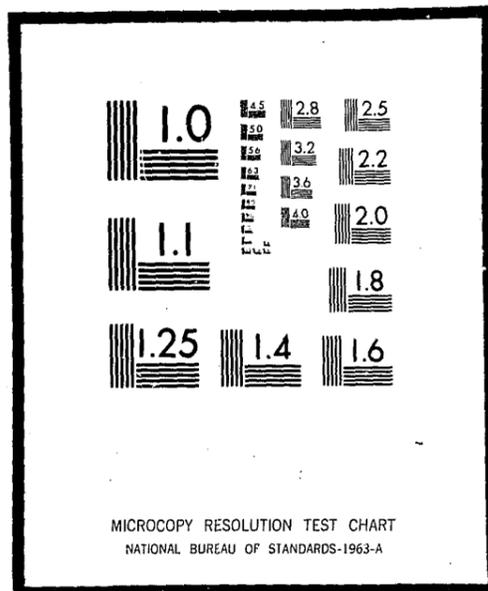


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I. STATEMENT ABOUT WAHPETON - AND THE GENERAL NEED FOR THIS PROGRAM

Wahpeton, the county seat of Richland County, is the southeastern gateway to North Dakota. Located at the head of the Red River of the North, Wahpeton centers one of the richest agricultural areas in the nation. Richland County ranks among the leading counties of the United States in flax and oats production and is the top corn and soybean producer in North Dakota. Served by major highways, U.S. 81 and 75, and N. Dak. 13, and Minn. 210 and 9, three railroads and two trucking services, Wahpeton is a thriving community of 7,000 people, a retail center for a trade territory lying in nine counties with a population of over 56,000.

Wahpeton School District operates five elementary schools, one junior high and one senior high school. In addition there are 2 parochial schools. The chief institution of higher learning is the North Dakota State School of Science. This two year college has grown from one building to a campus of 125 acres and 12½ million dollars investment in buildings with another 3½ million dollars in equipment. The present enrollment is nearly 3,000. Also located in Wahpeton is one of the largest United States Indian Schools in the northwest. It provides an educational program and boarding facilities for approximately 400 students from several states in the area.

Care of the elderly is provided by the Wahpeton Rehabilitation Center which has beds for people who may need extensive care. The Leach Home offers care for ambulatory people, and the City also has a community center for the elderly.

Wahpeton is noted for its recreation. Hunting and fishing are two of the most popular sports in the area. The City has the finest park in the northwest. Complete in every respect, Chahinkapa Park has many acres of woodland with lagoons, lily ponds, flower gardens, a zoo, and picnic grounds. A lighted football field, twelve softball fields, tennis courts, a baseball park, horseshoe courts, an excellent swimming pool and an ice skating rink offer ample outdoor recreation. Adjoining the park is the beautiful Bois de Sioux Golf Club with a \$125,000 club house. Unique in that the course lies in two states, it contains 18 grass greens for golfers in Wahpeton and its twin city - Breckenridge, Minnesota. One indoor theatre, one drive-in theatre and a new 12 lane bowling center are additional recreational facilities. Wahpeton takes pride in the fact that its people cooperate to provide recreation for its citizenry of all ages.

The Community Development Corporation of Wahpeton promotes, aids, develops, and advances the industrial and business prosperity and welfare of Wahpeton and surrounding territory. It assists in securing loans and in leasing and purchasing. In addition it owns and manages lands and buildings and other properties. The Community Development Corporation also promotes the development of industries, commercial and other types of business in Wahpeton so as to create additional employment and stabilize the economy of the territory.

The Wahpeton Chamber of Commerce is the official organization of the business and professional people of the City. The organization handles

such matters as information, agricultural programs, conventions, community public relations, and education civic affairs. The Chamber promotes many other activities concerned with the growth and welfare of Wahpeton and its trade area.

Governed by a Mayor-Council form of government, Wahpeton has the enviable reputation of having the lowest bonded indebtedness and the lowest total mill rate of towns of comparable size in the state. Wahpeton is one of the five fastest growing cities in North Dakota. The people of Wahpeton continually strive to improve the welfare of all its people, especially the young.

While the citizens of Wahpeton are proud of the recreational activities they have provided for their citizens, they are ever alert to the immediate and future recreational needs of their people.

Therefore, in 1965 the Wahpeton Rotary Club along with the Jaycees, Kiwanis, City Council, Park Board and Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the public school carried out a survey involving 500 young people in grades 9-12 and 400 parents. The purpose was to determine the attitudes and needs of youth.

The survey revealed several interesting facts. One-third of all students did not participate in any community or non-school associated activities. Of the teenagers sampled 58% felt there were not enough youth organizations within the community separate from the school. It showed that the

ninth grade students were the most active participants in non-school activities. Of all high school students surveyed 85% felt there was a lack of community youth organizations.

While about one-third of the students spent no time at all in school or community organizations, only 5% were not involved in some type of church related activities. Fifty seven per-cent spent between two and three hours per-week in church activities.

Of all students sampled, 65% felt there was a sufficient number of school affiliated organizations. More than 50% of the ninth graders, Juniors, and seniors indicated that the school provided adequate activities, whereas 86% of the sophomores indicated there were insufficient activities or organizations to meet their needs.

The survey seemed to indicate that about a third of the students did not participate in school or community organizations, but nearly all (95%) spent some time each week in church related activities. There seemed to be a tendency for students to participate less in community organizations and more in school organizations as they progressed from ninth grade to the senior year. Ninth graders particularly felt there were not enough community clubs and tenth-graders feel strongly that there are not enough school organizations. The majority of students in this survey indicated that more community organizations were needed. Part of this evaluation will try to find out if the Wahpeton Police Youth Program has helped solve some of these problems for ninth and tenth-graders.

It will also try to determine if any improvement of youth recreational needs for junior and seniors have taken place.

II. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

For some time the Wahpeton City Park Board has had a summer activity program. This program includes a swimming team, regular swimming pool hours for all Wahpeton Youth, a Junior Legion Baseball Team, plus a regular baseball league for all young people of Wahpeton. It also includes a girls softball league, as well as slow-pitch leagues for men and women of all ages.

In 1964 and 1965 Wahpeton began to have problems with some of the ninth grade students. The most serious was the increase in car thefts by the younger teenage boys.

Lt. Joe Dietchman, a regular member of the Wahpeton Police Department, took a special interest in these young fellows. Working with the juvenile authorities of Wahpeton, Mr. Dietchman began getting these people involved in activities at the Armory, first by playing basketball with them. It was these young people who enticed Dietchman to conduct a program on a regular basis and to involve all the young people of Wahpeton.

Early in 1969 Mr. James R. Eissinger from the North Dakota Combined Law Enforcement Council met with people from Wahpeton who were interested in doing more for the youth of the community. Mr. Eissinger informed the group that federal funds were available for crime prevention under Public Law 930 of the Safe Streets Act. Under this act funds were

available to assist cities in keeping young people off the streets and involved in wholesome activities. Mr. Robert L. Eckert, Wahpeton city attorney, wrote the proposal which was approved by the city council. In 1969, Wahpeton received funds for this program administered by the City Police Department under the supervision of Lt. Dietchman.

The purpose of the Police Youth Program is to aid in effective law enforcement and to implement and enact programs dealing with young people. The officer in charge has two main duties: (1) to organize and supervise youth activities in the City of Wahpeton and (2) to work with juvenile delinquents and investigate criminal activities of young people in Wahpeton. The officer also acts as coordinator between city, county and state law agencies.

The overall objectives of the program are twofold: one, to provide wholesome activities for all young people of Wahpeton thereby preventing young people from getting into trouble. By providing worthwhile activities, properly supervised these youth will develop better attitudes toward authorities and society in general. The second objective is to help a youngster who may have gotten into trouble. Briefly stated, the objectives are preventative and rehabilitative.

By having this program under the supervision of the Police Department, young people will see the policeman as a "person" in our society rather than an enforcement officer. When young people have worked and played under the supervision of a policeman, they may develop a better

attitude toward this individual and toward the police.

Another phase of this program is the Police Cadet Program. The objective of this phase is to have youth of the community work directly with police officers, allowing these cadets to see how law enforcement agencies work. By having them work with an officer, these young people will better understand the penal and correctional institutions in our society. The second objective of this program is to encourage these young people to become policemen.

A-B. At present the activities at the Armory are mainly recreational. Some are: basketball, wrestling, volleyball, gymnastics, ping pong, table games, football, soccer, trampoline, roller skating, weight lifting and archery. There is a high school basketball league and a wrestling league for fourth, fifth and sixth graders. There is an adult volleyball league. Last year there was a very active women's physical fitness program. The Jaycees are working with a youth rifle club, instructing youngsters in the proper use of rifles. During the summer competitive softball leagues will be established.

Another aspect of this program, put into effect in January of 1971, is the teen club above the City Hall. This is primarily for the high school students of Wahpeton. The rooms provide for pool and card playing or just relaxing. One room includes a record player for dancing. There is also a TV room.

- C. The sanitary conditions in the Armory may not be up to the standards of the young people are used to having in their homes. However, taking into consideration public rest rooms in general the facilities available at the Armory would meet average standards.
- D. At present, Lt. Dietchman's main objective in working with problem youngsters is to get them involved with other young people of Wahpeton. He realizes that in some cases there should be much closer guidance and supervision of these people, but at present, time does not permit it. As this program develops he would like to work more with these people in small groups and give them the proper guidance.
- E. The educational activities concerning driving, drinking, and drugs are very limited at this time. Although the police department cooperates with the local schools in presenting programs on these subjects there is no special program at the Armory to develop and improve attitudes in these areas.

III. JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PRIOR TO ESTABLISHING THIS PROGRAM

The general objective of this program are to have Wahpeton young people work directly with city policemen. To help them understand the work of law enforcement agencies and to interest youth in law enforcement work.

The Police Cadet Program has been in effect for one year having started with five boys, three of whom are still with the organization. At present there are nine active members. Some of these cadets are youth who have had a run-in with the law in some way or another. The boys have regular police uniforms, the only difference being an arm patch identifying them as cadets. There is no membership limit in this organization. To belong to the program a boy must be in high school and maintain a "C" average. He must submit in a written report on his ideas and opinions regarding the law enforcement officer's work. After one year of work with police officers, a cadet is required to turn in additional such reports. Cadets must also attend the regular weekly meetings. Should an individual miss three meetings or more, the other members may request the individual to turn in his uniform. The boys try to discipline their own members.

The cadet activities have included helping officers supervise parades, license bicycles, and patrol streets when requested by the cadet supervisor. Last year on Halloween, three boys used their own cars to patrol the streets. In fact, they were the only officers that caught any young people soaping windows. They asked these young people to clean these windows and refrain from doing anymore soaping. The boys have also given talks before Cub Scout groups.

The cadets have also toured the State School at Grafton. This resulted in a clothing and toy drive by the boys for this school.

Movies have been shown to the cadets regarding police work, public relations work, car accidents, and procedures for investigating accidents. There have also been films on drinking and driving.

The boys have not been riding with officers in the squad car. The reasons for this are the liability factor and the fact that the boys would not be covered by the City's insurance policies. Another reason is that if an officer had to give chase, the cadets could sustain injuries. The idea is to introduce the cadets to police work in situations with little or no risk to their physical safety. The boys have assisted in solving a burglary and have given information which assisted officers in preventing some youth from getting into serious trouble.

The boys learn early that an officer's work isn't always pleasant.

Future plans by the supervisor include having the County Judge and the Juvenile Commissioner explain the state and federal court systems. A trip is also planned to the state capitol, the state industrial school, and the drug and alcoholic wards at Jamestown.

Some of the improvements the supervising officer would like to see are:
(1) a better attitude of the general public toward these young fellows when they are on duty. (2) more interest in program by fellow officers.
(3) finding activities to keep an active interest in police work. The

attrition rate has been about 1 in 5. The supervising office also feels much credit must be given to these young fellows, since much abuse is given them by their peer group. This comes in such catch phrases as "you're a cop lover", "you're just informers for the cops".

The evaluator also had an opportunity to interview three of the cadets. The boys are all active in school programs and some are working part-time. Most of the boys were encouraged to join the cadet program by a friend. A few just wanted to find out what it takes to get started in law enforcement work.

They stated that the biggest obstacles they as individuals had to overcome were insults from adults and their own peer group during the first few outings with regular police officers. However, they all felt this harassment has subsided since the early days of the Cadet Program. They feel that adults and some of their peers fail to see the reasoning for them being involved with the police and that many of the adults are ready to condemn the entire Cadet Program the minute one of them gets a little out of line. This has also subsided somewhat since the first few months of the program.

The boys feel the program has helped them in many ways, but two things stand out above the rest. They are: 1) they have learned much about the work of law enforcement officials, and 2) they feel most of the members have developed a better attitude towards law enforcement officials. In fact, a few of the cadets are very seriously considering law enforcement as their chosen career.

The statistics following this report, give numbers, but actually statistics are not ever a clear picture of any situation. The rise or fall in any specific heading can be due to a number of things, such as population fluctuation, change in the laws affecting juveniles, as well as, in this locality, school terms. The illegal possession picture, due to the change in law which went into effect July 1, 1970, shows a noticeable drop. This law states that all liquor with exception of a few violations, were put into either Police or County Court. This also applied to the traffic violations.

The ungovernable behavior or unruly behavior seemed to show an increase. Likely this is a picture locally on a much smaller scale than the National one, and but one of children in rebellion against parental discipline. Violation of Court Orders by these children in many cases led to commitments to the State Industrial School at Mandan, North Dakota, was also a strike-out at authority, whether at home or the Court.

Larceny (stealing of bicycles, etc.) appeared to be greater in the month of September. One must be aware of the fact that we have a large population of Indian children here at the Wahpeton Indian School. These children are returned here in September and the urge to run away is very strong. Maybe they don't run toward home, but they run! They sometimes steal, bikes and in some cases cars, and start out. They also make up the largest share of breaking and entering violations, for they run away, usually at night, get cold and hungry, and break into a vacant house, a country elevator or a

village store or bar. They steal potato chips, candy bars, pop or cookies. They may take some old coats, blankets or such if they find them, for it is cold sleeping out.

Each number represents someone's child who is trying to solve his own problem the way he sees it. It may be against authority, it may be illegal, but it is done. There are children who never seem to want to become involved in programs that could help them, they feel self-sufficient and do many things for acceptance by their peers. Surely they need help and someone who cares.

NUMBER OF WAHPETON MINORS DEALT WITH THROUGH THIS OFFICE FROM:

	Sept 1967 to Nov 1968	Sept 1969 to Nov 1970
ILLEGAL POSSESSION	21	2
UNGOVERNABLE BEHAVIOR - UNRULY	37	53
PETIT LARCENY	25	7
BREAKING AND ENTERING	14	12
SHOPLIFTING	4	-
VIOLATION OF COURT ORDERS	5	-
GUN VIOLATIONS	2	1
FRAUDULANT TELEPHONE CALLS	3	-
LARCENY	-	4
TRUANCY	-	3
AUTOMOBILE THEFT	-	2
BURGLARY	5	4
DEPRIVED CHILD (Pregnancy)	-	1
SEX DEVIATION	1	-
TOTALS	117	89
*TRAFFIC	52	13

IV. SURVEY OF YOUNG PEOPLE UTILIZING THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM

Most of the young people in Wahpeton are aware of the recreational facilities at the Armory and that activities are under the supervision of a police officer. A majority of the students at all grade levels indicated that police should be working with youth in recreational activities. In this survey adults and youth indicated that the police treat people fair in most cases.

Many parents with children in grades 4, 5, and 6 had visited the Armory but in each grade the percentage was less than half. The percentage of parents of upper grade students visiting the Armory seemed to decrease steadily. Very few parents had visited the Teen Center above the City Hall.

Almost all students at all grade levels indicated that their parents felt the Youth Program was a good thing. This correlated quite well with the parents' part of the survey.

Many of the students participated in a variety of activities and spent more than one nite a week there for recreational activities. At no grade level did the students feel the Armory was just a hang out. It was interesting that a high percentage of students said the facilities at the Armory provide a place to go and relax.

Although the reply to the question dealing with proper supervision

was quite evenly divided by the students, it was one of the major concerns of parents. This was the major concern of people I had personally talked with about activities at the Armory. The second major concern was lack of organization. Too many young people are just running around. The students feel they need a place to go seven days a week even though they may not go everyday. Just knowing that there is a place to go is important to them.

Students felt that their parents didn't care if there were older students at the Armory as long as they were students from Wahpeton. Both students and parents felt that Science School Students should not be allowed in the Armory when younger people are using the facilities. However, this feeling seemed to decrease with the upper grade levels. In fact in grade 11, 52% of students indicated that Science School students should be allowed to participate in activities with them.

Although many of the students indicated that the rest rooms were in good condition, the majority felt there was room for improvement. The survey showed that many of the young people of Wahpeton use the facilities at the Armory, and for some it is their only means of recreation.

However, the time spent by students at the Armory decreases at the upper grade levels. Of course, the Teen Center could be a factor since more senior high students are going there for recreation.

However, it was surprising to note that the ninth grade had the highest number of students who said that none of their recreational time was taken up by activities at the Armory. This was also the only grade where the majority of students felt it wasn't a good idea to have police work with young people.

It might be well for the officer to take special note of this and in his future dealings with this age group try to correct any misunderstandings.

The activities at the Armory were never intended to take care of the total recreational needs of the young citizens of Wahpeton. The youth indicated this by the number of hours spent with such activities, hobbies, watching TV, reading, family activities or just spending time with a small group at someone's home.

The lower grades were more in favor of having parents assist in supervising activities while the upper grades were more opposed to parental supervision. The lower grades also give the police-student relationship a better rating. From junior high to grade 12 the police student relationship was generally rated from fair to good. Even so, they indicated that their parents attitude toward police was generally good. The students at most grade levels seemed to split fairly evenly on whether a policeman's conduct should be above reproach. This is almost the complete opposite of how their parents feel about this question. Seventy six percent of the parents indicated that a policeman's conduct should be above reproach.

Grades 4, 5, and 6 were not surveyed concerning the Police Cadet Program. Here, as with the recreational program, most students and parents surveyed were aware of the cadet program. The majority of students and parents expressed approval of the program. Many students including girls indicated a desire to become part of the cadet program. The students from junior high and high school said that, even though they are receiving information on driving, alcohol and drugs at both school and the youth program, more information is needed.

At the upper grade levels more than 80% felt that the Teen Center above City Hall was a step in the right direction. The same percentage said that recreation activities help to keep teenagers off the streets and out of trouble.

Students surveyed were also given an opportunity to indicate the activities that should be added or eliminated. They were also allowed to express any opinions about the program and the police in general. Refer to appendix for specific comments.

There wasn't too much disagreement regarding activities that should be eliminated, nor activities that should be added. However, there were many students at all levels, plus parents that are concerned with the organization and supervision of the activities. In most cases students had a positive attitude toward police and felt they were doing a good job. However, they would like to see policemen be strict, but fair. They would like to see a policeman with a

friendly personality that doesn't always look towards the negative side of things, a person that would consider both sides before making a decision. The students question the policeman's attitude. They seemed to indicate that some policeman act cool, as if to say, "I am the law; look out."

SUMMARY

The survey clearly indicated that both students and parents feel the youth program is a step in the right direction for the City of Wahpeton. Young people need a place to go to spend some of their free time, to be able to socialize with their peer group.

The majority of youth stated it made no difference to them that a policeman was supervising the program. In fact, most felt it was a good way to get to know the police. It was also pointed out to some extent that youth of today regard a policeman's life as an individual, that he need not be "pure and white" as if there were no skeleton in the closet. Parents, however, felt a policeman's conduct should be above reproach. I think most youth understand him as a human being doing a job, that he could falter. They want the police to know that the youth realize he is human. Should he try to portray any other image to them, he would look phony to the people he must work with in society.

The people I talked with about the program at the Armory were concerned with the supervision and organization. The survey certainly did verify this concern. Poor supervision was a greater concern of the parents who had youngsters going to the Armory, while the organization of activities was a major concern of both parents and young people. Most students felt that the grades should have separate nights, or a time when they had to leave the Armory. Even students in grades 4, 5, and 6 felt there should be a time just for them. There should be activities that would involve both boys and girls.

I am sure the people responsible for the existence of this program realize what a difficult job it is for one person to supervise and organize a program such as this with limited help. In conducting this survey, I must say no credit can be taken away from the supervision by Mr. Dietzman. He has tried to build a program for young people which certainly has gotten off to a fine start. The cadet program seems to be going well and all indications are that it also is having a positive effect on the young people in regard to police and their work. The city fathers responsible for seeing the need for this program must also receive their due credit, for without them there would be no program. Credit must also be given to the North Dakota Combined Law Enforcement Association for funding part of this program.

In visiting the Armory and Teen Center it was obvious that a good relationship with young people had been established by the police officer in charge of the recreation program. Young people at all levels seemed quite at ease in communicating with the supervision and spoke well of him. The other policemen on the force should also be assigned a certain number of hours per month either at the Armory or Teen Center.

The survey revealed that many young people of all ages and grade levels are spending some time at the Armory or the Teen Center. It was obvious in my visits to the Armory that many of our youth are making good use of the facilities there. The program is taking care of a need and that, regardless of what agency becomes responsible for

leisure time, this survey certainly revealed that some form of year round organized activity is needed.

Citizens of a community must realize the purpose and function of the police in our society. This certainly seems a good way to establish a means of communication between citizen and police. I definitely feel that the participation of the police with young people can only have a positive effect on an individual's attitude as one grows and matures. The one thing that comes up often even in the lower grades, but progressively more so in the upper grades is the policeman's attitude. The policeman's image as he sees himself, the image he portrays to the people he must protect seems to be so vitally important. I would encourage the North Dakota Combined Law Enforcement Association to make every effort to establish an educational program for policemen in every community in this state. An educational program dealing with self-image, human relations and dealing with the public is a vital part of a policeman's job. Besides this, a community must learn to know these people in activities other than confrontations with the law. What better way than working in recreational activities with people of all age levels in a community.

As one person conducting a survey of young people working with policemen, I must say, regardless of what city agency becomes responsible for the recreational needs, the police should very definitely continue to be a part of the program.

VI. POSSIBLE METHODS OF FUNDING SHOULD FEDERAL FUNDS BE DISCONTINUED

In the future, definite steps should be taken to combine the recreational activities to function under one city agency. The police youth committee, the park board, and service clubs sponsoring recreational programs should get together and appoint one city agency to be responsible for the recreational needs of the entire community at all age levels.

The program could be funded by a mill levy to support part of the program.

A certain percentage of money from the Community Fund could be allotted for this program.

Season tickets to be a member of the Youth Club at a minimal cost to the student. Adults could also buy tickets - sort of like a YMCA - where there is adult membership.

Check for Federal Funds - Senator and Representative. It may be possible to obtain federal funds to construct or remodel a building that would meet the needs of the community if all activities were under the direction of one city agency.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Should the Police Youth Program continue to operate as is, the following recommendations should be considered.

1. An in-service training program on human relations should be conducted for all city police.
2. The director of the youth program should attempt to provide more information on driving, alcohol and drugs at the Armory and also at the schools.
3. The police should plan regular talk sessions with young people at the Armory and at the Teen Center. (This should involve all police)
4. The director should organize a volunteer group of adults to help with supervision.
5. Director should organize a group of young people at the Teen Center to help him organize and plan activities.
6. Delegate more responsibility of routine chores to young people.
7. Develop an attitude of individual responsibility at both the Teen Center and Armory.
8. The Director should attempt to work more in organizing activities. Delegate supervision to responsible volunteers.
9. Police should definitely be more concerned with the attitude they portray towards the public. An attempt should be made by police to improve understanding of youth at the upper grades. Special thought should be given to 9th graders.

10. Organize activities for grade levels - example, for grades 1-6 special time, activities, and maybe assistance in supervision from parents. Plan some events with parents and these youngsters. Consider the possibility of a parent-child committee for organization and supervision.
11. Plan activities for and with grades 7-8-9. Consider the College Circle "K" Club to assist in supervision. They are always looking for activities. (Jaycee Club)
12. Some consideration should also be given to include Science School students. (For supervision or activities for them!)
13. Activities and events for all grade and adult levels should be listed in the newspaper. (Get the paper and radio station to cooperate on the matter)
14. It would be better to begin the organization of events at one grade level at a time and then move on to the next. (In other words, have the scheduled events and supervision going more smoothly before you begin with another level)
15. One of the big drawbacks of this program was the fact that it tried to do too much too soon for all.
16. Youth Committee members need to be more consistent in attending meetings. Non-voting members should be listed on basis of interest and willingness to attend meetings regularly. (In other words, not having one member come one week and other the next and so on)
17. The Youth Committee that is being planned should have direct lines of communication established with student governments at all grade levels.

18. All members of the police force should get involved in recreational activities.
19. Policemen need to let people in the community get to know them as individuals, not just the policemen you see once in a while.
20. An advisory committee made up of adults and young people. (For the total program - this committee would be separate from the ones mentioned earlier for specific grade levels.)
21. Some organized activities for girls.
22. Crafts should be considered when new activities are added to the program.
23. A system needs to be worked out for referrals between the Juvenile Supervisor and the director of the Police Youth Program. (A program for youth, when entering the recreational activities for the first time, plus periodic evaluations of the individuals progress)
24. In working with youth as a police officer, the policeman in charge must be cogitative of his identity as a policeman. Should he lose this identity, his effectiveness would all but diminish.
25. More money is needed, especially for supervising activities. It may be much easier to get community support if recreational activities were coordinated under one city agency. Wahpeton is certainly at the stage where every effort should be made to have all recreational activities under the direction of a city recreation director. (One city agency)
26. The North Dakota Combined Law Enforcement Association should encourage policemen in the state to get involved in activities with youth other than confrontations with the law.

Dear Parent:

The Wahpeton Police Youth Committee is making a survey of the Youth activities in the City of Wahpeton. Your son/daughter is completing part of the survey at school. Your assistance and cooperation is needed in completing the portion of the survey for parents your son/daughter will be giving to you.

Please fill out the survey and have your son/daughter return it to the principal's office!

Thank you

Wahpeton Police

Youth Committee

PARENTS

1. Do you know that Wahpeton has a Youth Program at the Armory which is operated by the Wahpeton Police Dept.? Yes 125 No 7
2. Do you allow your children to go the Armory and participate in recreational activities? Yes 94 No 33
3. Have you ever visited the Armory to see what the young people are doing? Yes 62 No 70
4. Do you feel the activities are properly supervised? Yes 61 No 34
5. If you don't allow your youngsters to go the Armory, why not?
I don't know the hours, age level or kind of recreation available.
I feel the play get too rough and there isn't enough supervision.
My children are afraid to go because of some of the gossip on there.
Because, I feel there isn't enough supervision.
Many bad habits can be started at a place like that.
6. Should young people be allowed to be in the Armory participating in activities regardless of age or grade level? Yes 46 No 73
7. Should Science School students be allowed to use the facilities at the Armory on the same nights and hours as young people from Wahpeton? Yes 8 No 123
8. Do you feel as a parent that you portray a positive attitude toward Police and their work in your home? Yes 127 No 2
9. Do you know that the Wahpeton Police Dept. operates a Teen Center above City Hall? Yes 108 No 0
10. Have you ever visited the Teen Center? Yes 10 No 121
11. Do your teenage children spend much time at the Teen Center? Yes 0 No 72
12. Do you know the Wahpeton Police Dept. has a Police Cadet Program for teenage boys? Yes 86 No 46
13. Do you feel Science School students should be included in the activities at the Teen Center? Yes 22 No 98
14. Do you feel better attitudes can be developed by having policemen work directly with youth? Yes 130 No 2
15. Do you feel a policeman's conduct should be above reproach? Yes 86 No 27

16. Most policemen are honest? Yes 124 No 5
17. At the present time Wahpeton is receiving Federal funds to operate this program. If these funds were to be discontinued, would you as a citizen of Wahpeton be in favor of a mill levy in order to keep this program functioning? Yes 84 No 31
18. If you are not in favor of a mill levy, but are in favor of the Wahpeton Police Youth Program what suggestions would you have to finance this program?
Charge the children to get into the Armory - have a season ticket. Young kids could have bake sales to help support the program. Ask for donations. Have a dance benefit. Let the kids earn some money to help run the place. If a mill levy is passed everything should be under the Park Board. Should be financed by parents of children who use it. Season ticket for a family (minimum cost).
19. How long have you lived in Wahpeton? 11½ years - average.
20. Do you have a business in Wahpeton? Yes 26 No 106
21. Do you own or are you in the process of buying a house in Wahpeton? Yes 102 No 30
22. What further comments or questions do you care to express?
Outside should be patrolled more. Older boys are too rough. I am against too many different age groups in the Armory at the same time. SSS boys shouldn't be there at all, they have their own places at the college. This program is too much for one man to manage. Encourage the less aggressive child to participate. More supervision. More organized activities at different age levels. I think your program is very good. A place for Go-carts. Ask parents to help supervise. It's not necessary to entertain children all the time. Children should be kept in their age groups. More organized, too much running in different directions by kids. I personally think the police are doing a fine job.

WAHPETON POLICE YOUTH PROGRAM SURVEY

Grade 4

1. Are you aware of the youth activities at the Wahpeton Armory?
Yes 98 No 26
2. Do you know who supervised the activities at the Armory? Yes 90
No 34
3. Did you know the supervisor is a Police Officer on the Wahpeton
Police Dept.? Yes 116 No 8
4. If you didn't know he was a Police Officer, does it make any
difference now that you do? Yes 30 No 86
5. Do you think Police should be working with young people in youth
activities? Yes 109 No 22
6. Most Policemen treat people fair? Yes 124 No 0
7. Have your parents ever visited the Armory? Yes 77 No 47
8. Do your parents feel the Youth Program is a good thing? Yes 89
No 35
9. How many different activities have you participated in at the
Armory? 0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - More
8 8 7 10 15 9 40
10. How many days a week do you visit the Armory to participate in
activities? 0 - 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
10 30 25 17 30 12 4
11. Is this just a hang out? Yes 38 No 86
12. Do you feel the activities are properly supervised? Yes 64 No 55
13. Do most students go there to have fun and relax? Yes 91 No 30
14. Are your parents satisfied with the supervision of activities?
Yes 57 No 65
15. Should the Armory be open more on Saturdays and Sundays? Yes 61
No 53
16. Should the Armory be open less on week days? Yes 71 No 50
17. Do you feel the Armory should be open at times only for students
from grade 3 to 6? Yes 103 No 19

18. Do your parents care that older students are there when you are?
Yes 93 No 28
19. Should Science School students be allowed to use the Armory when
it is being used by young people from the City of Wahpeton? Yes 2
No 121
20. Are the rest rooms in good condition? Yes 61 No 52
21. Do you feel the condition of the rest rooms should be improved?
Yes 57 No 48
22. Should there be a place to hang your coat and other clothing items?
Yes 118 No 3
23. Are the above three items real concerns of students? Yes 103 No 20
24. Should more activities be organized to get students to participate?
Yes 101 No 17
25. Are too many students running around in different directions unsuper-
vised? Yes 116 No 4
26. What activities could be eliminated? Tramp - Archery
27. What activities do you feel should be added?
Let people roller skate. Another ping pong table
28. How many hours a week do you spend at the Armory? 0 - 1 - 2 - 3 -
4 - 6 - 8 - 10 - 11 - 15 - More 4 9 20 4
17 12 14
29. What percentage of your recreational time is taken up by activities
at the Armory? None 10% 15-25% 25-40% 50%
8 6 17 31 42
30. In your own words what should be done to improve activities and
conditions at the Armory? A time just for grades 3-6. Make the
window where you get candy bigger. No pushing on the tramp.
No candy in the wrestling room. Somebody to keep time at the
tramp.
31. How much of your time per week is taken up by activities away from
the Armory? Activites such as: 0 1 2-3 4-6 8-10hours
Hobbies at home 12 4 22 13 20
Watching TV 20 71

31. (cont.)
- | | 0 | 1 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 8-10 hours |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Reading for pleasure | <u>8</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>35</u> | <u>12</u> |
| Family activities | <u>8</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>36</u> | <u>15</u> |
| Just a small group getting together at someones house and playing games | <u>12</u> | <u>32</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>8</u> |
| Skating | <u>31</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>5</u> |
| Swimming | <u>7</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>36</u> | <u>24</u> |
| Other | | <u>8</u> | <u>35</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>20</u> |
32. Do you go to the Armory during the summer months? Yes 28 No 75
33. Should parents help supervise grade school activities? Yes 42 No 40
34. How would you rate Police-student relationship?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
15 45 12 0
35. How would you rate the attitude of your parents toward Police?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
82 8 0 0
36. Do you feel that your parents attitude toward Police is in a positive direction? Yes 88 No 4
37. Do you feel a Policeman's conduct should be above reproach? Yes 25
No 83
38. In your own words what is your typical opinion of the Policeman on the Wahpeton Police Dept.?
I think they could be better because when my bike was stolen we reported it, they didn't even call us when they found it.
Very good. I think the Policemen are good people. Pretty good, but could be improved! I feel they treat kids and people fair.
39. What type of a person would you like him to be?
Friendly - Fair - Nice. A person that would help you when you're lost. Very nice and kind to children and always be kind to cats and dogs. Should be honest person.
40. Briefly state what you feel Police could do to improve their relationship with young people? They could talk to young people more.
Visit our school and talk to us. Don't arrest us.

1. Are you aware of the youth activities at the Wahpeton Armory?
Yes 111 No 8
2. Do you know who supervised the activities at the Armory? Yes 99
No 20
3. Did you know the supervisor is a Police Officer on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? Yes 93 No 25
4. If you didn't know he was a Police Officer, does it make any difference now that you do? Yes 46 No 71
5. Do you think Police should be working with young people in youth activities? Yes 118 No 2
6. Most Policemen treat people fair? Yes 120 No 1
7. Have your parents ever visited the Armory? Yes 61 No 57
8. Do your parents feel the Youth Program is a good thing? Yes 107
No 11
9. How many different activities have you participated in at the Armory?
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - More
2 3 11 13 14 15
10. How many days a week do you visit the Armory to participate in activities? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
21 12 16 15 8 11
11. Is this just a hang out. Yes 22 No 97
12. Do you feel the activities are properly supervised? Yes 67 No 52
13. Do most students go there to have fun and relax? Yes 104 No 15
14. Are your parents satisfied with the supervision of activities?
Yes 20 No 97
15. Should the Armory be open more on Saturdays and Sundays? Yes 102
No 16
16. Should the Armory be open less on week days? Yes 13 No 106
17. Do you feel the Armory should be open at times only for students from grade 3 to 6? Yes 89 No 30

18. Do your parents care that older students are there when you are?
Yes 62 No 57
19. Should Science School students be allowed to use the Armory when it is being used by young people from the City of Wahpeton?
Yes 17 No 102
20. Are the rest rooms in good condition? Yes 61 No 58
21. Do you feel the condition of the rest rooms should be improved?
Yes 84 No 35
22. Should there be a place to hang your coat and other clothing items?
Yes 112 No 7
23. Are the above three items real concerns of students? Yes 65
No 55
24. Should more activities be organized to get students to participate?
Yes 97 No 24
25. Are too many students running around in different directions unsupervised? Yes 88 No 30
26. What activities could be eliminated? Roller skating and ping pong.
27. What activities do you feel should be added? Gun shooting,
better rest rooms, more table games.
28. How many hours a week do you spend at the Armory? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 -
6 - 8 - 10 - 11 - 15 - More
14 16 9 13
18 6 2 6 3 2
29. What percentage of your recreational time is taken up by activities at the Armory? None 10% 15-25% 25-40% 50%
31 24 35 16 9
30. In your own words what should be done to improve activities and conditions at the Armory? More supervision. Get some garbage cans. Keep older kyds away from us. Their good as can be. Have a time just for lower grades.
31. How much of your time per week is taken up by activities away from the Armory? Activities such as:
- | | 0 | 1 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 8-10 hours |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Hobbies at home | <u>28</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>27</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>15</u> |
| Watching TV | <u>9</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>39</u> | <u>26</u> |

- | | 0 | 1 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 8-10 hours |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 31. (cont.) Reading for pleasure | <u>44</u> | <u>48</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>6</u> |
| Family activities | <u>30</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>27</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>9</u> |
| Just a small group getting together at someones house and playing games | <u>24</u> | <u>39</u> | <u>37</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>5</u> |
| Skating | <u>50</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>7</u> |
| Swimming | <u>31</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>15</u> |
| Other | <u>29</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>22</u> |
32. Do you go to the Armory during the summer months? Yes 72 No 42
33. Should parents help supervise grade school activities? Yes 60 No 56
34. How would you rate Police-student relationship? Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
26 8
27 59
35. How would you rate the attitude of your parents toward Police?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
43 53 19 2
36. Do you feel that your parents attitude toward Police is in a positive direction? Yes 32 No 20
37. Do you feel a Policeman's conduct should be above reproach? Yes 66
No 54
38. In your own words what is your typical opinion of the Policemen on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? He is doing his job, as best he can.
If someone broke in they would not hurry, that's the police for you. When someone gets hurt they help.
39. What type of a person would you like him to be? A nice person, and not cruel. Should not act so tough. A nice person, but strict with bad people. Be fair! A more relaxed person.
40. Briefly state what you feel Police could do to improve their relationship with young people? Work with young kids. Talk to kids more when they do something wrong. Play games with kids.

WAHPETON POLICE YOUTH PROGRAM SURVEY

Grade 6

1. Are you aware of the youth activities at the Wahpeton Armory?
Yes 86 No 3
2. Do you know who supervised the activities at the Armory? Yes 72
No 17
3. Did you know the supervisor is a Police Officer on the Wahpeton
Police Dept.? Yes 65 No 20
4. If you didn't know he was a Police Officer, does it make any
difference now that you do? Yes 24 No 49
5. Do you think Police should be working with young people in youth
activities? Yes 83 No 1
6. Most policemen treat people fair? Yes 79 No 4
7. Have your parents ever visited the Armory? Yes 42 No 40
8. Do your parents feel the Youth Program is a good thing? Yes 72
No 10
9. How many different activities have you participated in at the
Armory? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - More
6 1 11 12 11 28
10. How many days a week do you visit the Armory to participate in
activities? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
20 12 12 14 4 4
11. Is this just a hang out? Yes 4 No 79
12. Do you feel the activities are properly supervised? Yes 62 No 20
13. Do most students go there to have fun and relax? Yes 73 No 11
14. Are your parents satisfied with the supervision of activities?
Yes 19 No 61
15. Should the Armory be open more on Saturdays and Sundays? Yes 74
No 11
16. Should the Armory be open less on week days? Yes 10 No 75
17. Do you feel the Armory should be open at times only for students
from grade 3 to 6? Yes 41 No 37

18. Do your parents care that older students are there when you are?
Yes 29 No 44
19. Should Science School students be allowed to use the Armory when
it is being used by young people from the City of Wahpeton?
Yes 19 No 64
20. Are the rest rooms in good condition? Yes 46 No 30
21. Do you feel the condition of the rest rooms should be improved?
Yes 47 No 24
22. Should there be a place to hang your coat and other clothing
items? Yes 71 No 5
23. Are the above three items real concerns of students? Yes 49 No 28
24. Should more activities be organized to get students to participate?
Yes 60 No 13
25. Are too many students running around in different directions unsup-
ervised? Yes 49 No 30
26. What activities could be eliminated? Volley ball, badmitton, none.
Shouldn't allow the little ones on the tramp. I like all the
activities. Boys playing football in there.
27. What activities do you feel should be added? Archery and shooting.
Pool tables. Handball court.
28. How many hours a week do you spend at the Armory?
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 10 - 11 - 15 - More
2 7 10 10 9 6 4 6 5 3
29. What percentage of your recreational time is taken up by activities
at the Armory? None 10% 15-25% 25-40% 50%
11 21 19 8 11
30. In your own words what should be done to improve activities and
conditions at the Armory? A time set for different grade levels.
One game of basketball at a time. More supervision. Just talk
and listen more to kids. Cleaner rest rooms. Don't let Science
School students in when we're in there. Better supervision
around the tramp.

31. How much of your time per week is taken up by activities away from the Armory? Activities usch as:

	0	1	2-3	4-6	8-10 hours
Hobbies at home	<u>24</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>
Watching TV	<u>3</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>17</u>
Reading for pleasure	<u>18</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>
Family activities	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>8</u>
Just a small group getting together at someones house and playing games	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>
Skating	<u>33</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2</u>
Swimming	<u>15</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>10</u>
Other	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>11</u>

32. Do you go to the Armory during the summer months? Hes 48 No 31

33. Should parents help supervise grade school activities? Yes 33
No 43

34. How would you rate Police-student relationship? Excellent - Good
Fair - Poor 13 32
23 6

35. How would you rate the attitude of your parents toward Police?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
25 32 11 0

36. Do you feel that your parents attitude toward Police is in a positive direction? Yes 49 No 16

37. Do you feel a Policeman's conduct should be beyond reproach?
Yes 32 No 38

38. In your own words what is your typical opinion of the Policeman on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? They are Okay. The policemen in Wahpeton are doing a find job. Should work more with kids. I think it's good. Most of them are pretty good to all people.

39. What type of a person would you like him to be? Nice, clean and friendly. Be a little more considerate.

40. Briefly state what you feel Police could do to improve their relationship with young people? They should be more friendly. Try to understand young people. Don't be so pushy. Wear plain clothes when they work in the Armory. Be a little less tough acting.

- Are you aware of the youth activities at the Wahpeton Armory? Yes 98 No 8
- Do you know who supervised the activities at the Armory? Yes 76 No 25
- Did you know the supervisor is a Police Officer on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? Yes 77 No 29
- If you didn't know he was a Police Officer, does it make any difference now that you do? Yes 26 No 72
- Do you think Police should be working with young people in youth activities? Yes 96 No 9
- Most Policemen treat people fair? Yes 98 No 8
- Have your parents ever visited the Armory? Yes 45 No 62
- Do your parents feel the Youth Program is a good thing? Yes 83 No 16
- How many different activities have you participated in at the Armory? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - More
19 7 19 10 13 35
- How many days a week do you visit the Armory to participate in activities? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
23 10 14 10 9 7
- Is this just a hang out? Yes 34 No 70
- Do you feel the activities are properly supervised? Yes 63 No 40
- Do most students go there to have fun and relax? Yes 97 No 8
- Are your parents satisfied with the supervision of activities? Yes 14 No 88
- Should the Armory be open more on Saturdays and Sundays? Yes 96 No 9
- Should the Armory be open less on week days? Yes 16 No 86
- Do you feel the Armory should be open at times only for students from grade 3 to 6? Yes 27 No 79
- Do your parents care that older students are there when you are? Yes 19 No 88

19. Should Science School students be allowed to use the Armory when it is being used by young people from the City of Wahpeton?
Yes 25 No 79
20. Are the rest rooms in good condition? Yes 40 No 65
21. Do you feel the condition of the rest rooms should be improved?
Yes 72 No 24
22. Should there be a place to hang your coat and other clothing items? Yes 101 No 3
23. Are the above three items real concerns of students? Yes 57 No 44
24. Should more activities be organized to get students to participate?
Yes 84 No 17
25. Are too many students running around in different directions unsupervised? Yes 60 No 37
26. What activities could be eliminated? Tramp. Football in the Armory.
27. What activities do you feel should be added? Tumbling, high bars, more basketball.
28. How many hours a week do you spend at the Armory?
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 10 - 11 - 15 - More
18 7 10 7 10 9 8 6 9 5
29. What percentage of your recreational time is taken up by activities at the Armory? None 10% 15-25% 25-40% 50%
22 26 24 23 5
30. In your own words what should be done to improve activities and conditions at the Armory? More supervision. Bigger mat room. No SSS when we are in the Armory. Activities for different age groups.
31. How much of your time per week is taken up by activities away from the Armory? Activities such as:

	0	1	2-3	4-6	8-10 hours
Hobbies at home	<u>19</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>11</u>
Watching TV	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>22</u>
Reading for pleasure	<u>33</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1</u>
Family activities	<u>29</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>4</u>
Just a small group getting together at someones house and playing games	<u>25</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>

31. (con.)
- | | 0 | 1 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 8-10 hours |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Skating | <u>40</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>2</u> |
| Swimming | <u>25</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>22</u> |
| Other | <u>10</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>31</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>24</u> |
32. Do you go to the Armory during the summer months? Yes 49 No 53
33. Should parents help supervise grade school activities? Yes 39 No 66
34. How would you rate Police-student relationship? Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
40 7 18 38
35. How would you rate the attitude of your parents toward Police? Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
27 50 20 4
36. Do you feel that your parents attitude toward Police is in a positive direction? Yes 78 No 23
37. Do you feel a Policeman's conduct should be above reproach? Yes 32 No 64
38. In your own words what is your typical opinion of the Policeman on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? Lazy. I feel he is a man who should receive respect. He is kind, courteous, friendly and pleasant.
39. What type of a person would you like him to be? Don't jump to conclusions right away. Don't act so conceited. Friendly, but yet somewhat stern.
40. Briefly state what you feel Police could do to improve their relationship with young people? Talk with young people more. Advise kids. Helping kids out in time of trouble. Have an open mind to all difficulties.

Do you know that Wahpeton has a Police Cadet Program? Yes 61 No 49

Do you think this is a good idea to have young people work with a Policeman? Yes 75 No 13

Do you know any of the young people working with the Police Cadet Program? Yes 37 No 63

Have you had any educational activities in driving and driving attitudes with the Youth Program? Yes 10 No 88

Have you had any educational activities on the use of alcohol and drugs? Yes 34 No 64

Do you think educational programs such as this should be part of the work of the Youth Program? Yes 89 No 24

Do you think an educational program on driving, alcohol, and drugs should be part of the Youth Program? Yes 55 No 22

Do you get enough information about the above mentioned topics in your regular school program? Yes 38 No 58

Do you feel the new Center for Wahpeton High School students above City Hall is in the right direction? Yes 82 No 10

Do you feel supervised activities to keep young people involved helps in keeping them from getting into trouble? Yes 91 No 11

What further comments or questions do you care to express?

Where to go when the Armory is closed.

Help us with our Go-Carts.

Keep up the good work!

Senior high kids should have their own place.

WAHPETON POLICE YOUTH PROGRAM SURVEY

Grade 8

1. Are you aware of the youth activities at the Wahpeton Armory?
Yes 123 No 10
2. Do you know who supervised the activities at the Armory? Yes 100
No 30
3. Did you know the supervisor is a Police Officer on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? Yes 104 No 22
4. If you didn't know he was a Police Officer, does it make any difference now that you do? Yes 52 No 68
5. Do you think Police should be working with young people in youth activities? Yes 118 No 16
6. Most Policemen treat people fair? Yes 110 No 22
7. Have your parents ever visited the Armory? Yes 64 No 68
8. Do your parents feel the Youth Program is a good thing? Yes 114
No 19
9. How many different activities have you participated in at the Armory? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - More
18 18 17 17 18 13
10. How many days a week do you visit the Armory to participate in activities? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
18 16 18 17 18 10
11. Is this just a hang out? Yes 58 No 72
12. Do you feel the activities are properly supervised? Yes 102 No 30
13. Do most students go there to have fun and relax? Yes 122 No 12
14. Are your parents satisfied with the supervision of activities?
Yes 24 No 110
15. Should the Armory be open more on Saturdays and Sundays? Yes 116
No 18
16. Should the Armory be open less on week days? Yes 19 No 110
17. Do you feel the Armory should be open at times only for students from grade 3 to 6? Yes 42 No 90
18. Do your parents care that older students are there when you are?
Yes 14 No 120

19. Should Science School students be allowed to use the Armory when it is being used by young people from the City of Wahpeton?
Yes 32 No 90
20. Are the rest rooms in good condition? Yes 80 No 44
21. Do you feel the condition of the rest rooms should be improved?
Yes 78 No 43
22. Should there be a place to hang your coat and other clothing items? Yes 110 No 18
23. Are the above three items real concerns of students? Yes 78
No 52
24. Should more activities be organized to get students to participate?
Yes 106 No 24
25. Are too many students running around in different directions unsupervised? Yes 72 No 58
26. What activities could be eliminated? Don't have roller skating and basketball at the same time. No indoor football. The older people coming there like SSS kids.
27. What activities do you feel should be added? High bar rings. Weight lifting. Floor hockey. Pool tables. A tennis court.
28. How many yours a week do you spend at the Armory?
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 10 - 11 - 15 - More
16 5 16 10 6 10 4 14 6 6
29. What percentage of your recreational time is taken up by activities at the Armory? None 10% 15-25% 25-40% 50%
36 24 24 14 16
30. In your own words what should be done to improve activities and conditions at the Armory? I think the Armory is fine the way it is. Have a special time for kids who have never been on the trampoline. Grades 1-6 shouldn't be allowed in Armory on weekends. Clean mat room. Be more sanitary at the candy counter. Coat hangers. Specific times for different age groups. More supervision.

31. How much of your time per week is taken up by activities away from the Armory? Activities such as:

	0	1	2-3	4-6	8-10 hours.
Hobbies at home	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>
Watching TV	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>9</u>
Reading for pleasure	<u>13</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>
Family activities	<u>19</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>2</u>
Just a small group getting together at someones house and playing games	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
Skating	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>12</u>
Swimming	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>10</u>
Other	<u>14</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>12</u>

32. Do you go to the Armory during the summer months? Yes 76 No 54
33. Should parents help supervise grade school activities? Yes 56 No 68
34. How would you rate Police-student relationship?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
14 25 16 14
35. How would you rate the attitude of your parents toward Police?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
20 38 6 1
36. Do you feel that your parents attitude toward Police is in a positive direction? Yes 56 No 5
37. Do you feel a Policeman's conduct should be above reproach? Yes 64
No 46
38. In your own words what is your typical opinion of the Policeman on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? He is a fair person, kind if need be, but firm when he needs to be strict. They are okay. They are very alert and helpful. A little more understanding. There should be more supervision in the Armory. He is no good. He is there to protect us from danger, and his life is in danger too. A man who has to do his duty and keep people out of trouble.
39. What type of a person would you like him to be? Friendly - doesn't pick on us. Firm, but willing to listen. An honest man. Nice to kids and be serious for crimes. Be fair to both sides.

40. Briefly state what you feel Police could do to improve their relationship with young people? Give them more freedom.

Participate more with kids. Show kids how to do things. Just be fair and nice. Talk more to kids. Display a friendlier personality. Don't pick on kids. Keep activities like this going. Stop acting so tough. Try not to act so smart.

Do you know that Wahpeton has a Police Cadet Program? Yes 48 No 36

Do you think this is a good idea to have young people work with a Policeman? Yes 74 No 23

Do you know any of the young people working with the Police Cadet Program? Yes 49 No 36

Have you had any educational activities in driving and driving attitudes with the Youth Program? Yes 18 No 65

Have you had any educational activities on the use of alcohol and drugs? Yes 38 No 40

Do you think educational programs such as this should be part of the work of the Youth Program? Yes 60 No 23

Do you think an educational program on driving, alcohol, and drugs should be part of the Youth Program? Yes 53 No 19

Do you get enough information about the above mentioned topics in your regular school program? Yes 42 No 44

Do you feel the new Center for Wahpeton High School students above City Hall is in the right direction? Yes 67 No 16

Do you feel supervised activities to keep young people involved helps in keeping them from getting into trouble? Yes 74 No 22

What further comments or questions do you care to express? Room next to mat room should be opened just for grades 8 & 9. Have the place open on Sundays. Don't think kids are bad because they have long hair. I just hope the Armory stays open for it is an excellent place to keep in shape and stay out of trouble. Movies on drugs, etc.

WAHPETON POLICE YOUTH PROGRAM SURVEY

Grade 9

1. Are you aware of the youth activities at the Wahpeton Armory?
Yes 128 No 8
2. Do you know who supervised the activities at the Armory? Yes 92
No 40
3. Did you know the supervisor is a Police Officer on the Wahpeton
Police Dept.? Yes 96 No 40
4. If you didn't know he was a Police Officer, does it make any
difference now that you do? Yes 20 No 92
5. Do you think Police should be working with young people in youth
activities? Yes 42 No 78
6. Most Policemen treat people fair? Yes 120 No 12
7. Have your parents ever visited the Armory? Yes 44 No 84
8. Do your parents feel the Youth Program is a good thing? Yes 132
No 8
9. How many different activities have you participated in at the
Armory? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - More
20 12 18 24 4 40
10. How many days a week do you visit the Armory to participate in
activities? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
20 8 8 32 20 8
11. Is this just a hang out? Yes 76 No 52
12. Do you feel the activities are properly supervised? Yes 88
No 38
13. Do most students go there to have fun and relax? Yes 120 No 16
14. Are your parents satisfied with the supervision of activities?
Yes 18 No 80
15. Should the Armory be open more on Saturdays and Sundays? Yes 120
No 14
16. Should the Armory be open less on week days? Yes 32 No 96
17. Do you feel the Armory should be open at times only for students
from grade 3 to 6? Yes 64 No 72

18. Do your parents care that older students are there when you are?
Yes 14 No 108
19. Should Science School students be allowed to use the Armory when
it is being used by young people from the City of Wahpeton?
Yes 44 No 108
20. Are the rest rooms in good condition? Yes 40 No 72
21. Do you feel the condition of the rest rooms should be improved?
Yes 72 No 40
22. Should there be a place to hang your coat and other clothing
items? Yes 126 No 16
23. Are the above three items real concerns of students? Yes 64
No 58
24. Should more activities be organized to get students to participate?
Yes 120 No 8
25. Are too many students running around in different directions
unsupervised? Yes 104 No 22
26. What activities could be eliminated? Don't throw football in
Armory (stated many times). Too much running around.
27. What activities do you feel should be added? Roller skating.
Dances. Indoor swimming pool. More supervised activities.
Place for kids to just sit around.
28. How many hours a week do you spend at the Armory?
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 10 - 11 - 15 - More
18 8 8 12 0 16 16 14 6 12
29. What percentage of your recreational time is taken up by activities
at the Armory? None 10% 15-25% 25-40% 50%
64 20 16 16 20
30. In your own words what should be done to improve activities and
conditions at the Armory? Organization of activities. Joe should
be more friendly. No grade kids at night. More supervision of
activities. Nites open for 6th grade and up. Different times
for kids to come under 7th grade. Watch bullies more careful.
A place just to play cards. Science School students shouldn't

be there when Jr. Hi kids are there. Have a time when all elementary kids have to be out of Armory on week-ends. More activities for age groups. More table games.

31. How much of your time per week is taken up by activities away from the Armory? Activities such as:

	0	1	2-3	4-6	8-10 hours
Hobbies at home	<u>24</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>8</u>
Watching TV	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>24</u>
Reading for pleasure	<u>26</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>
Family activities	<u>8</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>6</u>
Just a small group getting together at someones house and playing games	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>32</u>
Skating	<u>36</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>0</u>
Swimming	<u>22</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>26</u>
Other	<u>22</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>40</u>

32. Do you go to the Armory during the summer months? Yes 72 No 64

33. Should parents help supervise grade school activities? Yes 76
No 76

34. How would you rate Police-student relationship?

Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
8 28 62 22

35. How would you rate the attitude of your parents toward Police?

Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
8 68 38 12

36. Do you feel that your parents attitude toward Police is in a positive direction? Yes 128 No 12

37. Do you feel a Policeman's conduct should be above reproach? Yes 48 No 88

38. In your own words what is your typical opinion of the Policeman on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? Usually fair. Just men trying to do their job. Try to understand teenagers better. Not very friendly. Don't try to get a person just because you don't like him.

39. What type of a person would you like him to be? Kind. Be more understanding. Considerate. Not over-bearing. Nice, but strict when there is trouble. Someone to get along well with people.

40. Briefly state what you feel Police could do to improve their relationship with young people? Try to see both sides. Don't give the evil eye just because of a person's appearance. Don't act cool. Understand our problems. Get to know the kids. Don't try to act so neat, just be friendly and helpful.

Do you know that Wahpeton has a Police Cadet Program? Yes 92 No 38

Do you think this is a good idea to have young people work with a Policeman? Yes 128 No 4

Do you know any of the young people working with the Police Cadet Program? Yes 76 No 48

Have you had any educational activities in driving and driving attitudes with the Youth Program? Yes 68 No 68

Have you had any educational activities on the use of alcohol and drugs? Yes 88 No 40

Do you think educational programs such as this should be part of the work of the Youth Program? Yes 92 No 28

Do you think an educational program on driving, alcohol, and drugs should be part of the Youth Program? Yes 80 No 44

Do you get enough information about the above mentioned topics in your regular school program? Yes 56 No 76

Do you feel the new Center for Wahpeton High School students above City Hall is in the right direction? Yes 100 No 22

Do you feel supervised activities to keep young people involved helps in keeping them from getting into trouble? Yes 106 No 8

What futher comments or questions do you care to express? More films on drugs, etc. Treat all people fair. Teen Center should be open to 9th grade. Let more students in Cadet Program - not just teachers pets. Try listening. Too many little kids just running around. Don't be phony in trying to be friendly - be real.

WAHPETON POLICE YOUTH PROGRAM SURVEY

Grade 10

1. Are you aware of the youth activities at the Wahpeton Armory?
Yes 140 No 0
2. Do you know who supervised the activities at the Armory? Yes 110
No 24
3. Did you know the supervisor is a Police Officer on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? Yes 120 No 5
4. If you didn't know he was a Police Officer, does it make any difference now that you do? Yes 6 No 108
5. Do you think Police should be working with young people in youth activities? Yes 128 No 8
6. Most Policemen treat people fair? Yes 110 No 18
7. Have your parents ever visited the Armory? Yes 36 No 78
8. Do your parents feel the Youth Program is a good thing? Yes 108
No 6
9. How many different activities have you participated in at the Armory? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - More
24 10 10 10 12 38
10. How many days a week do you visit the Armory to participate in activities? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
42 26 14 6 2 2
11. Is this just a hang out? Yes 44 No 86
12. Do you feel the activities are properly supervised? Yes 70 No 50
13. Do most students go there to have fun and relax? Yes 122 No 14
14. Are your parents satisfied with the supervision of activities?
Yes 32 No 72
15. Should the Armory be open more on Saturdays and Sundays? Yes 118
No 24
16. Should the Armory be open less on week days? Yes 26 No 88
17. Do you feel the Armory should be open at times only for students from grade 3 to 6? Yes 80 No 44
18. Do your parents care that older students are there when you are?
Yes 8 No 120

19. Should Science School students be allowed to use the Armory when it is being used by young people from the City of Wahpeton?
Yes 40 No 68
20. Are the rest rooms in good condition? Yes 50 No 74
21. Do you feel the condition of the rest rooms should be improved?
Yes 116 No 18
22. Should there be a place to hang your coat and other clothing items? Yes 118 No 14
23. Are the above three items real concerns of students? Yes 54 No 72
24. Should more activities be organized to get students to participate?
Yes 108 No 14
25. Are too many students running around in different directions unsupervised? Yes 110 No 26
26. What activities could be eliminated? Roller skating and basketball.
27. What activities do you feel should be added? Girls basketball leagues. Volley ball. Roller skating. More gymnastics.
28. How many hours a week do you spend at the Armory?
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 8 - 10 - 11 - 15 - More
38 6 4 22 12 1 4 0 0 4
29. What percentage of your recreational time is taken up by activities at the Armory? None 10% 15-20% 25-40% 50%
62 34 20 4
30. In your own words what should be done to improve activities and conditions at the Armory? Have little kids out a certain time, especially weekends. Organized activities.
31. How much of your time per week is taken up by activities away from the Armory? Activities such as:

	0	1	2-3	4-6	8-10 hours
Hobbies at home	<u>34</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>
Watching TV	<u>1</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>20</u>
Reading for pleasure	<u>36</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>
Family activities	<u>16</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>24</u>
Just a small group getting together at someones house and playing games	<u>24</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>14</u>

31. (cont.)
- | | 0 | 1 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 8-10 hours |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Skating | <u>70</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>14</u> |
| Swimming | <u>24</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>10</u> |
| Other | <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>50</u> |
32. Do you go to the Armory during the summer months? Yes 58 No 72
33. Should parents help supervise grade school activities? Yes 44
No 78
34. How would you rate Police-student relationship?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
14 50 40 12
35. How would you rate the attitude of your parents toward Police?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
24 80 14 8
36. Do you feel that your parents attitude toward Police is in a positive direction? Yes 126 No 5
37. Do you feel a Policeman's conduct should be above reproach?
Yes 52 No 64
38. In your own words what is your typical opinion of the Policeman on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? I think they are dumb because all they do is pick on kids and SSS students. They are doing their job. I think most policemen are trying to help us. Cops should walk the streets - get acquainted with the people.
39. What type of person would you like him to be? Dedicated men, doing a job the best way he knows how. Joes a nice guy.
40. Briefly state what you feel Police could do to improve their relationship with young people? Be nice and stop bugging us, that's one reason why I don't go to the Armory. They are doing a nice job. Talk to them, make them feel like friends. Shouldn't just pick on certain kids. Don't try to act young - just be themselves. Have group meetings with kids. Say "hi" once in awhile.

Do you know that Wahpeton has a Police Cadet Program? Yes 114 No 14

Do you think this is a good idea to have young people work with a Policeman? Yes 134 No 4

Do you know any of the young people working with the Police Cadet Program? Yes 108 No 18

Have you had any educational activities in driving and driving attitudes with the Youth Program? Yes 64 No 54

Have you had any educational activities on the use of alcohol and drugs? Yes 76 No 46

Do you think educational programs such as this should be part of the work of the Youth Program? Yes 92 No 28

Do you think an educational program on driving, alcohol, and drugs should be part of the Youth Program? Yes 78 No 34

Do you get enough information about the above mentioned topics in your regular school program? Yes 40 No 62

Do you feel the new Center for Wahpeton High School students above City Hall is in the right direction? Yes 116 No 12

Do you feel supervised activities to keep young people involved helps in keeping them from getting into trouble? Yes 106 No 22

What further comments or questions do you care to express? Candy machine. More activities in Teen Center. Be open more. Dances. Decorate. Be more understanding like Joe. Certain nights for the Senior High kids. League basketball. More activities for girls. Girls in Cadet Program.

WAHPETON POLICE YOUTH PROGRAM SURVEY

Grade 11

1. Are you aware of the youth activities at the Wahpeton Armory? Yes 106 No 20
2. Do you know who supervised the activities at the Armory? Yes 102 No 22
3. Did you know the supervisor is a Police Officer on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? Yes 106 No 22
4. If you didn't know he was a Police Officer, does it make any difference now that you do? Yes 20 No 88
5. Do you think Police should be working with young people in youth activities? Yes 112 No 8
6. Most Policemen treat people fair? Yes 37 No 22
7. Have your parents ever visited the Armory? Yes 26 No 84
8. Do your parents feel the Youth Program is a good thing? Yes 90 No 10
9. How many different activities have you participated in at the Armory? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - More
30 8 12 6 6 2 12
10. How many days a week do you visit the Armory to participate in activities? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
20 16 6 4 0 0
11. Is this just a hang out? Yes 36 No 76
12. Do you feel the activities are properly supervised? Yes 90 No 26
13. Do most students go there to have fun and relax? Yes 96 No 12
14. Are your parents satisfied with the supervision of activities? Yes 30 No 30
15. Should the Armory be open more on Saturdays and Sundays? Yes 98 No 14
16. Should the Armory be open less on week days? Yes 22 No 82
17. Do you feel the Armory should be open at times only for students from grade 3 to 6? Yes 82 No 38
18. Do your parents care that older students are there when you are? Yes 2 No 106

19. Should Science School students be allowed to use the Armory when it is being used by young people from the City of Wahpeton? Yes 64 No 60
20. Are the rest rooms in good condition? Yes 58 No 50
21. Do you feel the condition of the rest rooms should be improved? Yes 72 No 38
22. Should there be a place to hang your coat and other clothing items? Yes 86 No 28
23. Are the above three items real concerns of students? Yes 28 No 90
24. Should more activities be organized to get students to participate? Yes 102 No 18
25. Are too many students running around in different directions unsupervised? Yes 76 No 46
26. What activities could be eliminated? Students running around in all directions.
27. What activities do you feel should be added? Girls basketball, archery, more activities for girls.
28. How many hours a week do you spend at the Armory?
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 10 - 11 - 15 - More
18 6 16 4 4 4 2 0 0 0
29. What percentage of your recreational time is taken up by activities at the Armory? None 10% 15-25% 25-40% 50%
54 20 18 2 0
30. In your own words what should be done to improve activities and conditions at the Armory? More supervision.
31. How much of your time per week is taken up by activities away from the Armory? Activities such as:
- | | 0 | 1 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 8-10 hours |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Hobbies at home | <u>12</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>24</u> |
| Watching TV | <u>8</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>38</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>26</u> |
| Reading for pleasure | <u>14</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>38</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>6</u> |
| Just a small group getting together at someones house and playing games | <u>22</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>24</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>16</u> |
| Family activities | <u>20</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>2</u> |

- | 31. (cont.) | 0 | 1 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 8-10 hours |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Skating | <u>56</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>2</u> |
| Swimming | <u>20</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>8</u> | <u>10</u> |
| Other | <u>2</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>18</u> | <u>44</u> |
32. Do you go to the Armory during the summer months? Yes 52 No 60
33. Should parents help supervise grade school activities? Yes 62 No 48
34. How would you rate Police-student relationship?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
8 32 40 28
35. How would you rate the attitude of your parents toward Police?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
16 56 34 10
36. Do you feel that your parents attitude toward Police is in a positive direction? Yes 102 No 14
37. Do you feel a Policeman's conduct should be above reproach? Yes 30 No 68
38. In your own words what is your typical opinion of the Policeman on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? They try to help. They do a good job. Police are just a little too tough at times. Some don't believe the truth. They are okay, but they don't get the kids and adults they should.
39. What type of a person would you like him to be? Be friendly. Just be nice and friendly. Try to understand kids (don't expect a beer party at every house where kids get together). Listen and talk to kids.
40. Briefly state what you feel Police could do to improve their relationship with young people? Don't sit around Youth Center acting cool. Don't act like every one is bad. Don't be so grumpy. Don't judge people by their looks and dress. Have a meeting to discuss things. Treat everyone alike. Talk nice to us.

Do you know that Wahpeton has a Police Cadet Program? Yes 105 No 69

Do you think this is a good idea to have young people work with a Policeman? Yes 153 No 9

Do you know any of the young people working with the Police Cadet Program? Yes 81 No 78

Have you had any educational activities in driving and driving attitudes with the Youth Program? Yes 40 No 57

Have you had any educational activities on the use of alcohol and drugs? Yes 68 No 42

Do you think educational programs such as this should be part of the work of the Youth Program? Yes 86 No 18

Do you think an educational program on driving, alcohol, and drugs should be part of the Youth Program? Yes 80 No 26

Do you get enough information about the above mentioned topics in your regular school program? Yes 39 No 72

Do you feel the new Center for Wahpeton High School students above City Hall is in the right direction? Yes 80 No 22

Do you feel supervised activities to keep young people involved helps in keeping them from getting into trouble? Yes 88 No 20

What further comments or questions do you care to express? Have girls in Cadet Program. Police and kids get together and talk. More room at Teen Center, all area above City should be used. Certain nites for different age group. Why can't Breck kids come? Teen Center isn't going over well. More activities. Get students to help. Be more lenient on 1st offense.

WAHPETON POLICE YOUTH PROGRAM SURVEY

Grade 12

1. Are you aware of the youth activities at the Wahpeton Armory? Yes 146 No 9
2. Do you know who supervised the activities at the Armory? Yes 121 No 34
3. Did you know the supervisor is a Police Officer on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? Yes 125 No 28
4. If you didn't know he was a Police Officer, does it make any difference now that you do? Yes 13 No 121
5. Do you think Police should be working with young people in youth activities? Yes 144 No 10
6. Most Policemen treat people fair? Yes 111 No 39
7. Have your parents ever visited the Armory? Yes 23 No 132
8. Do your parents feel the Youth Program is a good thing? Yes 128 No 6
9. How many different activities have you participated in at the Armory? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - More
35 12 16 5 2 0 8
10. How many days a week do you visit the Armory to participate in activities? 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6
37 8 8 5 1 1
11. Is this just a hang out? Yes 43 No 95
12. Do you feel the activities are properly supervised? Yes 113 No 28
13. Do most students go there to have fun and relax? Yes 134 No 10
14. Are your parents satisfied with the supervision of activities? Yes 42 No 3
15. Should the Armory be open more on Saturdays and Sundays? Yes 129 No 14
16. Should the Armory be open less on week days? Yes 18 No 121
17. Do you feel the Armory should be open at times only for students from grade 3 to 6? Yes 105 No 41

18. Do your parents care that older students are there when you are?
Yes 11 No 120
19. Should Science School students be allowed to use the Armory when it is being used by young people from the City of Wahpeton?
Yes 60 No 87
20. Are the rest rooms in good condition? Yes 80 No 53
21. Do you feel the condition of the rest rooms should be improved?
Yes 91 No 38
22. Should there be a place to hang your coat and other clothing items? Yes 131 No 18
23. Are the above three items real concerns of students? Yes 54
No 95
24. Should more activities be organized to get students to participate?
Yes 134 No 14
25. Are too many students running around in different directions unsupervised? Yes 99 No 38
26. What activities could be eliminated? Roller skating. No foot-
ball throwing, badmitton. Tramp, because it isn't always supervised and very dangerous.
27. What activities do you feel should be added? Target shooting, archery, tournaments on week-ends, activities for girls, supervised by girls.
28. How many hours a week do you spend at the Armory?
1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 10 - 11 - 15 - More
18 5 8 6 5 3 2 0 1 1
29. What percentage of your recreational time is taken up by activities at the Armory? None 10% 15-25% 25-40% 50%
10 22 8 5 3
30. In your own words what should be done to improve activities and conditions at the Armory? Definite rules should be made as to who can use the Armory when. Supervise program better. Eliminate 2 teams playing on one basketball court. Supervise trampoline at all times. More supervision for kids jumping on the tramp or playing with the rope. Have time limits on using

- the tramp and other equipment so everyone can have a chance to practice on them. Put blinds on south windows. Get some set hours for ages to go - make certain activities for certain nights. Clean the place up and get rid of the muggy smell. Get a girl supervisor in the evening and have someone who can teach rules and answer questions that might arise.
31. How much of your time per week is taken up by activities away from the Armory? Activities such as:
- | | 0 | 1 | 2-3 | 4-6 | 8-10 hours |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Hobbies at home | <u>17</u> | <u>32</u> | <u>41</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>13</u> |
| Watching TV | <u>5</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>31</u> | <u>34</u> | <u>40</u> |
| Reading for pleasure | <u>15</u> | <u>46</u> | <u>47</u> | <u>16</u> | <u>7</u> |
| Family activities | <u>35</u> | <u>38</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>7</u> |
| Just a small group getting together at someones house and playing games | <u>22</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>33</u> | <u>16</u> |
| Skating | <u>88</u> | <u>12</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> |
| Swimming | <u>62</u> | <u>14</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>13</u> | <u>13</u> |
| Other | <u>11</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>15</u> | <u>66</u> |
32. Do you go to the Armory during the summer months? Yes 28 No 121
33. Should parents help supervise grade school activities? Yes 80
No 64
34. How would you rate Police-student relationship?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
14 57 48 28
35. How would you rate the attitude of your parents toward Police?
Excellent - Good - Fair - Poor
27 74 36 12
36. Do you feel that your parents attitude toward Police is in a positive direction? Yes 127 No 22
37. Do you feel a Policeman's conduct should be beyond reproach? Yes 62 No 79
38. In your own words what is your typical opinion of the Policeman on the Wahpeton Police Dept.? They are not very effective on the

street. I feel the police are doing a good job and should be respected. They're on the lazy side - it takes them ages to get to where they are needed. They don't always treat young people and adults the same.

39. What type of person would you like him to be? Tough but warm hearted. Fair - Honest - Friendly - Active - Alert. A policeman should be kind, courteous, dependable. He shouldn't just be an old grouch.
40. Briefly state what you feel Police could do to improve their relationship with young people. Remember that they were once young! Because there is so much drinking and drugs around they have a tendency to mistrust all youth. They should know more about what young people are like and not just group them into one group, bad. Be honest with us but firm. Don't be such grumps. When you give a ticket, do it because they were doing something wrong, not because you don't like the way a kid looks.

Do you know that Wahpeton has a Police Cadet Program? Yes 94 No 53

Do you think this is a good idea to have young people work with a Policeman? Yes 130 No 13

Do you know any of the young people working with the Police Cadet Program? Yes 62 No 85

Have you had any educational activities in driving and driving attitudes with the Youth Program? Yes 38 No 107

Have you had any educational activities on the use of alcohol and drugs? Yes 78 No 68

Do you think educational programs such as this should be part of the work of the Youth Program? Yes 121 No 20

Do you think an educational program on driving, alcohol, and drugs should be part of the Youth Program? Yes 127 No 19

Do you get enough information about the above mentioned topics in your regular school program? Yes 42 No 103

Do you feel the new Center for Wahpeton High School students above City Hall is in the right direction? Yes 115 No 23

Do you feel supervised activities to keep young people involved helps in keeping them from getting into trouble? Yes 108 No 35

What further comments or questions do you care to express? Start something for Senior High kids that would have activity in it not just sitting around at the Youth Center - dances, etc. with bands. Be on the streets more and get acquainted with people. Talk to us.

My opinion of the Wahpeton Police Department and the other law enforcement officers in town wasn't very good when I first started as a cadet. To start out with, there was only one policeman that I liked. Then there was the sheriff and his deputies that I didn't like either. The highway patrol, of course, was a different story because I didn't know them.

There really wasn't any reason for disliking any of them except this one who had done something he didn't have to do. And he is one I don't think I will ever get to like. Most of the officers I had heard bad things about and my friends didn't like them so neither did I. I had heard some of them were pretty mean so I didn't get to close unless I had to. But that wasn't very often either.

My opinion has changed quite a bit on most of them. But there is still one deputy that I don't like. My opinion has changed especially on the policeman. I think maybe it is because I got to know them alot better. I even like the sheriff now but I still don't know him to good. I got to know both of the highway patrol men in town and I like them both. I don't know either judges in town to good but I do know who they are. I don't think I would like to meet them while they are working, but off duty I wouldn't mind.

Being a cadet has changed my opinion on a lot of things. About two or three years ago the last thing I ever thought of being was a cop. But that is about all I want to do now is be a cop. I didn't think that I could think as much of a cop as I do now. Maybe later on the cadet program will change the minds of lots of young people. But we have to have people like Joe and Dale to do it, and also the finances.

/s/ Lloyd Crawford

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