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Effects of Police Interaction on Student Perception of Police and Campus Safety

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### Purpose
Determine if campus police interaction influences student perception of their campus police and safety.

### Research Questions
- How do students view their police officers?
- Do these perceptions effect a student’s willingness to utilize the police?
- If students are not utilizing police, then what methods are they using?
- How do these perceptions effect the perception of overall campus safety?

### Methods
Population: Midwest Undergraduate Students
Snowball Sampling
Electronic Survey

### Results
**Alternate Safety Measures**
- Buddy System
- Self-Defense
- Real Police
- Campus Official
- Technology
- Limit Night Travel
- Use Common Sense

### Implications
- More positive interactions
- Focus groups to understand perception of campus police
- Debunk myths

### Conclusion
Correlation exists between interaction and perception of campus police and safety. Students utilize alternative safety methods due in some part to perception of campus safety.