG (FT & REAR)	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
LIGHT WEIGHT	7	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	4	1	3
WIRING	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	3
COMMENT, NOT FEATURE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS	52	12	5	11	1	1	9	11	14	16	13	8	17	2	7
NO PROBLEMS/NONE	61	14	9	19	13	18	11	13	11	12	6	7	15	4	14
NO ANSWER	172	38	21	45	32	44	36	44	31	34	29	35	26	11	38
TOTAL	683	152	60	126	87	119	108	131	154	167	128	152	203	52	176

Table 19-2

19. WHAT FEATURE OF YOUR PRESENT PATROLCARS DO YOU CONSIDER DANGEROUS TO THE OCCUPANTS, AND HOW ARE THEY DANGEROUS? (NAME THE PATROLCAR FEATURES AND DESCRIBE THE DANGER IN THE SPACES PROVIDED BELOW)

HOW DANGEROUS:

RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP	
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
FAILS/LESS PERF AT HIGH SPD	46	10	5	11	5	7	6	7	10	11	8	10	7	15	5	17
POTEN. INJURY CAUSE(COLLISN)	40	9	6	13	3	4	0	0	8	9	11	13	9	20	3	10
POTEN. CAUSE OF INJURY(GEN)	26	6	2	4	1	1	5	6	5	6	5	6	5	11	3	10
DECRSE CONTROL OF VEHICLE	31	7	2	4	4	6	5	6	4	4	4	5	8	17	4	14
STRESS/WEAR CAUSE FAILURE	20	4	0	0	1	1	3	4	6	7	5	6	4	9	1	3
INTERFERES WITH DRIVER	9	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	2	4	1	3
INTERFERES WITH OFFICR DUTY	26	6	1	2	4	6	4	5	4	4	7	8	4	9	2	7
DECREASES VISIBILITY	17	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	7	8	3	4	3	7	1	3
PRISONER TRANSP MORE HAZARD	27	6	0	0	6	8	10	6	6	7	4	5	2	4	1	3
FAILURE (GENERAL)	45	10	4	9	2	3	5	6	14	16	13	16	4	9	3	10
FAILURE DURING COLLISION	26	6	1	2	0	0	5	6	7	8	4	5	6	13	3	10
LACK OF PROTECTN (GENERAL)	19	4	1	2	3	4	2	2	6	7	4	5	1	2	2	7
NOT STRONG ENOUGH (GENERAL)	19	4	1	2	1	1	5	6	5	6	2	2	4	9	1	3
NOT HEAVY ENOUGH (GENERAL)	6	1	0	0	0	0	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	0
INSUFFICIENT FOR PURPOSE	29	6	2	4	2	3	2	2	8	9	5	6	6	13	4	14
DESIGN PROBLEM (GENERAL)	10	2	2	4	2	3	0	0	2	2	3	4	1	2	0	0
NOT SECURED (GENERAL)	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	3
NOT ENOUGH ROOM (GENERAL)	11	2	0	0	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	4	3	7	1	3
OTHER	28	6	1	2	5	7	4	5	9	10	7	8	1	2	4	14
NO PROBLEMS/NONE	61	14	9	19	13	18	11	13	11	12	6	7	7	15	4	14
NO ANSWER/UNSPECIFIED	183	41	21	45	32	44	38	46	34	38	31	37	16	35	11	38
TOTAL	683	151	60	127	87	120	108	130	154	172	128	154	94	205	52	175





Table 20-1

20. DO YOU THINK THAT SEPARATE SAFETY STANDARDS ARE NEEDED FOR PATROLCARS?  
 THAT IS, DO YOU THINK THAT THE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR POLICE VEHICLES  
 NEED TO BE DIFFERENT THAN THE SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CARS USED BY  
 THE GENERAL PUBLIC?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	DEPARTMENT TYPE															
		STATE		COUNTY		CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)		CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)		CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)		FIFTY LARGEST CITIES		TOWNSHIP			
		NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%		
YES	349	78	37	79	49	68	69	84	73	81	63	76	34	74	24	83	
NO	90	20	10	21	19	26	10	12	16	18	18	22	12	26	5	17	
NO ANSWER	10	2	0	0	4	6	3	4	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	449	100	47	100	72	100	82	100	90	100	83	100	46	100	29	100	

Table 20-2

IF YES, WHY?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE	COUNTY	DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	TOWNSHIP
				CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)			
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
MORE USE THAN CIVILIAN CAR	92	26	7	14	16	23	20	27	12	35
DIFF. USE THAN CIVIL. CAR	116	33	13	35	21	30	20	27	11	32
PRISONER TRASPOT MENTION	4	1	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0
DIFF. USE: HIGH SPEED USE	104	30	18	49	15	22	26	36	5	15
VARIETY OF DRIVING SPEEDS	12	3	2	5	0	0	3	4	2	6
USED UNDER EXTREME DRIVING	41	12	4	11	8	12	11	15	1	3
CONDITIONS(WEATHER/RDS)	15	4	0	0	2	3	1	1	4	12
MANY DRIVERS FOR SAME CAR	64	18	14	38	11	16	6	8	11	32
MENTION OF SPECIFIC ASPECT	54	15	2	5	18	26	15	21	4	12
OR SYSTEM OF CAR	11	3	1	3	5	7	2	3	1	3
GREATER RISK/MORE EXPOSURE	28	8	0	0	7	10	7	10	4	12
TO ACCIDENTS	541	153	61	165	104	150	113	155	55	162
OTHER										
NO ANSWER										
TOTAL										

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Table 20-3

IF NO, WHY NOT?

## RESPONSE

RESPONSE	ALL DEPARTMENT TYPES	STATE	COUNTY	DEPARTMENT TYPE				CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	FIFTY LARGEST CITIES	TOWNSHIP
				CITY (1-9 OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)	CITY (50 OR MORE OFFICERS)	CITY (10-49 OFFICERS)			
	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%	NO.	%
SFTY STANDARDS SHOULD APPLY	33	37	1	10	4	40	6	37	5	42
EQUALLY TO ALL CARS	8	9	0	0	1	10	2	12	1	8
NO NEED (GENERAL)	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NO HIGH SPEED DRIVING	3	3	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	0
GOOD DRIVING ELIMINATES NEED	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GOOD MAINTENANCE ELIM. NEED	4	4	2	20	0	0	1	6	0	0
WOULD COST TOO MUCH	6	7	1	10	2	20	1	6	1	8
OTHER	35	39	7	70	3	30	6	37	4	33
NO ANSWER										
TOTAL										



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