

RESULTS

2006 Survey of Massachusetts Environmental Police (56/102 responses = 55% response rate)

2001 Survey of Massachusetts Environmental Police (Response rate = 55%)

RESOURCES

1. The MEP receives sufficient funding to fulfill its environmental mission.

2% strongly agree; 0% agree; 2% no opinion; 36% disagree; 61% strongly disagree

2001 response: 3% strongly agree; 0% agree; 0% no opinion; 27% disagree; 70% strongly disagree

2. MEP is sufficiently staffed to fulfill its environmental protection mission.

0% strongly agree; 2% agree; 0% no opinion; 20% disagree; 79% strongly disagree

2001 response: 1% strongly agree; 0% agree; 0% no opinion; 24% disagree; 75% strongly disagree

3. Expenditures and staffing in the MEP have kept pace with the growth in other Environmental Affairs programs.

4% strongly agree; 2% agree; 11% no opinion; 41% disagree; 43% strongly disagree

2001 response: 0% strongly agree; 3% agree; 15% no opinion; 26% disagree; 56% strongly disagree

ENFORCEMENT

4. MEP management is committed to enforcement of environmental laws.

20% strongly agree; 20% agree; 7% no opinion; 25% disagree; 27% strongly disagree

2001 response: 4% strongly agree; 36% agree; 13% no opinion; 37% disagree; 10% strongly disagree

5. MEP executive managers place environmental protection before self-protection when making decisions.

7% strongly agree; 9% agree; 11% no opinion; 25% disagree; 48% strongly disagree

2001 response: 3% strongly agree 16% agree 22% no opinion 24% disagree 34% strongly disagree

6. I think that MEP tends to focus disproportionately on small violators rather than large violators.

20% strongly agree; 25% agree; 20% no opinion; 23% disagree; 12% strongly disagree

2001 response: 22% strongly agree; 30% agree; 12% no opinion; 33% disagree; 3% strongly disagree

7. I believe that environmental enforcement in Massachusetts has become stronger in the past four years.

5% strongly agree; 9% agree; 7% no opinion; 18% disagree; 61% strongly disagree

2001 response: 3% strongly agree; 28% agree; 12% no opinion; 22% disagree; 34% strongly disagree

LEADERSHIP

8. I have confidence in the professionalism of the MEP managers to whom I report.

12% strongly agree; 7% agree; 5% no opinion; 16% disagree; 59% strongly disagree

2001 response: 0% strongly agree; 16% agree; 9% no opinion; 28% disagree; 46% strongly disagree

9. I feel confident that MEP management would back up my professional judgment on a controversial decision.

11% strongly agree; 12% agree; 2% no opinion; 16% disagree; 59% strongly disagree

2001 response: 3% strongly agree; 12% agree; 7% no opinion; 32% disagree; 46% strongly disagree

10. In the past two years, DFW or MF management has inappropriately intervened in a criminal investigation.

20% Yes; 43% No Opinion; 37% No

2001 response: 38% Yes; 34% No Opinion; 28% No

11. Director James Hanlon is providing able leadership to the Massachusetts Environmental Police.

13% strongly agree; 9% agree; 4% no opinion; 28% disagree; 46% strongly disagree

2001 response (note that in 2001 the Director was Richard Murray, not James Hanlon): 4% strongly agree; 29% agree; 19% no opinion; 19% disagree; 29% strongly disagree

STRUCTURE

12. I think that the MEP should remain under the Secretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

8% Yes; 10% No Opinion; 82% No

2001 response (note that in 2001, MEP was under Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement, and the question asked if it should remain here): 87% Yes; 1% No Opinion; 12% No

13. MEP should become a separate agency under the Secretary of Public Safety.

69% Yes; 7% No Opinion; 24% No

2001 response: 81% Yes; 1% No Opinion; 18% No

14. MEP should fall under The Department of State Police.

60% Yes; 8% No Opinion; 32% No

2001 response: 45% Yes; 18% No Opinion; 36% No

MORALE

15. I fear retaliation from my chain of command for advocating strong environmental enforcement.

36% Yes; 25% No Opinion; 38% No

2001 response: 30% Yes; 33% No Opinion; 36% No

16. Morale within the MEP is:

0% Excellent; 7% Good; 4% Fair; 18% Poor; 71% Extremely Poor

2001 response: 0% Excellent; 0% Good; 15% Fair; 42% Poor; 43% Extremely Poor

17. Promotions to management positions within MEP have resulted in the job being given to the most qualified applicant.

7% Excellent; 7% Good; 7% Fair; 22% Poor; 56% Extremely poor

There was no equivalent question in 2001.

Question #	SA	A	NO	D	SD
1	1/56 2%	0/56 0%	1/56 2%	20/56 36%	34/56 61%
2	0/56 0%	1/56 2%	0/56 0%	11/56 20%	44/56 79%
3	2/56 4%	1/56 2%	6/56 11%	23/56 41%	24/56 43%
4	11/55 20%	11/55 20%	4/55 7%	14/55 25%	15/55 27%
5	4/56 7%	5/56 9%	6/56 11%	14/56 25%	27/56 48%
6	11/56 20%	14/56 25%	11/56 20%	13/56 23%	7/56 12%
7	3/56 5%	5/56 9%	4/56 7%	10/56 18%	34/56 61%
8	7/56 12%	4/56 7%	3/56 5%	9/56 16%	33/56 59%
9	6/56 11%	7/56 12%	1/56 2%	9/56 16%	33/56 59%
11	7/54 13%	5/54 9%	2/54 4%	15/54 28%	25/54 46%

Question #	Yes	No Opinion	No
10	11/56 20%	24/56 43%	21/56 37%
12	4/50 8%	5/50 10%	41/50 82%
13	37/54 69%	4/54 7%	13/54 24%
14	32/53 60%	4/53 8%	17/53 32%
15	20/55 36%	14/55 25%	21/55 38%

Question #	Exc.	Good	Fair	Poor	Ex. Poor
16	0/55 0%	4/55 7%	2/55 4%	10/55 18%	39/55 71%
17	4/54 7%	4/54 7%	4/54 7%	12/54 22%	30/54 56%