

SUMMARY OF PRELIMINARY RESULTS
Community Survey on Traffic and Safety
Prepared for the DMFPO Semi-Annual Meeting, 11/13/05



Audience and Response Rate

3,224 questionnaires were mailed to property owners (2,751 (85%)) and renters (473 (15%)). 192 of the 3,224 outgoing questionnaires were returned, undeliverable, for a total sample size of 3,032.

As of today, 1,157 questionnaires have been returned, a robust return rate of **38%**.

These results are based on 900 questionnaires entered to date (78% of the total). Of these 900 respondents, 58% reside in the Country Club area, 19% reside in Upper Pebble Beach, and 23% live in the Estate area, roughly equivalent to the Forest's population as a whole. The respondents are primarily homeowners (94%), the average time they have lived in Del Monte Forest is 20 years, and 80% live here full-time. Two-thirds are DMFPO members.

Traffic Issues

Traffic is a significant issue for 50% of the respondents, who reported it is a big or moderate problem, and 35-44% reported it is getting worse, not better.

No. 1 reported problem by far is speeding, or speeding combined with other reckless driving. Top 10 Speed Streets are: Sloat, Bird Rock, Viscaino, Forest Lodge, Sunridge, 17 Mile Drive, Stevenson, Sunset, El Bosque, Crespi. Other problems are construction traffic, parking, heavy traffic generally, congestion at the Hwy 1 Gate, and others.

Safety Issues

Personal and property crimes are not a concern to the majority (66-77%) of respondents. Yet 24-34% said vandalism and other violations were moderate to big problems, and 20-28% felt they had gotten worse in the past year. The top problem is vandalism, particularly mailbox destruction and egging of cars and houses, followed by noise and litter.

18% said they were victims of a crime in the Forest in the past year, and 62% reported it to authorities. Major reasons for not reporting were feelings that the crime was too minor or that nothing would or could be done.

Fear of crime is very low in the Forest: 97% said they felt very or somewhat safe during the day, 92% felt the same way at night. 79% said there was nowhere in DMF where they felt unsafe or uncomfortable, day or night.

Solutions? Suggested solutions for traffic and safety problems run the full gamut from immediate enforcement to long-term preventive changes.

55% strongly or somewhat agreed that "Existing services meet all Del Monte Forest's traffic and safety needs."
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68% strongly or somewhat agreed that "The Del Monte Forest needs additional traffic enforcement personnel," and 60% strongly or somewhat agreed that "The Del Monte Forest needs additional law enforcement personnel."

94% strongly or somewhat agreed that
"Residents, police, and other services should work together on low-cost solutions to traffic and safety problems."