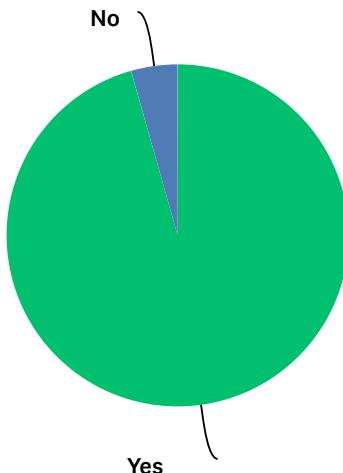


Q1 Did you know Charles County residents are served by a combination of volunteer and paid emergency medical services?

Answered: 1,142 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		95.62%	1,092
No		4.38%	50
TOTAL			1,142

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	This county should have all paid EMS personnel	3/12/2024 4:47 PM
2	I know that this handpicked charter board with selected by self-serving individuals.	3/12/2024 12:44 PM
3	– I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT Charles County needs a Charter Government, but I do believe that in the near future BOTH Fire and EMS service will need a paid chief and support staff, reorganization as a countywide system rather than all independent volunteer corporations, better planning and funding for future growth, and some paid response staffing based on need as determined by realistic metrics.	3/12/2024 9:57 AM
4	Fire is 100% volunteer and ems is combined	3/10/2024 11:26 PM
5	It is rare a volunteer ambulance is staffed.	3/10/2024 8:29 PM
6	I am aware that the career staff runs a majority of the calls but I was informed the volunteers still get money for the calls they run. Why is this?	3/10/2024 2:51 PM
7	Have friends that volunteer.	3/9/2024 11:34 AM
8	It is working; do not change. If anything, give more incentives to volunteers.	3/9/2024 10:23 AM
9	A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:50 PM
10	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:29 PM
11	I am aware of the combination of paid and volunteer services provided to the citizens of	3/5/2024 11:02 AM

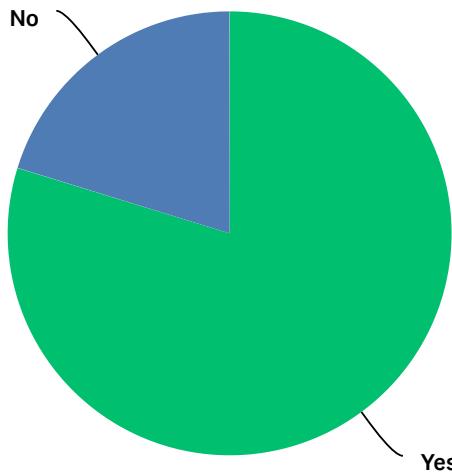
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Charles County. I think these services are an effective use of tax payer dollars, and increasing the paid services when there are so many volunteer opportunities available would create havoc on taxpayers.

12	No one wants a charter government. The commissioners are already ruining this county, no need to further destroy it.	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
13	They work very well together with volunteers	3/4/2024 8:25 PM
14	Some stations have paid EMS crews	3/4/2024 8:01 PM
15	Yes certain stations have paid EMS	3/4/2024 1:06 PM
16	MD Responds Medical Reserve Corps Charles County Unit is made up of health care professionals and community members ready to assist with public health response during an emergency.	3/4/2024 11:49 AM
17	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:27 AM
18	Only for some EMS Services, Not Fire Suppression or Special Rescue Services	3/4/2024 8:30 AM
19	They should all be paid positions, our safety is worth it.	3/3/2024 11:38 PM
20	No to charter	3/3/2024 6:29 PM
21	It works well.	3/3/2024 3:34 PM
22	At least we have some trained professionals	3/3/2024 10:30 AM
23	I see people riding in ambulances labeled "volunteer" but their uniforms say Department of Emergency Services.	3/3/2024 9:34 AM
24	I thought they were all volunteer.	3/2/2024 9:39 PM
25	I am against Charter Government.	3/2/2024 9:38 PM
26	How many paid positions are there?	3/2/2024 8:01 PM
27	No to charter government	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
28	I will not vote for charter. I dislike how the process came about from three commissioners who I no longer trust and want to vote out. I distrust anything they support.	3/2/2024 5:04 PM
29	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM

Q2 As a Charles County resident, are your emergency medical service needs being met with the current combination of paid and volunteer service?

Answered: 1,097 Skipped: 48



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	79.76%	875
No	20.24%	222
TOTAL		1,097

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	In our neighborhood we have to wait for an ambulance from Newburg 99% of the time.	3/12/2024 4:47 PM
2	However, I do think we could use more paid EMS people.	3/12/2024 2:50 PM
3	First let me say the volunteers have done a great job for decades, but the increasing number of calls and the increased hours of training make it difficult for them to keep up. Call load regularly overwhelms current units in some areas, long response times cause delayed service while many volunteer owned units sit in stations without adequate staffing to respond. There are more than enough volunteer ambulances available in the County, just not enough staffing. A metrics driven approach to planning is needed to address rapidly increasing population and resultant growth in call load. The recommendations of the Fire/EMS Comprehensive Study Report (Aug 2019) need to be followed; the volunteers have no long-range plan for rapid growth and need for expansion. This does not require Charter Government!	3/12/2024 9:57 AM
4	have not had a need to call them, so am currently unable to answer this question.	3/11/2024 5:08 PM
5	I see Newburg Volunteer Rescue responding to calls in my area which should be covered by Cobb Island Rescue? I've often wondered why?	3/11/2024 12:22 PM
6	I choose to not use the medical supports in Charles because of the awful service at Charles Regional Hospital.	3/11/2024 10:30 AM
7	Too long of a wait	3/10/2024 8:29 PM
8	I have heard of volunteer and career having disagreements on the scene. Things like the fire department feeling like lift assist calls should be EMS only, and leaving EMS units on the	3/10/2024 2:51 PM

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scene without offering assistance before they leave. Fire 3 is known to walk across the street when a lift assist comes out, so they don't have to run the call. As a paid fire fighter in a neighboring county, this infuriates me.

9	Paid EMS were moved off of Cobb Island recently, back to Newburg Fire House, 11 miles up the road. That has significantly impacted response times on Cobb Island.	3/10/2024 2:40 PM
10	Depends where you are in the county. Some fire houses are understaffed with volunteers as new residents are coming to Charles County are working folks, they are not able to volunteer during the day. The retirees and older population are carrying the fire houses during the day. What happens in a large emergency? The majority can drive the trucks, but they cannot physically be expected to manage the emergency like a large working fire.	3/10/2024 12:32 PM
11	not enough units in Waldorf. also the outlying areas like Benedict and Najamoy are still all volly units without guaranteed staffing. there is no accountability to the volly units when it is not staffed. what's the ROI for multi million dollar stations and fully equipped apparatus (that costs millions also) when there is no one there to get it out and operate it?	3/10/2024 8:30 AM
12	I think so	3/9/2024 10:47 AM
13	But we can always do better.	3/9/2024 10:23 AM
14	Current services are exemplary	3/8/2024 10:38 PM
15	I have yet to need to call for emergency medical services, so I cannot say.	3/8/2024 5:48 PM
16	Luckily I have not needed their services	3/7/2024 7:48 PM
17	Fortunately I have not required their services	3/7/2024 7:30 PM
18	N/A have not needed to use them as a new resident	3/7/2024 6:26 PM
19	County is expanding too fast without the infrastructure in place.	3/7/2024 5:39 PM
20	EMS services are excellent!	3/7/2024 3:56 PM
21	Have not called on	3/7/2024 3:31 PM
22	But that's because the commissioners are doing nothing allowing developers to build more and more houses without the infrastructure.	3/7/2024 2:33 PM
23	You are overworking your paid and volunteer services by continuously building without the infrastructure to support it.	3/7/2024 12:52 PM
24	Need more paid EMS	3/6/2024 12:54 PM
25	I've only had paid employees respond	3/6/2024 12:12 PM
26	I believe they are met, however all emergency medical services should be paid. Better services will be provided and better qualified candidates will be more likely to have interest if paid.	3/6/2024 10:51 AM
27	not a CC resident. I only work here.	3/6/2024 9:29 AM
28	A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:50 PM
29	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:29 PM
30	This county has grown in population and infrastructure at an alarming rate. In my opinion, public safety has tried to keep up, but it has been a struggle. Many stations are having trouble with filling, some even not having coverage some days.	3/5/2024 12:11 PM
31	they do a great job	3/5/2024 11:59 AM
32	Closest volunteer station doesn't have a paramedic and they are not staffed 24/7	3/5/2024 11:50 AM
33	Increased crime has made County facilities short-staffed to respond	3/5/2024 11:07 AM
34	My emergency needs are being met with the combination of paid and volunteer services. I have never noticed anything to the contrary. I think there is excellent coordination of services	3/5/2024 11:02 AM

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by dedicated men and women within our County.

35	Have not needed.	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
36	No one wants a charter government. The commissioners are already ruining this county, no need to further destroy it.	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
37	Unsure. To some extent I believe that citizens need to be less dependent on emergency services by understanding and using commercial urgent care facilities .	3/4/2024 8:48 PM
38	DES policy for transports does not measure up to those counties surrounding Charles. The medics are told they MUST transport if a 12-lead is done. This has multiple effects: it's not the intended tools purpose, it weakens skills and differential diagnosis, and waters the system down. Medic units are sitting on walls waiting for HOURS on low acuity calls. Medic crews should try and remain available to the best degree possible for emergent calls.	3/4/2024 8:11 PM
39	Need more EMS units due to volume of new residents and no public safety infrastructure enhancements.	3/4/2024 5:09 PM
40	Yes, but I often see both paid and volunteer EMS at the scene for a single patient.	3/4/2024 1:44 PM
41	Every body wants to put blame on the volunteers but no one is putting blame on these hospitals that are constantly having us stand on a wall for a minimum of three hours	3/4/2024 1:06 PM
42	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:27 AM
43	Volunteer services blatantly "pick and chose" which calls they want to run.	3/4/2024 10:14 AM
44	Need more police patrolling the streets	3/4/2024 2:56 AM
45	I'm in the Bryan's area, and my mother needed medical attention and indian head medical emergency  had responded when Bryan's road emergency are like less than five minutes away from my home.	3/4/2024 12:33 AM
46	There is always room to improve and that is more difficult with a volunteer service. Trained experts expect to be compensated for their time.	3/3/2024 11:38 PM
47	Not sure. Is there a Fire Chief for Charles County Government who everyone reports to?	3/3/2024 10:48 PM
48	It is absolutely overworked for the amount of people in the county not to mention all of the town houses going up on the parkway. Our EMS system cannot handle the volume of people coming in.	3/3/2024 8:15 PM
49	Many times an ambulance is more than 30 minutes before they respond	3/3/2024 7:58 PM
50	Need more career EMS and Police. No need for paid Fire. The volunteer Fire Department has in the 90+% Success rate. No need to continue to raise citizens tax's for career fire	3/3/2024 7:04 PM
51	It took the crew 20 mins to get to my house.	3/3/2024 6:14 PM
52	I have never used CC EMS. So I am not equipped to respond to this question.	3/3/2024 6:06 PM
53	Our Emts were closer and were moved to newburg	3/3/2024 5:34 PM
54	We need better medical and fire protection from this county. I see og county units over here every day	3/3/2024 4:11 PM
55	Yes. Prior to my father's death, I had to call them out multiple times. No issues at all.	3/3/2024 3:34 PM
56	Fortunately we have not had to use any emergency services, however I am extremely concerned that our closest EMS is now 20 minutes away instead of around the corner on Cobb Island. Did not make sense to take it away from us.	3/3/2024 2:28 PM
57	The hospital is one of the worst I've ever seen. The providers are terrible and the choices are slim. EMS do their best with a broken system	3/3/2024 2:14 PM
58	No, there is no guaranteed staffed EMS unit in the area I live (Indian Head)	3/3/2024 2:10 PM
59	I don't know.	3/3/2024 2:08 PM
60	DES is bad. They fuck it all up.	3/3/2024 1:28 PM

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61	I think paid employees would create synergy, transparency, equity, inclusion and fairness that doesn't consistently exist.	3/3/2024 1:28 PM
62	Need more units. I see more PG units than Charles County Units	3/3/2024 1:27 PM
63	Need more paid ems	3/3/2024 1:21 PM
64	We need more staffing readily available.	3/3/2024 1:16 PM
65	I see ambulances constantly	3/3/2024 1:11 PM
66	Having units fail is unacceptable.	3/3/2024 1:10 PM
67	It's always a DES ambulance crew that comes to my house	3/3/2024 12:12 PM
68	We need career staffing. I expect the service to be timely, well trained and effective.	3/3/2024 11:21 AM
69	Response times seem to be greater when stations are staffed 24-7	3/3/2024 11:11 AM
70	I haven't used 911 in years but we need to get ahead of the curve. Volunteerism is declining and we need to be proactive, not reactive	3/3/2024 11:10 AM
71	N/A	3/3/2024 11:06 AM
72	They may be now but with all of the development, I hardly feel that they will be able to meet them in the future and I will most likely have to rely on surrounding counties.	3/3/2024 10:39 AM
73	Need more of them	3/3/2024 10:28 AM
74	House fire on Kris dr the the closest fire house did not have staffing and did not come to help paid staff from pg county came to help	3/3/2024 10:18 AM
75	The volunteer EMS service has failed but commissioners do not acknowledge. Volunteer fire is right behind with already a documented Station 12 failing. We as citizens of Charles county are in danger.	3/3/2024 10:00 AM
76	There are not enough paid staff to handle the increased call volume and the volunteers don't have enough people to keep up	3/3/2024 9:42 AM
77	Volunteer EMS is almost non existent. Paid service runs most of the calls. This means I have to wait for a paid crew to respond to my house that is near a volunteer department.	3/3/2024 9:34 AM
78	Presently but concerned that county growth will outpace volunteers	3/3/2024 9:24 AM
79	There have been a lot of concerns regarding emergency services not being adequate to support Charles County growth - and I share those concerns - but I have not seen that data.	3/3/2024 8:57 AM
80	Never used these services.	3/3/2024 8:13 AM
81	Fire/RMS	3/3/2024 6:44 AM
82	I think it there's room for improvement	3/3/2024 12:08 AM
83	I never had too use emergency services.	3/3/2024 12:05 AM
84	I would never call for an ambulance and I hope I never have to use the fire department.	3/3/2024 12:03 AM
85	The EMS system and the local ER system are both severely understaffed and underfunded. I am against Charter Government.	3/2/2024 9:38 PM
86	Need paid EMS in every station so that the volunteers can focus their efforts on the fire service	3/2/2024 8:24 PM
87	Just paid	3/2/2024 8:00 PM
88	Never had to use them	3/2/2024 7:35 PM
89	Have not dealt with the medical services in CC	3/2/2024 7:29 PM
90	No to charter government	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
91	While my particular needs are currently being met, I do believe there are not enough personnel available to support our growing county.	3/2/2024 7:02 PM

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92	There has been one incident where I felt it took entirely too long for EMS to arrive to help my mother-in-love when she experienced a life threatening emergency.	3/2/2024 6:46 PM
93	You are building too many houses and don't have the hospitals or medical staff to help all these people. Wait times in the ER are over an hour which is ridiculous	3/2/2024 6:20 PM
94	N/A	3/2/2024 6:03 PM
95	Unsure. I haven't had to use any of the services.	3/2/2024 5:55 PM
96	I have not needed to use any of the above emergency services to be able to rate this question well. I will not for for charter.	3/2/2024 5:04 PM
97	Need career firefighters that are assigned to fire equipment. Not just EMS / Hazmat	3/2/2024 3:41 PM
98	Not always, frequently there are not enough staffed ambulances available to meet the number of calls in some sections of the county. This results in long response times and long waits for citizens in need of emergency assistance.	3/2/2024 2:31 PM
99	Volunteer companies are regularly getting out understaffed, late, or not at all. The county fire chief and chiefs around the county attempt to cover these statistics up. This counties lack of disciplined emergency service practices WILL result in the death of a citizen or emergency service personnel. (I am a Charles county volunteer firefighter giving my opinion)	3/2/2024 1:50 PM
100	The EMS failure to respond rate is unacceptable	3/2/2024 1:34 PM
101	The paid professionals who have more training and expertise are 30 minutes from my home.	3/2/2024 1:22 PM
102	Need to worry about more hospitals	3/2/2024 1:15 PM
103	Ambulance and fire responses take too long if you dont live in a more populated area. The volunteer system does not keep up with the booming population.	3/2/2024 12:53 PM
104	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
105	Many of the stations are on double dispatch and the citizens are in danger.	3/2/2024 12:19 PM
106	The county should invest in growing the career EMS system.	3/2/2024 11:52 AM
107	Command staff need to be out on the street to supplement crews. There are numerous paramedics that sit in an office all day that do not saddle up when it gets busy. There is a serious management and leadership problem within DES.	3/2/2024 11:03 AM
108	Need more career units	3/2/2024 8:35 AM
109	Because they keep build homes in the county even though all of public safety recommends not to each time a new neighborhood is presented. So stop building homes and hire more EMS and we could be covered then	3/1/2024 10:17 PM
110	On the fire side	3/1/2024 1:59 PM
111	The county continually depletes southern EMS services to send units north when Waldorf and La Plata units are tied up. The current DES Duty Officers spend more time shopping, at Planet Fitness and attending meetings rather than responding to emergency calls. They also delay services from constantly being out of their response districts.	3/1/2024 1:06 PM

Q3 If you would like the Charter Board to consider additional or alternate ideas regarding government -funded emergency services (EMS, 911 dispatch, animal control, etc.), please share your thoughts here:

Answered: 375 Skipped: 770

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No	3/12/2024 6:33 PM
2	This county should have all paid EMS and Fire personnel	3/12/2024 4:47 PM
3	I am confused by this statement it makes it appear that Charles County has already voted for Charter Government. At the very least it seems that you think all citizens are for Charter Government. Everything I have watched and read about this charter government has indicated that the majority of the commissioners have made up their mind and the citizens have no say. I realize that anything else I have to say will be ignored because this is not what you want to hear.	3/12/2024 2:50 PM
4	put animal control back under the sheriff's office	3/12/2024 1:51 PM
5	I do not want a Charter Board.	3/12/2024 1:43 PM
6	Do you really think this charter board cares about anything residents have to say?	3/12/2024 12:44 PM
7	We need more of everything - Charles County is going faster than Emergency Services (of all types, including police, fire department and EMS) can handle. We're already stretched to the breaking point as it is, with all resources frequently being tapped out by regular call volume, let alone if there's any kind of major incident. We desperately need more Emergency Services personnel of all types before we continue building more housing and bringing more citizens into the county, or we're going to end up in a situation where 911 calls go unanswered for minutes at a time due to a lack of call takers, and calls left holding for sometimes hours (which already happens fairly often, depending on the call type).	3/12/2024 10:15 AM
8	The volunteer system isn't working. We need career firefighters and EMS employees...and more of them. If you're going to develop the hell out of the county, the emergency services should be able to keep up. This includes the hospital. The hospital in La Plata is the worst. They don't give a damn. Much like the current commissioners.	3/12/2024 10:13 AM
9	The County Government Leadership needs to thoroughly read and follow recommendations of the Recommendations of the Comp. Study Report Aug. 2019. EMS needs to be taken over by County. Career personnel already respond to the majority of EMS calls in vol owned units out of vol owned stations. A combined service is still needed, but with adjustments. Early on the majority of calls were run by vols and supplemented by career, but now the majority of calls are run by career supplemented by volunteers. The County and the Volunteers need to recognize this and make adjustments to reflect this shift. The County should start buying their own units since they staff them 24/7/365 (standardization will improve safety and efficiency of personnel) and build new stations to replace old ones and to address growth and call increase. This does not require Charter Government!	3/12/2024 9:57 AM
10	No	3/12/2024 9:02 AM
11	This question makes it sound like the Charter Board is already a done deal. I don't appreciate you asking for my thoughts before it has been approved by the voters.	3/11/2024 5:08 PM
12	Why? The very biased handpicked board only takes direction from the 3 corrupt commissioners who worked hard to seat them on this Charter Board.	3/11/2024 3:45 PM
13	not in favor of charter government	3/11/2024 11:36 AM
14	Please have all services on payroll so that they can make a livable wage.	3/11/2024 10:30 AM
15	We don't need a Charter Government in Charles County. We would end up like Prince George's	3/10/2024 11:26 PM

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County. That's why I loved here to Charles County.

16	Yes	3/10/2024 11:02 PM
17	There was a fire in Stonehaven last fall. The response time to the fire was far too long. The whole structure was gone by the time they got here - thankfully everyone got out. We need paid/career Fire and EMT. VFD has little to no diversity and is a good ole boys club. It's time to evolve like other large communities and have some real oversight for our public safety.	3/10/2024 10:37 PM
18	Give the vilunteer ambulances to paid people and give them their own stations so they aren't maid service for the volunteer stations.	3/10/2024 8:29 PM
19	I believe the Charles County Sheriff's Office, Fire Departments, EMS, Dispatchers and Animal Control handle the needs the best way possible.	3/10/2024 5:05 PM
20	I believe we have adequate services already.	3/10/2024 3:09 PM
21	Bring paid EMS back to Cobb Island.	3/10/2024 2:40 PM
22	My spouse has been a volunteer for 30 years. Charter government is a horrible idea, just look at PG COUNTY!!!!!!!	3/10/2024 2:01 PM
23	Look at each location and its needs. Support the undeserved fire houses where volunteers are lacking.	3/10/2024 12:32 PM
24	No to charter	3/10/2024 12:03 PM
25	Not needed	3/10/2024 10:26 AM
26	to know how much we get for the amount of money shelled out to the system we would need to know how often the unit is staffed and by how many (minimum staffing or above). to do this first step the unit should not be "in-service" unless staffed and we could then track hours above minimum staffing. This would also give us info on the times of day and days of the week that staffing is needed at which stations it is needed the most. with that information we could supplement staffing to the right station at the right time. we do not need full bore paid fire but most stations need help for only certain days or certain hours.	3/10/2024 8:30 AM
27	Not broken, don't fix.	3/9/2024 5:31 PM
28	Adding additional paid medics should be budgeted each physical year, to ensure ALS coverage at all volunteer stations. The county should give our citizens who volunteer and take the necessary classes to provide emergency care, a tax break on their property tax as incentive to continue to volunteer their time. This would keep the volunteer service running smoothly and keeping the expense of having a completely paid system out of the tax payers pockets. The volunteer system is also a great resource for the youth of our community, and could be expanded and provided a great avenue to keep our youth on the right path.	3/9/2024 1:46 PM
29	Paid Fire Service	3/9/2024 12:47 PM
30	No, please. Additional or alternate ideas would cost taxes payers more. The current system is sufficient and has been for a long time.	3/9/2024 11:34 AM
31	More incentives for volunteering - free college, greater LOSAP benefits.	3/9/2024 10:23 AM
32	Keep system as it is now, Code Home Rule.	3/8/2024 10:38 PM
33	I believe our current police, fire, and emergency services are doing an incredible job and no fundamental changes are needed.	3/8/2024 8:06 PM
34	I prefer to keep them as they are. They are working great	3/8/2024 7:26 PM
35	Despite a long and honorable history of volunteer services, I generally feel that people should be paid for the jobs they do, especially such critical ones.	3/8/2024 5:48 PM
36	Leave it alone. It's not broken. We don't need your "fix".	3/8/2024 10:00 AM
37	NO CHARTER BOARD	3/8/2024 9:04 AM
38	I think we should have the fire tax go to the paid ems staff. And make the fire career staff. Look at these beautiful firehouses.	3/8/2024 8:12 AM
39	EMS and Fire need to be paid positions. Also, they need to focus on recruitment. The current	3/8/2024 8:12 AM

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staffing levels are no adequate to meet the counties demand.

40	Absolutely not!	3/8/2024 6:11 AM
41	I would not like a Charter Board.	3/8/2024 12:23 AM
42	No charter board and no I do not want any hypothetical charter board to consider anything	3/7/2024 7:58 PM
43	No additional government funded services need to be provided by this county. We are already over taxed.	3/7/2024 7:48 PM
44	Vote No to Charter	3/7/2024 7:32 PM
45	Large subdivisions such as Rosewick rd should supply and support the funding for additional resources	3/7/2024 7:28 PM
46	Good as is!	3/7/2024 7:21 PM
47	No to charter	3/7/2024 7:09 PM
48	Stop paying county commissioners who are not performing services. Also stop paying legal fees of that commissioner.	3/7/2024 7:08 PM
49	No	3/7/2024 6:17 PM
50	The volunteer service save the county millions of dollars a year. Take the total number of volunteer hours given in the county and multiply by minimum wage just to get an idea. A large number of ambulances been used daily by DES have been purchased by the volunteer departments out of their budget. I would like to see a cost estimate from DES to purchase their own ambulances, build their own buildings, add the additional staff to cover the entire county 24/7 365 days a year. None of this information is being disclosed.	3/7/2024 6:06 PM
51	The miss use of emergency services. There's a career system where providers work in an office and never leave the office which at times has delayed patient care for advance resources. They all have license and certifications to respond on emergencies and instead abuse the desk and stay there.	3/7/2024 5:00 PM
52	No we want elected by the people Sheriff with control over their police dept.	3/7/2024 4:42 PM
53	No	3/7/2024 4:05 PM
54	All good. No need for Charter Board to consider anything.	3/7/2024 3:56 PM
55	No need for charter board to do anything	3/7/2024 3:56 PM
56	None at this time	3/7/2024 3:31 PM
57	No Charter	3/7/2024 2:55 PM
58	NO charter government	3/7/2024 2:53 PM
59	Each city should have a few paid firefighters - no station should be all volunteers	3/7/2024 2:45 PM
60	I don't want a charter government. The three of the commissioners in place now already do what they want when they want, charter would be much worse.	3/7/2024 2:33 PM
61	No!	3/7/2024 2:11 PM
62	No thank you.	3/7/2024 2:11 PM
63	No	3/7/2024 1:55 PM
64	No charter	3/7/2024 1:46 PM
65	We don't need a charter government period	3/7/2024 1:10 PM
66	Let's not even have a charter gov.	3/7/2024 1:05 PM
67	Focus on the services you have now, invest in the emergency workers you have now through retention incentives. Pay increases, benefits etc instead of limiting and taking them away.	3/7/2024 12:52 PM
68	No charter	3/7/2024 12:21 PM
69	No	3/7/2024 11:55 AM

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70	I don't want a Charter Board government. Leave the emergency services like they are currently.	3/7/2024 11:50 AM
71	No government funded services	3/7/2024 11:32 AM
72	Adding more personnel	3/7/2024 9:55 AM
73	Leave as is	3/7/2024 9:54 AM
74	Stop wasting money by each volunteer department buying the best looking fire trucks. Government contract "plain Jane" equipment will put out fire just as good as the fancy ones	3/7/2024 9:25 AM
75	I DONT want a Charter Board! I want to keep our current Sheriff's Office. Our Sheriff's Office is the best in the State of Maryland!	3/7/2024 7:24 AM
76	No Charter. At all. Ever.	3/7/2024 5:28 AM
77	More hospitals. We have way to many residents and way for coming in the future for 1 hospital.	3/6/2024 10:54 PM
78	Weekend animal control services are needed.	3/6/2024 9:59 PM
79	nc	3/6/2024 3:54 PM
80	I prefer the services as they are. I've lived in this county for 8 years and compared to counties that have combined services Charles county provides a much favorable service for me.	3/6/2024 2:32 PM
81	Properly and fully fund the existing services. No need to expand or mess with something that works.	3/6/2024 2:10 PM
82	An animal control officer should be available in the evening hours and not just until 4:30 pm. Additionally, animal control officers or animal shelter staff should have a key and be available to respond to complaints about animals at the shelter.	3/6/2024 1:40 PM
83	Leave as is	3/6/2024 12:56 PM
84	Paid departments. Most departments don't have enough staffing. Why waste money just so they can have new Suburban's when we need trained and qualified staffing	3/6/2024 12:12 PM
85	No, I have utilized, lived and worked in Charles County over the past 25 years and have been pleased with the services offered.	3/6/2024 11:56 AM
86	Pay emergency services what they deserve. Have paid fire fighters in our county. As it grows, there will be less individuals who continue to do it for free.	3/6/2024 10:51 AM
87	I do not support a Chartered Government	3/6/2024 9:30 AM
88	why not	3/6/2024 9:29 AM
89	Increase funding to volunteer system	3/6/2024 9:13 AM
90	Seems to run fine the way it is. No need to raise taxes to fix something that's not broken.	3/6/2024 9:11 AM
91	Put the paid fire fighters under control of the volunteer organization if needed	3/6/2024 8:01 AM
92	N/A	3/6/2024 7:00 AM
93	A 24/7 animal control instead of only working banker hours	3/6/2024 5:37 AM
94	keep it the way it is, not broke so don't try to fix it	3/6/2024 1:37 AM
95	Nope! Leave it alone!!!!	3/6/2024 12:59 AM
96	More money for more EmS.	3/5/2024 10:40 PM
97	I think the county emergency services are great and no need to change things (if it is not broke, why fit it).	3/5/2024 10:16 PM
98	LEAVE IT ALONE. A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:50 PM

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99	Dispatchers are under paid and understaffed. They work 12 hour shifts and sometimes longer. This needs to be addressed by not only the county but Sheriff Berry.	3/5/2024 7:41 PM
100	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:29 PM
101	Na	3/5/2024 7:28 PM
102	Na	3/5/2024 7:27 PM
103	Government funded fire and paramedic services, I would agree should be considered. However, I am satisfied that the current 911 dispatch system is under the management of the Sheriff's Office, and the 911 dispatchers are paid positions. I do NOT want this changed, it works how it is run now. Please don't break it.	3/5/2024 7:04 PM
104	None	3/5/2024 7:02 PM
105	I would like the board to fund fire and EMS apparatus for every station and find every station to be a community accessible facility with the needs of the community in mind.	3/5/2024 6:36 PM
106	Why not maintain the current state of affairs? I don't know why we need to spend more money for something we need to stay status quo.	3/5/2024 6:25 PM
107	There is no need for a charter form of government.	3/5/2024 6:09 PM
108	Don't break something that works	3/5/2024 5:51 PM
109	No	3/5/2024 5:46 PM
110	I believe what is in place right now is working just fine. No reason to raise taxes to pay for a full time paid service.	3/5/2024 5:44 PM
111	Why do we need a charter government? It's going to cost more money	3/5/2024 5:35 PM
112	No need for Charter. Need more professional commissioners serving in present government system to perform better services to all the county not just part.	3/5/2024 5:27 PM
113	If it ain't broke don't fix it.	3/5/2024 5:22 PM
114	Need to hire additional EMS and pay them more than they currently make.	3/5/2024 5:18 PM
115	Keep these services under Charles Co Govt.	3/5/2024 5:18 PM
116	Leave it the way it is. No need for change	3/5/2024 5:17 PM
117	No. I feel there is nothing wrong with our current system	3/5/2024 5:11 PM
118	None. Our taxes are too high now. Prices on homes are becoming unattainable for some. Many people are leaving not only the county but the state. Who is going to fund all this when the taxpayers leave en masse?	3/5/2024 4:02 PM
119	Leave it alone. What we have now works great.	3/5/2024 4:00 PM
120	yes we are short workers	3/5/2024 3:57 PM
121	Leave as is	3/5/2024 3:46 PM
122	Charles County is currently operating perfectly fine. This Charter Board is not needed.	3/5/2024 3:15 PM
123	No	3/5/2024 3:11 PM
124	As the county grows, reliance on volunteers becomes more difficult. Planning to grow the paid service is probably wise.	3/5/2024 2:55 PM
125	Leave it alone	3/5/2024 1:38 PM
126	We need keep our current form of government in Charles County. There is no need to change it.	3/5/2024 1:31 PM
127	I believe the services are being met. I believe residents do not need additional taxes to pay for services they're already getting.	3/5/2024 1:30 PM
128	Charter government is not needed in this county	3/5/2024 1:10 PM
129	No.	3/5/2024 12:52 PM

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130	No, removing the current EMS system will cause taxes to Increase!!!	3/5/2024 12:49 PM
131	No need for a charter government	3/5/2024 12:48 PM
132	Fully paid allows for more jobs for county residents	3/5/2024 12:47 PM
133	1. The "assist the citizen" calls are taxing fire/EMS. A patient care advocate system needs to be devised that controls the "priority" response. Mobile Integrated Health isn't cutting it! Does False Alarm Reduction even work? Bottom line is government created such sprawl in this county that resources cannot keep up.	3/5/2024 12:41 PM
134	N/A	3/5/2024 12:32 PM
135	no	3/5/2024 12:23 PM
136	We need more EMS/fire, etc.	3/5/2024 12:11 PM
137	If it works, leave it alone.	3/5/2024 12:05 PM
138	The system we have works very well.	3/5/2024 11:59 AM
139	LEAVE IT ALONE	3/5/2024 11:58 AM
140	Have all volunteer stations have paid staff 24/7 with dedicated ambulance from station	3/5/2024 11:50 AM
141	N/A	3/5/2024 11:48 AM
142	Nothing is broken and the form of government will cost the county millions and ultimately convert us into PG County?	3/5/2024 11:37 AM
143	No	3/5/2024 11:29 AM
144	There is no need to change Charles County into a Charter government.	3/5/2024 11:27 AM
145	Rural areas need additional support.	3/5/2024 11:26 AM
146	It's fine the way it is	3/5/2024 11:24 AM
147	Keep the volunteers by providing the monies needed to replace needed equipment.	3/5/2024 11:24 AM
148	None	3/5/2024 11:13 AM
149	As an employee of the Charles Co Sheriff's Office/Detention Center, our staff has been operating below level requirements due to non-competitive pay	3/5/2024 11:07 AM
150	Another hospital is desperately needed.	3/5/2024 11:02 AM
151	I believe our government is functioning effectively and efficiently regarding funded emergency services. There is no need to create a separate entity or take resources away from what is already created. If you want to make modifications to the current system, consider starting there.	3/5/2024 11:02 AM
152	Animal Control, EMS/FIRE could be government funded, however the Police Agency is the best of the best and does not need to be changed.	3/5/2024 10:58 AM
153	ACO, EMS/fire could be government funded. I would not change anything about the police agency, they are the best.	3/5/2024 10:57 AM
154	no	3/5/2024 10:52 AM
155	No, I do not think we need additional or alternative ideas, what we have is working very well.	3/5/2024 10:47 AM
156	Seems to serve the County well as is.	3/5/2024 10:47 AM
157	No one wants a charter government. The commissioners are already ruining this county, no need to further destroy it.	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
158	Things are fine as is	3/5/2024 10:45 AM
159	Charles County has the best sheriff's office, EMS, 911 dispatch, and animal control in the state and there is no reason to destroy something that isn't broken.	3/5/2024 10:45 AM
160	no	3/5/2024 10:44 AM

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161	Yes, the county is at a critical point when it comes to providing firefighters for emergency. We can no longer rely on volunteers when it come to protecting life and property.	3/5/2024 10:44 AM
162	Dont change what is working	3/5/2024 10:43 AM
163	I do not support the charter government however, if it does move forward I would recommend that police are excluded. I do not support the costs that would be associated with creating a new police department when the one we have now is frequently commended for its good work.	3/5/2024 10:42 AM
164	I don't want a charter government.	3/5/2024 10:40 AM
165	Pay dispatch more money	3/5/2024 10:40 AM
166	Need more paid because no one wants to volunteer anymore so we need dedicated staff	3/5/2024 10:40 AM
167	There should be Paid Firefighters. All are volunteer.	3/5/2024 10:40 AM
168	No	3/5/2024 10:39 AM
169	more for professional EMS	3/5/2024 10:06 AM
170	There is no need for the expansion of county services as it will result in tax increases for residents and businesses.	3/5/2024 9:08 AM
171	The charter board doesn't need to partake in any of Charles county fire and ems organization, the volunteer industry is aware of the increase in the population, new homes, new schools, and new businesses. The volunteers will continue to serve and protect there area with no additional help.	3/5/2024 7:50 AM
172	Leave these ares operational as they are now.	3/5/2024 7:18 AM
173	No charter	3/5/2024 6:15 AM
174	As the County grows, more paid EMS are needed. The volunteers are great, but we can't depend so much on them as growth has outpaced resources & not enough people volunteer (for ANYTHING) these days.	3/4/2024 10:23 PM
175	Animal control services may be handled by a quasi or non-govt provider; ChasCo 911 dispatchers are the worst	3/4/2024 8:48 PM
176	Solve hospital wait times Stop using emergency services for non emergencies	3/4/2024 8:39 PM
177	We need better funding for the systems already in place	3/4/2024 8:25 PM
178	No opinion	3/4/2024 8:17 PM
179	LOSAP points should be divided into quarters instead of the entire year. This will spread out the requirements over 12 months instead of members trying to make it up in a single quarter.	3/4/2024 8:11 PM
180	None	3/4/2024 8:01 PM
181	The county is poor and can't afford this	3/4/2024 6:09 PM
182	Charles county needs a charted govt. because the current system is not adequately serving all of Charles county equally. The closest volunteer fire department near my residence is always understaffed or not staffed at all.	3/4/2024 4:30 PM
183	Provide more ambulance 's and crews	3/4/2024 3:57 PM
184	I would like the Charter Board to consider population growth reduction reduction as a method of sustaining emergency services.	3/4/2024 1:44 PM
185	We do not need any paid fire service in Charles county we need our county commissioners to want to work with us and actually understand how the volunteer system works maybe they would be willing to be open minded instead of close minded	3/4/2024 1:06 PM
186	Fund 911 center better, in particular the salaries of the employees. This center is looked at as a stepping stone and not a career.	3/4/2024 11:27 AM
187	Continue funding the volunteers	3/4/2024 11:00 AM
188	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:27 AM

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189	No. The charter board has no business breaking down departments.	3/4/2024 10:19 AM
190	The paid system instills professionalism and requires standardized fitness requirements. 100% call response and accountability. Currently volunteers can "scratch" for various reasons and because they are a "private" business the county has limited recourse.	3/4/2024 10:14 AM
191	Allocate more funding to the Newburg and Cobb Island VFDs so that they can provide the necessary life-saving services to the residents in these rural areas.	3/4/2024 9:21 AM
192	Have the town of Laplata contribute to the salary of ACO as well as communications since they currently do not and they utilize both emergency services	3/4/2024 9:06 AM
193	Additional Animal Control	3/4/2024 7:39 AM
194	Animal control please, please, please 🚨 the amount of aggressive dogs roaming around unattended is ridiculous and very dangerous for neighbors living in the Strawberry Hills neighborhood. Please help!	3/4/2024 12:33 AM
195	Fully fund career EMS and Fire, volunteers no longer adequately serve county citizen needs	3/4/2024 12:22 AM
196	Make this an all paid service. The lives of those that reside in the county deserve to be taken seriously.	3/3/2024 11:38 PM
197	Quit wasting tax payer money and actually spend it on emergency services	3/3/2024 11:13 PM
198	Business taxes	3/3/2024 10:48 PM
199	Give volunteer fire departments real world funding.	3/3/2024 10:47 PM
200	Every time government inserts itself into anything it becomes more expensive and less efficient, and stops serving the best interest of the public, and usually becomes corrupt. Less government is better.	3/3/2024 10:42 PM
201	No Charter!	3/3/2024 10:00 PM
202	Absolutely	3/3/2024 9:19 PM
203	Mobile Crisis Team like calvert has very helpful for things such as CPR calls for family or psychiatric calls that don't have a medical complaint.	3/3/2024 9:02 PM
204	Have the county take over family run departments who only care about themselves, what they can get and very little about the volunteers in their house.	3/3/2024 8:51 PM
205	We need more paid EMS on the streets, The volunteers do not get the ambulances out. It is all the paid crews	3/3/2024 8:15 PM
206	No	3/3/2024 8:07 PM
207	No	3/3/2024 8:00 PM
208	No to the charter board. period	3/3/2024 8:00 PM
209	They way the commissioners are allowing apartments and townhouses to be built we need to build the infrastructure. The hospital is over run and emergency services are also suffering	3/3/2024 7:58 PM
210	Response times in the western part of Charles county are historically long and concerning because of understaffed volunteer stations. Something needs to be addressed regarding other counties that are regularly using our hospital as a drop off location which is consistently taking more away from our few resources and only hospital!	3/3/2024 7:43 PM
211	Why do departments need to spend money on all the "bells and whistles " when a more cost efficient way can be had.	3/3/2024 7:36 PM
212	Charles County should have fully funded and PAID Career Fire and EMT services.	3/3/2024 7:24 PM
213	The fire tax has not been raised in 20 years and the cost of trucks,equipment , etc have raised 300 % or more , please raise the fire tax a little to help the volunteers	3/3/2024 6:58 PM
214	There should be more stations in the waldorf area.	3/3/2024 6:14 PM
215	Create the career service and the volunteers can report to the career service	3/3/2024 6:08 PM

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216	If the Charter board is not official how can the charter board make decisions? The citizens should have control - No charter	3/3/2024 6:08 PM
217	I understand wanting to keep it a volunteer status but have they looked at the call long for each dept.? Not just ems but fire as well. Multiple times calls are being sent to another station or even multiple stations to fulfill the calls. You're seeing it everywhere. It's causing depts from other counties to come help. Essentially putting peoples lives at risk with the response time. People have DIED due to response times in this county but they don't see that.	3/3/2024 5:41 PM
218	Cobb island needs emts	3/3/2024 5:34 PM
219	Do not want charter	3/3/2024 4:47 PM
220	More people to help and respond faster.	3/3/2024 3:49 PM
221	Please add career fire. So many volunteer fire stations fail to go on calls and there are many gaps in their responses times.	3/3/2024 3:48 PM
222	You need to realize that Police Communications is separate from 911 communications. While that is the way it should be, access to funding, pay and other benefits are NOT equal even though the same certifications are required for both. Staffing and retention are an issue for both.	3/3/2024 3:44 PM
223	Career EMS staff	3/3/2024 3:43 PM
224	No to Charter! It was voted down about 9 years ago, and you are wasting our money trying to bring it back. Emergency services are great!	3/3/2024 2:34 PM
225	Please move EMS back to Cobb Island full time	3/3/2024 2:28 PM
226	I don't think the county should be paying for additional services.	3/3/2024 2:21 PM
227	We need paid fire	3/3/2024 2:19 PM
228	I don't want a charter board. AT ALL.	3/3/2024 2:14 PM
229	Pay increase for first responders. Full staffing for first responders. Government provided childcare for essential workers.	3/3/2024 2:13 PM
230	ALL stations within charles county needs at least 1 county staffed ambulance It's not fair that some areas are guaranteed EMS service and others are not that rely on volunteers that don't always staff their units. Every tax paying citizen should be entitled to the same privileges	3/3/2024 2:10 PM
231	ANIMAL CONTROL needs to be more visible. Dogs, especially aggressive breeds like pits bulls and huskies ALWAYS get loose. Residents use NEXTDOOR to find owners. ANIMAL CONTROL should start policing neighborhoods and communities on a regular basis.	3/3/2024 2:08 PM
232	Suck a dick.	3/3/2024 1:28 PM
233	I think the noted services, particularly EMS and Fire & Rescue deserve increased and consistent funding and pay. The trucks, equipment need updating and it should be priority 1 considering they save the lives of Charles County residents everyday. You cannot ask or expect the best of your not proving the money and best resources for them to do their job whether it volunteer or paid.	3/3/2024 1:28 PM
234	Increase staffing to 2024 levels. Volunteers need help.	3/3/2024 1:27 PM
235	Definitely NOT! Leave it alone!	3/3/2024 1:27 PM
236	I believe the county would benefit greatly with paid fighter fighters	3/3/2024 1:24 PM
237	Paid fire	3/3/2024 1:18 PM
238	Hire more career staff. Give them more authority than they have.	3/3/2024 1:16 PM
239	Wouldn't 24/7 fire and EMS improve overall delivery of those services to residents?	3/3/2024 1:11 PM
240	Add more career staffing and support the volunteers that show up more.	3/3/2024 1:10 PM
241	I prefer having professionals who receive wages and benefits to serve our county. This ensures stability within the workforce and is likely to improve response times and performance expectations.	3/3/2024 1:06 PM

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242	A better salary/retirement program to encourage career spans in lieu of leaving for better salary/retirement for the listed personnel.	3/3/2024 12:40 PM
243	Inclusion of Career Fire and EMS personnel as well as any support resources necessary, to support the volume of emergency responses not currently being met.	3/3/2024 12:38 PM
244	Full career control of EMS, Fire, and all other emergency services	3/3/2024 12:31 PM
245	Charles County Government needs to fund DES for the full budget requests that they have asked for	3/3/2024 12:24 PM
246	No. It will increase taxes 3 fold, and it won't stop there. Police will be run like PG and Baltimore counties.	3/3/2024 12:19 PM
247	Establish a career/professional fire department. The volunteers are great, but people work jobs and their services are unreliable	3/3/2024 12:18 PM
248	No leave as is.	3/3/2024 12:12 PM
249	Fires burn hotter and faster than in the past due to modern building construction and the composition of many furnishings and other home goods being petroleum based. Occupants have less time than ever to escape a fire in their home. Volunteer companies that are understaffed, unstaffed, or reliant upon home response do not afford the best chance of survival for trapped victims and secondarily in preventing undue property damage due to delayed response and extinguishment.	3/3/2024 11:51 AM
250	Do what is best for the citizens and have 24/7 career staffing	3/3/2024 11:45 AM
251	Do not raise taxes. You have a system in place that needs to be fixed by reducing the number of calls such as public assist, Fire alarms that are repeat do to non compliance and maintenance.	3/3/2024 11:41 AM
252	More career EMS and more stipulations and training standards for volunteer EMS.	3/3/2024 11:36 AM
253	No	3/3/2024 11:27 AM
254	I'd like you to suck and swallow.	3/3/2024 11:21 AM
255	Expanded EMS services to include critical care based response that to which is equal to if not greater than the DC/Metro area.	3/3/2024 11:15 AM
256	24-7 paid staffing and allow the volunteers to supplement	3/3/2024 11:11 AM
257	Career fire service	3/3/2024 11:05 AM
258	Start moving to a guaranteed fire and ems service. Require all volunteers to have ems certifications. Why should the volunteers not comply with FOIA and Fiscal oversight.	3/3/2024 10:55 AM
259	Career fire and ems personnel at every station	3/3/2024 10:53 AM
260	No no and no to having a charter board	3/3/2024 10:50 AM
261	More Full Time Hazmat Technician	3/3/2024 10:50 AM
262	No	3/3/2024 10:46 AM
263	Paid fire personal along with ems personal	3/3/2024 10:42 AM
264	Use my tax dollars appropriately and staff fire stations and ems stations. Stop relying on outside agencies to help supplement staffing...	3/3/2024 10:32 AM
265	GIVE ALL POLICE MEDICAL RETIREMENT	3/3/2024 10:31 AM
266	Public safety is important and should be funded.	3/3/2024 10:30 AM
267	No charter	3/3/2024 10:28 AM
268	Keep the volunteers.	3/3/2024 10:27 AM
269	Do not want charter board	3/3/2024 10:26 AM
270	The fire and emergency services needs to be professionalized and fully paid. The current system has lacking for staffing and maintaining adequate training consistently. A fully paid	3/3/2024 10:21 AM

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service is desperately needed.

271	Yes career fire and ems with keeping volunteers but one county system not each station responsible for and accountable to it's citizens	3/3/2024 10:18 AM
272	I believe Charles county as a whole is doing what needs to be done as a fire and ems department.	3/3/2024 10:12 AM
273	Financial incentives, daycare possibilities, and/or other fringe benefits to spur community members to become active long term volunteers at VFD/VRS.	3/3/2024 10:08 AM
274	Need more paid services. Volunteers are few and far between and the truth is the volunteers aren't riding the ambulances. Staffingnon the fire trucks is also getting slim. Need to start supplementing stations before they continue to not get out when needed	3/3/2024 10:05 AM
275	No	3/3/2024 10:03 AM
276	Need more paid paramedics to work with volunteer ems. Volunteers are essential.	3/3/2024 10:01 AM
277	Absolutely!! Volunteer EMS is gone, the average ACTIVE member at a station throughout the county is probably 5. Look up the stats, actually find out how many they have, not just "members on the list" but actual active members that physically run calls and can produce stats.	3/3/2024 10:00 AM
278	Stations are double dispatched due to not getting out on the regular. Units are constantly failing. There is a lack of standards throughout the county with no oversight. Yes on paper there is but there is no true accountability. Volunteer numbers are falling nation wide. This issue needs to be addressed before it becomes a bigger problem. I would feel much safer with paid firefighters	3/3/2024 9:56 AM
279	Nope	3/3/2024 9:55 AM
280	We definitely need more police and emergency response services here	3/3/2024 9:48 AM
281	There needs to be more accountability on how the current funding is spent by the volunteers. They have immaculate, huge buildings with lots of "parade ready" apparatus but nobody to staff the units. It seems the funding could be spent more responsibly.	3/3/2024 9:42 AM
282	Stop paying volunteers for answering up understaffed so they get paid and don't show a "scratch". Be more vigilant on overseeing the volunteers and how many people respond instead of the padded rosters they have in an attempt to keep their doors open.	3/3/2024 9:34 AM
283	100% Paid EMS with the opportunity to volunteer. Hold volunteers to the same standard that paid EMS is. Paid Fire for stations with staffing issues.	3/3/2024 9:34 AM
284	I would like a more stable system. The volunteer system is outdated and extremely volatile.	3/3/2024 9:17 AM
285	No	3/3/2024 9:16 AM
286	All services should be provided a study for evaluation of staffing, benefits, and salary in comparison to the needs of the county as well as comparable services in surrounding agencies to create a competitive workforce and provide recruitment and retention. Consider additional grants for funding to supplement costs for the county government.	3/3/2024 9:07 AM
287	No what we have is fine	3/3/2024 9:02 AM
288	No	3/3/2024 8:57 AM
289	I thought the point of the charter board was to ratify a different form of government, its unclear to me how the charter impacts EMS.	3/3/2024 8:57 AM
290	Hire more career staff	3/3/2024 8:41 AM
291	Combination Paid/Volunteer is the most cost effective for the county residents and service is satisfactory. A fully paid system will cost the taxpayers too much. Taxpayers are over taxed now. We don't need any increases.	3/3/2024 8:03 AM
292	No change needed	3/3/2024 7:54 AM
293	Presently Charles County is limited to dispatch outside the County. Especially during the Covid-19; have they done a study on the surrounding counties with the same situations? Have they come up with possible solutions on improvement?	3/3/2024 2:09 AM

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294	I feel that all EMS/Fire services members should be provided with the necessary equipment and training to handle all emergency situations. All emergency personnel should be paid employees.	3/3/2024 12:20 AM
295	I believe each of these areas should be heavily funded to hire more employees to service a growing County.	3/3/2024 12:08 AM
296	Exploring alternative ideas are always a good idea.	3/3/2024 12:05 AM
297	Yes I've seen it take over 45 minutes for an ambulance to come to football field thankfully it wasn't life threatening BUT how would we know that in advance.	3/3/2024 12:03 AM
298	Emergency Services needs more funds = staffing. I am against Charter Government.	3/2/2024 9:38 PM
299	Fire apparatus and personnel should match the Counties population numbers.	3/2/2024 9:20 PM
300	Those who receive payment for their services definitely should be paid more! It's more than a job to them; it's a way to show their commitment to our community.	3/2/2024 9:08 PM
301	No, our county taxes are high enough as it is. If we implement a paid Fire and EMS service our taxes will be even higher.	3/2/2024 8:57 PM
302	no, it works as it is now. I see no reason to make any changes.	3/2/2024 8:45 PM
303	Accountability for all services and personnel	3/2/2024 8:01 PM
304	I think we need more police patrols in our neighborhoods and more non emergency response	3/2/2024 7:33 PM
305	No thoughts	3/2/2024 7:29 PM
306	No to charter government	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
307	I would like to see an increase in paid positions for emergency services.	3/2/2024 7:02 PM
308	In addition, I have witnessed at least three occasions where residents allow their dogs to roam and they they are not tended to. They are aggressors towards other dogs who are on a leash with their owners. It's a shame that when residents want to take a walk around the neighborhood, they have to carry sticks or weapons for protection. We should be able to be proactive about our health and not have to worry about being attacked by dogs.	3/2/2024 6:46 PM
309	Yes	3/2/2024 6:40 PM
310	Say no to charter govt	3/2/2024 6:32 PM
311	More collaboration with DMV, Federal, and independent agencies and resources	3/2/2024 6:31 PM
312	I definitely feel we need to expand on the animal control program and enforcement. Please make sure that there is oversight with the inspector generals office on this agency.	3/2/2024 6:22 PM
313	No .. never .. no!n	3/2/2024 6:20 PM
314	I disagree with the existence of a charter board. Charter board =crookedness and we already have enough of that	3/2/2024 6:20 PM
315	Supplement the current volunteers with paid drivers or officers on fire apparatus in the highly populated stations in the county	3/2/2024 6:19 PM
316	Animal control in particular is either woefully underfunded or mismanaged or both. Kill rates are abysmal and emergency response is inadequate to non existent.	3/2/2024 6:13 PM
317	No	3/2/2024 6:12 PM
318	Stress to residents to control their animals (mainly dogs) and clean after the dogs!	3/2/2024 6:03 PM
319	I believe all services can be improved.	3/2/2024 5:49 PM
320	Paid fire/EMS services for the county because of growth of Charles County is putting a strain on public service, hospitals, and the school system.	3/2/2024 5:39 PM
321	Build that new damn animal shelter. I'm tired of waiting for our county to catch up to Calvert. How embarrassing.	3/2/2024 5:09 PM

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322	I will not vote for charter. I do not trust the way the process came to fruition under the manipulation of 3 commissioners that I do not trust and want to vote out of office.	3/2/2024 5:04 PM
323	I'm a fan of the combined services. Volunteer emergency service has a long, proud history in our country and our county. It provides opportunity for residents to use the skills they've learned to serve their neighbors while providing a place and organization for friendships and leadership development that makes our community all the more stronger for it. When the paid services fill the gaps of volunteer service, it ensures all are covered and cared for.	3/2/2024 4:46 PM
324	Leave it like it is.	3/2/2024 4:26 PM
325	Why dont we have around the clock fire /ems? the Vol system is a dying breed. How many stations are failing or barley getting out by the 5 min mark? How many times is another station alerted knowing that theres a high chance the closer station to the call just might fail to respond?	3/2/2024 3:41 PM
326	Skip the expansion of government that is Charter and use those funds instead to expand emergency services. I mean, you want to save lives and not advance a political agenda protected by those that protect racial hatred, right?	3/2/2024 3:36 PM
327	Paid fire service	3/2/2024 3:03 PM
328	The county is busting at the seems with most stations barely able to provide service adequately. It is time for fire service to join the ems where there is substation over site and fix to the staffing problems county wide.	3/2/2024 2:51 PM
329	More paid EMS. If volunteer continues, it should be regulated by the county. No individual stations. All stations under county government. County has the use of all stations, vehicles and equipment.	3/2/2024 2:43 PM
330	Increased number of career EMS personnel and County owned ambulances.	3/2/2024 2:31 PM
331	Think Charter will be too expensive less services	3/2/2024 2:24 PM
332	Paid firefighters	3/2/2024 2:10 PM
333	Budget needs to be increased and additional personnel hired	3/2/2024 2:10 PM
334	Properly fund and provide additional incentives to the volunteers we have in place now. Jurisdictions all over are having problems hiring First Reaponders. Getting rid of the volunteers would be detrimental to this county's public safety	3/2/2024 1:54 PM
335	I don't think a Charter Govt is what the residents of Charles County needs. If there was a way to eliminate 911 from having to dispatch for non-emergencies it would help alleviate the system or build another hospital for all of the ignorant people who want to be transported.	3/2/2024 1:52 PM
336	Please consider application of FEMA's SAFER grant which would initiate the process to have paid Fire Department personnel.	3/2/2024 1:50 PM
337	Keep DES handling EMS only	3/2/2024 1:38 PM
338	Remove one engine and one ambulance funding from all stations. Distribute funding from those units to the remaining units. The unfunded units can remain in service but must be fund by not tax money. As some units already are.	3/2/2024 1:34 PM
339	No	3/2/2024 1:25 PM
340	Taxed too high as it is, don't add anything else until this gets under control. STOP BUILDING.	3/2/2024 1:15 PM
341	Would like to hear a clear explanation of the pros & cons of each and additional options. Those of us who aren't involved in this firsthand don't have much of a knowledge base to decide without that clarification, but we likely know the outcomes we want.	3/2/2024 1:08 PM
342	Paid fire service. More fire/ems stations. More 911 communications staff.	3/2/2024 12:53 PM
343	Hire more EMS personnel to staff ambulances	3/2/2024 12:53 PM
344	No charter board. Stop messing with ordinary people and their lives for your greed. Please.	3/2/2024 12:33 PM
345	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
346	We need a paid Fire & Ems system to ensure we get highly competent and timely responses	3/2/2024 12:19 PM

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from the emergency sevices. At the very least the current practice of every fire department is their own entity that makes up charles county fire and ems needs to be unified, the county needs to step in and establish leadership and logistics ie standardized gear and equipment. Current leadership is that of each station has a chief and other respective officers and rules/regulations and practices vary widely throughout the county

347	Only charge the False Alarm Reduction fee if there is an ACTUAL false alarm	3/2/2024 12:11 PM
348	Increase fire tax to adequately fund the needs of the public safety team.	3/2/2024 11:45 AM
349	Maybe the government should encourage volunteering and stop throwing money at everything.	3/2/2024 11:41 AM
350	I think we need to staff emergency medical services with full-time paid staff members. We can supplement with volunteers, as a reserve staff, but not base the emergencies services provided on those volunteers.	3/2/2024 11:26 AM
351	NO Charter.	3/2/2024 11:22 AM
352	Animal Shelter more centrally located to better serve the animals and people. White Plains is a good area. Climate controlled kennels and night drop area. TNR programs with managed colonies. Paid fire service to supplement the volunteers.	3/2/2024 11:18 AM
353	Animal Control is running blue lights on their vehicles which is illegal. EMS Division command staff should be required to run one shift a month on the street.	3/2/2024 11:03 AM
354	I am not in favor of a Charter Form of government.	3/2/2024 10:32 AM
355	The current system does not need to be replaced	3/2/2024 10:13 AM
356	Invest in the current system rather than a new system	3/2/2024 10:04 AM
357	I think charter is a mistake	3/2/2024 9:32 AM
358	I don't want anyone in Charles County government coming up with any ideas. The people of the county should be telling them what to do. You work FOR the people!	3/1/2024 10:17 PM
359	No charter	3/1/2024 9:57 PM
360	Totally against charter govt	3/1/2024 9:15 PM
361	I don't want charter board of Govt. Com. Collins is shady and only want charter for power and money	3/1/2024 9:11 PM
362	No charter board	3/1/2024 8:31 PM
363	N/a	3/1/2024 7:53 PM
364	None	3/1/2024 7:06 PM
365	More funding for the volunteer organizations.	3/1/2024 5:13 PM
366	Yes add more funding for all	3/1/2024 4:27 PM
367	More funding for the volunteers	3/1/2024 4:01 PM
368	No	3/1/2024 3:59 PM
369	I don't want charter board !	3/1/2024 3:45 PM
370	Half the people trying to "run this charter board" couldn't run a lemonade stand. You're listening to a washed up previous chief from PG county that's not even off probation at his Charles County volunteer department. Whom also ran his previous department into the ground, there's news articles on it. If the charter board is going to listen Mr. White and think that he is a good example of what to do then I want none of you deciding anything regarding our county's Emergency Services.	3/1/2024 3:35 PM
371	Provide more support to the current system	3/1/2024 3:27 PM
372	I'm gonna vote no against the charter, we moved from PG county to get away from the toxicity the charter government brings. We love our volunteers in this county and these questions seem like they want to push them out.	3/1/2024 2:13 PM
373	Place additional EMS units in service on the east and south sides of the county. Hold DES	3/1/2024 1:06 PM

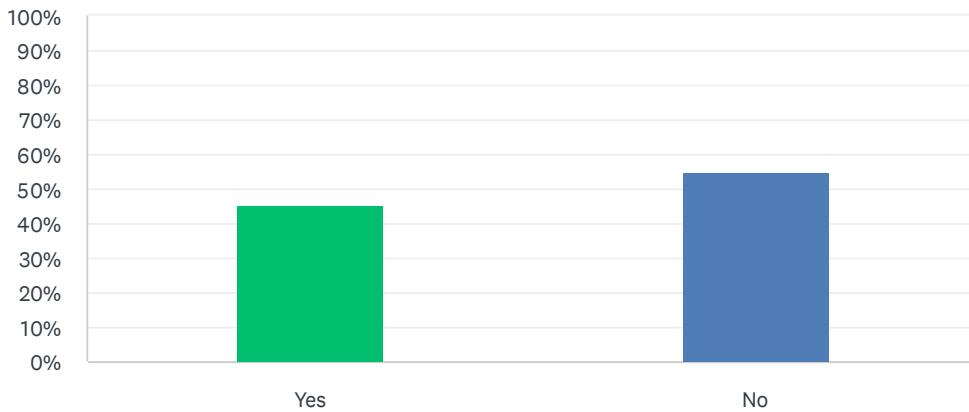
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responsible, when they are on critical staffing and still have a dozen employees sitting in offices on Audie Lane. Provide support to the volunteers to continue their success in response and recruiting. Provide more incentives for county residents to volunteer/serve. The property tax break that was approved is a joke, especially when DES employees are receiving a larger break.

374	More funding for the Volunteer Fire and EMS organizations within the County.	3/1/2024 12:30 PM
375	I do not want a Charter Government!	3/1/2024 2:22 AM

Q4 Charles County residents are served by 100% volunteer fire service. Would you support supplementing the volunteer fire service with a combined paid and volunteer fire service which would also include a county funded Fire Chief position, in the same manner as the current volunteer and paid EMS system?

Answered: 1,004 Skipped: 141



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		45.32%	455
No		54.68%	549
TOTAL			1,004

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Once you introduce paid crews you will lose a lot of the volunteers and still end up short staffed. Just look at Prince George's County.	3/12/2024 6:35 PM
2	No, because it has been shown in other counties not to work. If the Fire Chief position was funded would this person be voted in? How could the citizens be sure that the person put in this position has a fire background?	3/12/2024 3:06 PM
3	put paid in charge and the volunteers will go away just like P.G. county	3/12/2024 2:11 PM
4	I support ethical behavior from our elected officials. Accountability and Ethical behavior is always important. We ask for it. We expect it. We demand it. We march for it. Sadly, Accountability and Ethics only matter to many when it comes to holding others accountable. Why is that?!	3/12/2024 1:23 PM
5	Again, the volunteers have done a great job for decades, but the increasing number of calls the increased hours of training have started to make it difficult for them to keep up. Most companies do not need 24/7 paid staffing but some need staffing during times when vol are not typically available based on data. The need for additional stations to cover new development may well require paid staffing and County built stations with county owned apparatus. County Government Leadership needs to thoroughly read the recommendations of Comp. Study Report Aug. 2019. The current system has 14 independent incorporated volunteer departments. There needs to be one fire chief with authority over all companies. A County paid Chief is needed to develop metrics (response times and staffing, etc.) and measure performance, develop a strategic plan and request funding to deal with growth in the future, establish and enforce systemwide policies and procedures, all with input from the current	3/12/2024 9:59 AM

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volunteer chiefs and association. The Paid Chief should assess the equipment needed and its location. Currently there is way more equipment than vol personnel to staff it and at least one company needs be disbanded and merged with a near by company as has been recommended by the last 2 Comp Studies. The County needs to plan for the future now, not wait until there is a crisis. This does not require Charter Government!

6	If volunteer base is not sufficient	3/12/2024 9:36 AM
7	We have enough Chiefs need more Indians in the EMS side only	3/12/2024 9:02 AM
8	This is actually a two fold question and should be broken down further, so that people can respond to 1-volunteer and paid fire service; 2-county funded Fire Chief position.	3/11/2024 5:30 PM
9	Do we really have a choice?	3/11/2024 4:27 PM
10	As long as the Paid Fire Chief has command and control over the volunteer's,budget and equipment allocation. The slow stations are getting too much and the busy stations are just getting by. Some stations have wasted equipment just sitting around with dry rotted tires.	3/11/2024 12:27 PM
11	Pay all of the workers. Volunteers should only be just those who choose to volunteer for service.	3/11/2024 10:32 AM
12	I think it should be 100% paid firefighters.	3/11/2024 7:51 AM
13	I believe we should give more incentives to Volunteers. This would get more to join. Keep taxes low.	3/10/2024 11:29 PM
14	I want help when I call 911. This isn't about what the volunteers want (or career), this is about what the county needs.	3/10/2024 2:52 PM
15	Only if volunteer staffing is not able to serve the population sufficiently	3/10/2024 11:50 AM
16	not in the same manner! The current EMS chief is not in control of volly staff. If there is 3 crews at one station and no volly crew or DES staff at a different station the ems chief cannot move them. she should be able to.	3/10/2024 8:45 AM
17	It's going to be like PG county... a train wreck... it's doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out...I think I need to join a volunteer service...	3/9/2024 1:57 PM
18	It'll cost more money	3/9/2024 11:41 AM
19	Saw it in PG; did not work then still does not work now.	3/9/2024 10:26 AM
20	No need. Your idea is a waste of money.	3/8/2024 10:40 PM
21	This will eventually lead to a full paid position and not having volunteers. Why pay for the position when the volunteers do an amazing job	3/8/2024 7:27 PM
22	The cost of a combined paid firefighting service would be extremely costly. The volunteers do a great job with limited funds to meet the current needs. A paid Fire Chief would do nothing but set up a dynasty that would be out of control. Look a PG County and other jusisdictions.	3/8/2024 2:34 PM
23	If this would raise our property taxes, no. Our taxes are amongst the highest in Maryland. With the amount of taxes we pay, there should already be an allotment for paid staff.	3/8/2024 5:56 AM
24	No no no no	3/7/2024 8:00 PM
25	Stop adding Government positions and costs.	3/7/2024 7:49 PM
26	Volunteer companies have been great for the community. Majority are already paid by other areas and support local communities and train current volunteers. Are tax money pays for fire equipment along with hall rental funds.	3/7/2024 7:37 PM
27	Government funded equals tax payer funded. Our taxes are already too high.	3/7/2024 7:35 PM
28	No to Charter	3/7/2024 7:34 PM
29	I would support it as long as my property taxes are not increased to fund this new project.	3/7/2024 5:26 PM
30	Maybe depending on cost	3/7/2024 4:00 PM
31	Fire Chief should not be a paid position working amongst volunteers	3/7/2024 3:38 PM

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32	If you're gonna pay the volunteers, then yes. No charter government.	3/7/2024 2:58 PM
33	NO paid fire we do not need it	3/7/2024 2:54 PM
34	We already pay outrageous taxes now taxes would be raised to pay for.	3/7/2024 2:37 PM
35	I'm	3/7/2024 1:30 PM
36	Ems in my opinion is the issue. Staff Ems and leave the suppression to the volunteers.	3/6/2024 10:57 PM
37	The volunteer fire departments in this county do an excellent job responding to calls for service. There is no need for a county funded Fire Chief position. The coordination between the Emergency Services and volunteer fire departments is excellent. The current system is working well, volunteers take care of their equipment and their stations. There does not appear to be a need for changes.	3/6/2024 1:49 PM
38	Paid ems not paid Fire	3/6/2024 12:56 PM
39	Paid employees will guarantee someone responds in a timely manner, no waiting for a driver or waiting for a crew	3/6/2024 12:14 PM
40	under control of the Volunteer Chief not county	3/6/2024 8:03 AM
41	Leave Charles county all volunteer you'll be killing a legacy	3/6/2024 2:24 AM
42	A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:52 PM
43	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:32 PM
44	No need to change what we have.	3/5/2024 6:11 PM
45	The volunteers do just fine. Unlike our elected officials, they care about their community and do not do it for the pay. This charter is just a way for some to get huge pay days at the taxpayers expense.	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
46	No changes to Fire and EMS....No new tax increases!!!	3/5/2024 12:59 PM
47	I am saying yes, however this will cost the tax payers a ridiculous amount of money, so the quantity and pay of these positions will have to be carefully planned.	3/5/2024 12:13 PM
48	If there is a paid fire chief for the county it will ruin the strong volunteer system which is currently in place. Look at our neighbors in pg and also king george to see how it ruined their once strong volunteer system	3/5/2024 11:54 AM
49	Yes, provided the volunteers are still allowed to run calls even when staffed by paid personnel. Other jurisdictions have not allowed this.	3/5/2024 11:10 AM
50	I believe this would be appropriate as long as the position description, duties, and tasks are there.	3/5/2024 11:07 AM
51	Anything that raises my already too high taxes, I am against.	3/5/2024 11:04 AM
52	Police Agency not included in this funding. They run efficiently now and does not need change.	3/5/2024 11:01 AM
53	No one wants a charter government. The commissioners are already ruining this county, no need to further destroy it.	3/5/2024 10:49 AM
54	Leave things as they are	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
55	No charter	3/5/2024 6:16 AM
56	Charter should def have a provision to hire at a time when statistically justified. Not sure it is needed at this time.	3/4/2024 8:54 PM
57	If you want to destroy the system like they did in PG then vote for this nonsense.	3/4/2024 8:27 PM
58	The volunteers of Charles county are very strong and committed to serving their communities our biggest problem is funding and our county commissioners work against us and not with us	3/4/2024 1:12 PM
59	The only thing wrong with this system is they are not adequately funded nor are they funded 100%	3/4/2024 11:45 AM

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60	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:29 AM
61	Charles county needs to be primarily paid staff, however, volunteers can supplement paid staff, but should never been 100% volunteer.	3/4/2024 10:18 AM
62	Listen, our taxes in Charles County are through the roof.. please put our tax dollars into the hands that need it such as the Bryan's road area. Yes let's get this done.	3/4/2024 12:49 AM
63	This too should be an all paid department. If you are going to have a fire truck, you should have the staff for it 24/7. Trained experts must be compensated and respected. We must respect the level of education required to do the job well and fund them accordingly.	3/3/2024 11:43 PM
64	No to paid firemen	3/3/2024 10:52 PM
65	There should be a person that everyone reports to.	3/3/2024 10:49 PM
66	Those who serve in these capacities now are altruistically motivated to start.	3/3/2024 10:46 PM
67	No Charter!	3/3/2024 10:01 PM
68	Our fire volunteers have an amazing rate for being all volunteer. We do not need paid firefighters in our county. The volunteer firefighter system in our county works.	3/3/2024 8:21 PM
69	Yes, as I can see it now...there are to many "cooks in the kitchen " on how things should be done.	3/3/2024 7:39 PM
70	No to charter	3/3/2024 6:30 PM
71	Volunteer departments are not staffing stations	3/3/2024 6:16 PM
72	How does this question relate to switching to a Charter this decision should be done with citizen voting and district commissioner	3/3/2024 6:12 PM
73	The current hybrid system for EMS is effective. Too often fire equipment in less populated areas of the county is unstaffed in volunteer stations. Our volunteers are amazing, but supplementing them with career firefighters is a good thing for public safety. In addition, a paid county fire chief could bring much needed coordination and standardization	3/3/2024 4:42 PM
74	Why waste the money for a paid county fire chief when each department has it's own which are highly trained and familiar with their 1st due area.	3/3/2024 4:10 PM
75	Yes the volunteers are dangerously unorganized and the response times are terrifying. 30 minutes for the first fire engine to show up and I used to donate.	3/3/2024 3:52 PM
76	If it ain't broke, don't try and fix it.	3/3/2024 2:38 PM
77	I think the volunteer system works just fine, would rather use the money for EMS	3/3/2024 2:29 PM
78	You need to better explain what the "same manner as the current volunteer and paid EMS system" is for a citizen to make a decision	3/3/2024 1:42 PM
79	I think the noted services, particularly EMS and Fire & Rescue deserve increased and consistent funding and pay. The trucks, equipment need updating and it should be priority 1 considering they save the lives of Charles County residents everyday. You cannot ask or expect the best of your not proving the money and best resources for them to do their job whether it volunteer or paid.	3/3/2024 1:29 PM
80	With the understanding that a full time system would be the ultimate goal for the county	3/3/2024 1:14 PM
81	Its too much work to expect from an all volunteer force these days. Even if it just starts with a paid chief and some paid training coordinators/drivers.	3/3/2024 1:12 PM
82	I don't see any reason to create another high employee cost if the current system is working.	3/3/2024 1:03 PM
83	It's another thing for y'all to mess up	3/3/2024 11:22 AM
84	Career staff are needed. They are dependable, reliable and better performing than any volunteer department.	3/3/2024 11:22 AM
85	The fact this isn't a reality already is a travesty and marker that Charles County is FAR behind times. The citizens of Charles County deserve better! Volunteerism is dying Nation wide and	3/3/2024 11:17 AM

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we should have already been proactive in the adoption of a combination system

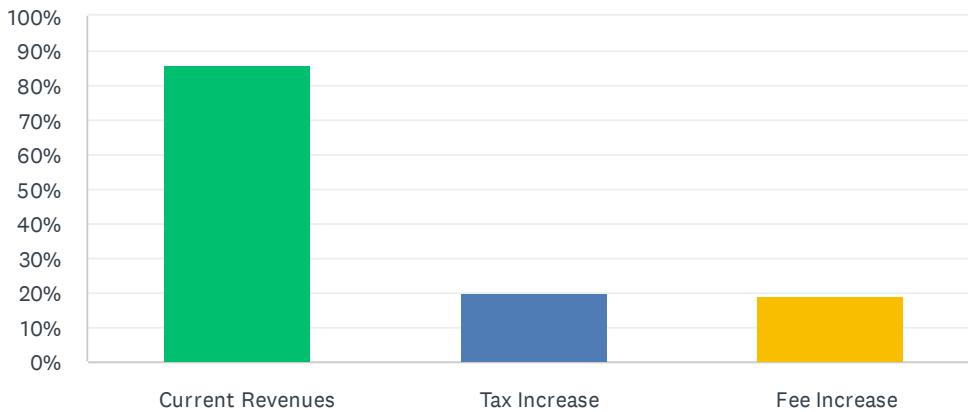
86	Look at what happened in PG county with introduction of paid fire service. The volunteer system has just about died	3/3/2024 10:13 AM
87	Please please please!!!! I fear for the safety of my family and property if I needed Fire services in Charles county. They consistently fail to respond, severely delayed or have staffing levels of 1-2 per apparatus. This is completely unacceptable for the amount of taxes that I pay!!! I pay \$5600/yr and for what, a park... they're great, but now it's time to actually get what we deserve for the amount we pay. I demand career service and a Fire Chief to hold accountable in this county!!	3/3/2024 10:13 AM
88	There needs to be paid PROFESSIONAL Firefighters in Charles County! You have Fire Departments like Company 12 that get out driver only on calls and that is not only a disservice for the residents but a safety issue. Volunteer Fire and EMS is dying and not being replenished at the rate they are losing members.	3/3/2024 10:06 AM
89	It is inevitable and the County is already behind the 8 ball with this. If we don't start the process soon it will be a very hard lesson to learn and likely someone or multiple people will die in the process. The volunteer system is outdated, extremely volatile, and completely unreliable. For a service that is literally "life and death" there needs to be a guaranteed response. We don't have that.	3/3/2024 9:45 AM
90	We need well trained and professional fire/ems. Having fire that is well trained, and units that are fully staffed 100% of the time is a necessity. The safety our families should not be left up to chance, we deserve someone to respond fast every time.	3/3/2024 9:42 AM
91	Needed to ensure life safety for all. Even PG refused to stop aiding St 3 fire for a while because they are dangerous.	3/3/2024 9:40 AM
92	This question is somewhat misleading as it implies that there is already a county funded chief for the current volunteer and paid EMS system. THis is not the case. FOr clarity, I would NOT support a combined volunteer and paid fire service. I do NOT support a county funded Fire Chief position	3/3/2024 6:44 AM
93	They do get a substantial tax break for their volunteer service.	3/3/2024 6:20 AM
94	Charles County is growing, population and demographics is changing. When that happens you should allow for that growth.	3/3/2024 2:22 AM
95	Many firefighters are older what is going to happen when they retire or die. Younger people cannot work for free.	3/3/2024 12:04 AM
96	The volunteer system is at a decline however the EMS system isn't currently properly funded therefore a paid fire system won't be properly funded. I am against Charter Government.	3/2/2024 9:41 PM
97	How much will this cost the taxpayers?	3/2/2024 8:07 PM
98	It will be unavoidable. The more rural areas may be able to continue with volunteers but the large residential developments won't be able to. Residents commute long distances and cannot commit to this service. They also don't really understand the history and community.	3/2/2024 7:37 PM
99	No to charter government	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
100	Not sure at this time. Would the Fire chief be an appointed position or an elected position?	3/2/2024 7:03 PM
101	I can barely afford to live in this county now.	3/2/2024 5:08 PM
102	Just look at the news reports from PG County and see the potential issues this combined approach would bring does not bode well for this idea. If, in the future, there are gaps that the volunteer service cannot meet, then it might make sense to fill those gaps, similar to the EMS system, with professional support. However, I am opposed to adding more layers of bureaucracy to the existing system.	3/2/2024 4:53 PM
103	Yes, the 14 independent fire companies need one person in charge to establish long range strategic plans, set policy, determine staffing needs and coordinate the location and amount of apparatus needed to deliver services.	3/2/2024 2:40 PM
104	We need paid firefighters, the volunteers are not responding and other jurisdictions such as PG are coming into the county to supplement Charles county lack of staffing.	3/2/2024 2:11 PM

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105	In addition to a paid fire chief, accountability of the volunteers need to be implemented until they can be supplemented/replaced with career staffing.	3/2/2024 1:54 PM
106	I think the current volunteer organization is doing an excepcitable job for the most part. Some of the spending should be looked at closer and justified	3/2/2024 1:43 PM
107	Look at Prince George's county, idiots. Keep driving us volunteers away and wanting paid crews. Not only will the QUALITY of public service go down, the charter government will too.	3/2/2024 1:37 PM
108	We do not need a paid fire department. The volunteers are amazing.	3/2/2024 1:32 PM
109	Want to hear what those currently running and working in the system think	3/2/2024 1:08 PM
110	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
111	I think this should be determined by the firefighters we currently have, not by any Joe Shmo off the street	3/2/2024 12:13 PM
112	Until they have trouble getting fire trucks out to calls I am just fine with volunteer fire service. What most don't realize is these volunteers are career officers on other departments and have great knowledge.	3/2/2024 11:44 AM
113	Same as my previous answer. I think we need to a fire department with full-time paid staff members. We can supplement with volunteers, as a reserve staff, but not base the fire department and services provided on those volunteers. Create and fund a Fire Department.	3/2/2024 11:29 AM
114	Do we have a paid rescue chief? We have been supplementing rescue with paid support for years. If we don't already have a paid rescue chief I see no reason why we should have a paid fire chief. We don't need EMS personnel fighting on scene like what happens in PG County due to the battle for control, recognition and funding. That's a charter FAIL	3/2/2024 11:22 AM
115	We should vote on charter after this cycle where we vote in our districts	3/2/2024 9:37 AM
116	The Charles County Volunteer Firemen's Association (CCVFA)should remain the governing body over all fire fighting services in Charles County. Meaning the CCVFA needs to be funded with a budget allowing the CCVFA to make decisions on when & where to start paying our volunteers for providing fire fighting services throughout Charles County. To include any Officer positions that should become paid in the future. Not a Charter Board or any other form of government.	3/2/2024 6:30 AM
117	No, because the back door deals are already in play for who's getting the position. If said individual is selected Charles County will turn into the dumpster fire like Prince George's County Fire and EMS.	3/1/2024 5:22 PM
118	That would be a huge tax increase	3/1/2024 3:47 PM
119	No to paid Fire!	3/1/2024 2:16 PM

Q5 If the county implements a combined paid and volunteer fire service, how would you suggest Charles County pay for any additional costs? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 773 Skipped: 372



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Current Revenues	85.64%
Tax Increase	19.79%
Fee Increase	18.76%
Total Respondents: 773	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Stop trying to tax us even more.	3/12/2024 6:35 PM
2	Currently, they are only 80% funded, perhaps we could use the additional 20% that they don't get now.	3/12/2024 3:06 PM
3	none of the above .The volunteers are only getting 82% with no tax increase for the past 21 years. even with equipment cost , building cost increasing 30-50%	3/12/2024 2:11 PM
4	That is such an odd question to ask. Who wants there taxes to increase? Who wants to pay additional fees? No matter what residents say or think. At the end of the day, the only thing that matters is, if we pay our taxes or our fees that will be assessed on us, because of the need for some to have HAVE POWER!	3/12/2024 1:23 PM
5	Restructure the distribution of fire tax money by requiring all volunteer companies to submit budget request like other agencies. Additional personnel, equipment and stations could be handled by increased taxes and fees for developers. This does not require Charter Government!	3/12/2024 9:59 AM
6	Rethink how the county is currently spending its finances.	3/11/2024 5:30 PM
7	Such an odd question.	3/11/2024 4:27 PM
8	Figure it out! Don't raise our taxes just to have a paid firefighters do what volunteers have been doing.	3/10/2024 11:29 PM
9	Stop giving so much money to volunteer stations who are not properly training or responding properly staffed in a timely manner.	3/10/2024 8:31 PM

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10	Cut the overhead of overpaid elected officials	3/10/2024 11:41 AM
11	Is this just another way to increase local taxes with stuff not needed	3/10/2024 10:29 AM
12	the school board gets 51% plus of the budget. WHY? if you say for the childern what good is having all the kids in one area if you cant keep that area safe?	3/10/2024 8:45 AM
13	We are taxed to the maxed... everything is increasing except for our paychecks...I have no issues with the volunteer fire system...	3/9/2024 1:57 PM
14	We don't need these positions added.	3/9/2024 11:46 AM
15	Take money from overpaid and not needed middle management personnel.	3/9/2024 10:26 AM
16	No tax increase. No charter. No more fancy vehicles. Why isn't the county buying base model Vehicles?	3/8/2024 10:40 PM
17	These additional services are not needed and the increased costs are not worth additional tax payer dollars	3/8/2024 8:09 PM
18	You cannot use the current fire tax (which is used to just pay for operations and maintenance) and try and pay for a new service. County Career EMS funding currently is almost \$18 million for just 143 people. They do not pay for buildings, insurance, supplies, electric, water and other monthly costs. It all adds up.	3/8/2024 2:34 PM
19	How about compensating the current volunteers? Did you know that volunteers LOSAP retirement is over 150.00 a month less than Calvert or PG county volunteers?	3/8/2024 11:10 AM
20	Don't"fix"it. It's not broke.	3/8/2024 10:01 AM
21	Charles county residents can not be taxed any more than they already are. All of the options would be tracing me or my property to the brink.	3/8/2024 9:07 AM
22	A tax increase should not be considered. Charles County taxes are already among the highest in the state. An increase on taxes would be a burden on the citizens and effect the citizens abilities to buy or purchase goods/services from Charles County businesses.	3/8/2024 8:18 AM
23	No tax increase!!!!!!!!!!!!	3/8/2024 6:13 AM
24	Our taxes are high enough. I don't even see what's happening with what we already pay. Take what we pay and work with that.	3/8/2024 5:56 AM
25	Not applicable	3/7/2024 8:00 PM
26	No additional fees or taxes should impact the county residents. Cut government spending.	3/7/2024 7:49 PM
27	Charge new large development builders and buyers for additional equipment needs. Taxes and fees are not the answer	3/7/2024 7:37 PM
28	Stop giving county employees additional paid days off greater than federal holidays	3/7/2024 7:35 PM
29	No increase for residents we pay enough as it is. I don't have children but HAVE to pay school taxes....too much already. Leave it alone.	3/7/2024 7:15 PM
30	Get rid of Coates	3/7/2024 7:09 PM
31	Don't do it	3/7/2024 6:18 PM
32	We as residents can not afford additional paid services. We are already being priced out of our family homes from taxes.	3/7/2024 6:08 PM
33	None	3/7/2024 5:45 PM
34	Don't want	3/7/2024 4:43 PM
35	Take the money paid to defend Thomasina Coates and pay for it.	3/7/2024 3:59 PM
36	Paid firefighters and volunteer firefighters should not work under the same house	3/7/2024 3:38 PM
37	Stop wasting money and use it here.	3/7/2024 3:19 PM
38	Reduce the payment to the elected officials Make people qualify to receive free benefits, therefore reducing that cost	3/7/2024 2:58 PM

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39	Cut commissioners and charter member salaries	3/7/2024 2:55 PM
40	None we don't need paid fire	3/7/2024 2:54 PM
41	The lawsuit just cost County taxpayers how much? How many salaries could that have paid?	3/7/2024 2:37 PM
42	Do not do this	3/7/2024 2:36 PM
43	Not for	3/7/2024 2:13 PM
44	don't do it	3/7/2024 1:56 PM
45	I'm tired of the increases when there is no return on investment.	3/7/2024 1:30 PM
46	Charge for services in have the county bill residents not fire department. Most people do not pay the bill	3/7/2024 1:14 PM
47	Do not do it	3/7/2024 12:22 PM
48	I'm not in support of that	3/7/2024 11:34 AM
49	none	3/7/2024 7:43 AM
50	Volunteer only!	3/7/2024 7:26 AM
51	Do not raise taxes, they are too high now	3/6/2024 2:11 PM
52	Current county fees including service for water has gone up tremendously in the last few years. At a time where people are hurting for money to fill up their gas tanks and buy groceries and utilities, there is very little left over, if any and it is not a good time to increase taxes or fees. If the county cannot afford it on current revenues, then it should not be done.	3/6/2024 1:49 PM
53	Do not implement	3/6/2024 12:57 PM
54	No increase. You want to implement it, you fund it without additional increases to taxes or fees	3/6/2024 12:56 PM
55	I don't believe additional increases out of pocket along with changing the system in place is in our best interest.	3/6/2024 11:58 AM
56	Don't implement a paid fire service. Leave it how it is.	3/6/2024 11:23 AM
57	We pay enough taxes. Look where the taxes are currently going and reallocate from other areas. Give the people who pay the taxes the opportunity to say where THEIR money is going.	3/6/2024 10:53 AM
58	No additional costs wanted. No to Charter; it's nothing but a money suck for those who live here.	3/6/2024 10:24 AM
59	I don't support it. This would cost too much and the county is operating fine right now. Stop trying to change things that don't need it and cost the county residents more money.	3/6/2024 9:15 AM
60	Do not create paid fire.	3/6/2024 9:08 AM
61	don't do it	3/6/2024 1:38 AM
62	I do not support any increased taxes.	3/5/2024 10:44 PM
63	Don't do it! why spend the money.	3/5/2024 10:19 PM
64	A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:52 PM
65	Charles county needs to attract more businesses and manufacturing jobs so there are other options than raise taxes.	3/5/2024 7:44 PM
66	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:32 PM
67	There are some social service and educational programs that just aren't working and I would like to see money diverted from those sources to fund the fire service.	3/5/2024 7:08 PM
68	As usual on the backs of the citizens.	3/5/2024 6:25 PM
69	Do not change the current system.	3/5/2024 6:11 PM

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70	Don't raise taxes. There is no need for this	3/5/2024 5:52 PM
71	Do not raise taxes. Is this why you are pushing a charter government to easily raise taxes?	3/5/2024 5:48 PM
72	Please don't raise taxes for this if chosen. They get higher each year and it honestly is getting out of hand.	3/5/2024 5:46 PM
73	No more taxes	3/5/2024 5:37 PM
74	Do not raise taxes	3/5/2024 5:20 PM
75	I do not want to pay for paid fire fighters	3/5/2024 5:19 PM
76	Leave the fire service alone	3/5/2024 4:15 PM
77	NO MORE TAXES! You buffoons are causing people to leave the county and you'll be left with PG County light.	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
78	Do not implement. The taxes are already ridiculously high.	3/5/2024 3:17 PM
79	bad idea	3/5/2024 3:12 PM
80	No increase, maybe the politicians can offer up thier salaries!	3/5/2024 1:47 PM
81	Leave it alone.	3/5/2024 1:41 PM
82	DO NOT DO IT. The people pay enough taxes. This will not serve the community, it will cost more, and not produce the results. These have been established in various locations, and been unsuccessful.	3/5/2024 1:33 PM
83	We are heavily taxed, I have been to county meetings and have observed different proposals that were granted money. Its laughable at times.	3/5/2024 1:19 PM
84	No new tax increases!!!!	3/5/2024 12:59 PM
85	I do not want to pay more money for something of equivalent service.	3/5/2024 12:55 PM
86	We have enough money	3/5/2024 12:49 PM
87	Reduce the board of education budget.	3/5/2024 12:40 PM
88	Don't get it	3/5/2024 12:34 PM
89	No paid people	3/5/2024 12:33 PM
90	I think the county commissioner's can due a much better job being fiscally responsible with tax payers money. Reduce wasteful spending.	3/5/2024 12:29 PM
91	Garnish the charter wages and the county commissioners.	3/5/2024 12:04 PM
92	Use funds that are currently given to volunteer stations pay for salaries for career staff.	3/5/2024 11:50 AM
93	The Fire tax you allowed them to build palaces with instead of Fire Stations, so there must be plenty of Fire Tax monies.	3/5/2024 11:24 AM
94	Any tax increase or fees imposed would only hurt already struggling residents	3/5/2024 11:10 AM
95	Charles County taxes are astronomical as is. I am not in favor of increasing our taxes any higher. There are plenty of revenue streams. Reallocate necessary funding.	3/5/2024 11:07 AM
96	NO NEW TAXES!!! You take enough of our money.	3/5/2024 11:04 AM
97	None	3/5/2024 10:52 AM
98	NONE. I do not want my taxes to go up, as I already pay so much currently. I also do not want to increase any building in the county, as we have enough and are now overcrowding schools and the hospital.	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
99	N/A	3/5/2024 10:49 AM
100	The county residents are taxed to death and see nothing but more crime coming in and houses being built literally everywhere.	3/5/2024 10:49 AM
101	Tax the building companies more that are going to cause the strain on resources like fire police	3/5/2024 10:48 AM

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102	Leave things as they are	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
103	No more taxes or fees	3/5/2024 10:45 AM
104	I am not in favor of paid firefighters in charles county.	3/5/2024 10:41 AM
105	Unk	3/5/2024 10:40 AM
106	I do not support paid fire department services.	3/5/2024 9:21 AM
107	No charter	3/5/2024 6:16 AM
108	None.	3/5/2024 6:03 AM
109	Don't need one. Our volunteer system is working just fine.	3/5/2024 5:39 AM
110	Not to paid fire service. Our volunteers are awesome!!	3/4/2024 9:13 PM
111	Combine hazmat and water rescue services in coordination w NOS services	3/4/2024 8:54 PM
112	Hard bill frequent users of emergency services	3/4/2024 8:42 PM
113	We don't need one. If you took over the volunteer system you would have to raise taxes extraordinarily high to pay for apparatus alone.	3/4/2024 8:27 PM
114	The county is poor	3/4/2024 6:10 PM
115	We are already one of the highest taxed and you want to add more strain to an already diminishing budget. Quit wasting money and we can accomplish this.	3/4/2024 5:13 PM
116	Do not raise taxes to pay tens of thousands for staffing. Pay the existing fire stations 100 percent of their budget.	3/4/2024 4:05 PM
117	The county can't afford to give us volunteers any more money so how are we gonna afford a paid system	3/4/2024 1:12 PM
118	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:29 AM
119	Use current fire tax fees	3/4/2024 10:20 AM
120	There are a number of programs that can be cut as they do not serve the county as a whole, just a segment of the county.	3/4/2024 10:18 AM
121	Don't do it	3/4/2024 9:07 AM
122	I'm a Life Long Resident of Charles County, Charles County is one of several counties that are currently the Highest Tax Counties in Maryland, the other few Counties already have Paid Fire and EMS, The Citizens of Charles County cannot afford higher taxes, The county Already has Home owners, Selling their Homes, And relocated to other states, If this form of government is passed, The county will turn in a county full of Homeless People and Rapid Poverty!	3/4/2024 8:44 AM
123	No more taxes	3/4/2024 8:04 AM
124	No paid fire service is needed. Adding taxes for government to waste is just stupid.	3/3/2024 11:17 PM
125	Paid firemen are not needed	3/3/2024 10:52 PM
126	None. This is a set up for grifting the citizens.	3/3/2024 10:46 PM
127	No Charter!	3/3/2024 10:01 PM
128	None of the above. Leave Fire and Rescue as it is now.	3/3/2024 9:29 PM
129	A combination of the above supported by a clear business case that also supports long term sustainability.	3/3/2024 9:22 PM
130	Keep the volunteer system in our taxes where they are at	3/3/2024 8:21 PM
131	As many residential buildings that are being built there should be plenty of revenue	3/3/2024 7:59 PM
132	In addition to the school excise tax, that's put on new construction. It would be incredibly	3/3/2024 7:45 PM

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helpful if the county included a public safety increase fee for all of the new homes that are coming into the county since All of those new homes are drastically, impacting our current resources, ability to do anything and successfully serve the county. The increase in revenue from that should help offset the cost of at least the set up for needed emergency services.

133	None this county charges enough fees we are taxed to our limits.	3/3/2024 6:17 PM
134	County commissioner money that was used for law suit when we sue for for wasting our tax payer money	3/3/2024 6:12 PM
135	Property taxes in this county are egregiously high, there has to be funds to support this need.	3/3/2024 6:10 PM
136	At this point. It's going to come down to all three if they don't get it together. Take examples from Alexandria fire dept. or even Montgomery.	3/3/2024 5:45 PM
137	Not needed	3/3/2024 5:32 PM
138	I don't support it	3/3/2024 4:59 PM
139	Not interested in a paid dept	3/3/2024 4:57 PM
140	Do not want paid firefighters	3/3/2024 4:50 PM
141	It is not needed.	3/3/2024 4:10 PM
142	There should be no "additional costs" IF there is no Charter.	3/3/2024 2:38 PM
143	Taxes and fees are already high in Charles County	3/3/2024 2:25 PM
144	I would expect the County Government to evaluate current appropriations and determine the best way to move forward.	3/3/2024 1:42 PM
145	None fuck yall.	3/3/2024 1:30 PM
146	Whatever needs to be done. Times are changing and I would pay for dependable service.	3/3/2024 1:29 PM
147	NONE, STOP!	3/3/2024 1:27 PM
148	Any grant funding? How do volunteers buy new equipment? Just do what they do.	3/3/2024 1:14 PM
149	No good answer for this.	3/3/2024 1:03 PM
150	Pull from those drug programs and shuttle bus services.	3/3/2024 12:20 PM
151	EMS billing should be enforced instead of soft billing	3/3/2024 12:19 PM
152	The county should focus on improving volunteer recruitment	3/3/2024 11:54 AM
153	Try a paid per call system to keep volunteers in system not fully paid. And No career fire Chief period.	3/3/2024 11:44 AM
154	Charles county already ridiculously taxes its residents. No tax increases	3/3/2024 11:31 AM
155	No	3/3/2024 11:28 AM
156	No	3/3/2024 11:22 AM
157	Reduce the volunteer fee contribution to supplement the career budget.	3/3/2024 11:06 AM
158	Just as you do for new schools. The citizens should not be held hostage just to keep a volunteer service alive. Consider consolidation volunteers into one bigger company	3/3/2024 10:58 AM
159	Don't implement, then no need to find funding	3/3/2024 10:51 AM
160	No	3/3/2024 10:47 AM
161	Slow growth and charge national builders costs that cannot be passed onto the homeowner. In addition, consider actually bringing some business in that are not retail or fast food. CC has run businesses out of the county for years.	3/3/2024 10:43 AM
162	Do not support a paid fire system	3/3/2024 10:42 AM
163	No	3/3/2024 10:28 AM

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164	Keep what we have	3/3/2024 10:26 AM
165	Support it with using the millions sitting in Volunteer station accounts that is not being spent appropriately nor approved within reason from the BOFR!	3/3/2024 10:13 AM
166	Take money from politicians	3/3/2024 10:06 AM
167	Keep it volunteered	3/3/2024 9:53 AM
168	Again, this is inevitable. If you want the service, you have to pay for it.	3/3/2024 9:45 AM
169	reallocation of funds from volunteer fire departments.	3/3/2024 9:42 AM
170	I am a career firefighter and I don't support a paid service in Charles County. Our current DES paid people struggle to exist as is and now you want to spend millions of Charles county tax payer money to expand an already failing paid system.	3/3/2024 9:42 AM
171	Use some of the money handed over to volunteer stations who are not properly manning or training.	3/3/2024 9:40 AM
172	Decrease the representatives salary. No need to raise taxes and fees on an already stressed citizens.	3/3/2024 9:26 AM
173	We already have some of the highest taxes in the state. How much more can you possibly take?	3/3/2024 9:05 AM
174	To not do it in the first place.	3/3/2024 8:58 AM
175	We are over taxed at this time. Don't even think of doing something that is going to need a tax increase	3/3/2024 8:09 AM
176	None	3/3/2024 7:45 AM
177	New construction should be assessed a public safety fee to support the increased demands placed on the public safety system	3/3/2024 6:44 AM
178	Tolls be added.	3/3/2024 2:22 AM
179	No tax increase. Charles county is so ridiculously taxed as is. The government is continually building and not doing anything to solve the traffic issues we already have as well as the underfunded EMS system. Stop building. Fix the roads/infrastructure. Fund EMS. I am against Charter Government.	3/2/2024 9:41 PM
180	Fee increases should occur for incidents that were purposeful or easily prevented.	3/2/2024 9:10 PM
181	Do not ruin our volunteer fire service by implementing a paid service in like Prince George's county did. This will cause complete chaos in the fire service and drive taxes far higher.	3/2/2024 9:00 PM
182	I would only support an increase in revenues for more ems staffing	3/2/2024 8:27 PM
183	Do not raise my taxes!! Paying too much already!	3/2/2024 8:07 PM
184	There is no way current revenue can cover the change to professional fire service. Look at salaries in the DMV. We will need to be at least competitive. Volunteer departments not only save money in salaries but in building and equipment costs. They are amazing fund raisers.	3/2/2024 7:37 PM
185	No career fire department	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
186	First a complete review of the current budget/monies spent should be performed before any increases.	3/2/2024 7:02 PM
187	Vote No on Charter	3/2/2024 6:23 PM
188	I can barely afford to live in this county now. I am a teacher and I can barely pay my mortgage on an older home because the taxes keep going up. Everything in this area costs so much!	3/2/2024 5:08 PM
189	Out of the politicians pockets.	3/2/2024 4:53 PM
190	Don't need it. We pay enough taxes now.	3/2/2024 4:29 PM
191	None of the above	3/2/2024 3:24 PM
192	Increased taxes for new homes and retail spaces that are currently being built. Like it was	3/2/2024 3:06 PM

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done with the school tax on new construction homes

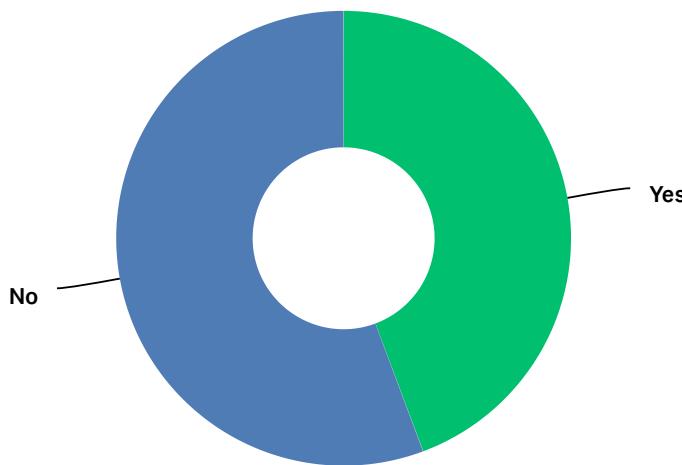
193	It is my belief that the fire tax has not been raised since the 80's. I would split this cost with the remaining half be funded by reduction of the haz mat team and emergency preparedness. Maybe go back to having the positions funded partially by fema. The haz mat team in my opinion is a waste of many dollars when I believe it is ok to have 1 person take care of the scene mitigation but we should at this time rely on mutual aide agreements from full teams all over the metropolitan area. Most fire departments in the county to count for adequate staffing means they all have at a min of haz mat awareness and operations. That means the immediate threat can be identified, secede can me secure and deny entry until. A proper team and contractors for clean up arrive. FEMA grants could supplement a temporary cost as well Finally take from the sheriffs department on the speed cameras and use 25% of the income to support the funding for fire department career staffing. I would say on both side of the fire stations across the county install a camera and that too can be used to supplement the cost.	3/2/2024 2:58 PM
194	Funding should be controlled by the county and distributed as needed by call volume per station. No more of these Taj Mahal stations that can't even man apparatus. Update the older stations, especially the busier stations with modern buildings and amenities.	3/2/2024 2:52 PM
195	Also establish greater control over the distribution of fire tax funds by requiring volunteer companies to provide an annual budget.	3/2/2024 2:40 PM
196	Too expensive	3/2/2024 2:25 PM
197	Out of current taxes. Charles county residents already pay too much in taxes. It's time we cut them not increase them	3/2/2024 2:11 PM
198	Do not go a paid service	3/2/2024 2:06 PM
199	Let the Charter Board pay for it if they want it. I will not support raising anything for Charles County citizens.	3/2/2024 2:01 PM
200	The operating budget of Charles county fireman's association is over funded compared to surrounding jurisdictions. Paid firefighters funding should be stripped from the current associations operating budget.	3/2/2024 1:54 PM
201	I do not support a paid fire service	3/2/2024 1:41 PM
202	Only fans	3/2/2024 1:37 PM
203	Neither. I do not want my taxes or anything else to go up.	3/2/2024 1:32 PM
204	Don't do it....	3/2/2024 1:25 PM
205	We cannot afford this.	3/2/2024 1:19 PM
206	TBD based on #4	3/2/2024 1:08 PM
207	Make the people that vote for it foot the bill!!	3/2/2024 12:56 PM
208	Oh great, more tax increases no matter what. There is never a time the government wants to do something and it doesn't increase taxes.	3/2/2024 12:35 PM
209	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
210	But I'm sure Charles County will just raise taxes like always. Or raise your assessed value and claim they didn't raise taxes!!!!	3/2/2024 11:44 AM
211	Stop throwing money at problems that don't exist.	3/2/2024 11:43 AM
212	Don't agree with this proposal at all.	3/2/2024 11:37 AM
213	I don't want to change to a paid fire dept	3/2/2024 10:57 AM
214	I don't want to see a county funded paid staff or chief	3/2/2024 10:06 AM
215	Vaping cigarettes marijuana sales Fines for driving while smoking Mj Increase all fine for stupid driving	3/2/2024 9:37 AM
216	Share the current fire tax 911 fees. Some volunteer stations have millions in the bank. Also purchase equipment that is functional to the purpose instead of parade pieces	3/2/2024 8:38 AM

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217	None - Our volunteer services are COMPLETELY ADEQUATE!	3/2/2024 7:22 AM
218	Charles County is already one of the highest taxed counties in the state so there is no reason to raise taxes simply use the current taxes better and stop funding things that money was not intended to fund like legal fees for a racist commissioner that should already have been removed from office and use the money collected in taxes for what it was ear marked for in the first place. The current Volunteer Fire budget does not get 100% of the current funding from taxes now. The Volunteer Fire Budget shall be funded 100% with no reductions and with any increase or decrease in the budget only coming from a request of the CCVFA.	3/2/2024 6:30 AM
219	Leave my taxes alone	3/1/2024 11:12 PM
220	NONE!! Taxes are already the highest in the state!!	3/1/2024 10:18 PM
221	We pay enough taxes	3/1/2024 8:32 PM
222	Nothing	3/1/2024 4:00 PM
223	None of above	3/1/2024 3:47 PM
224	One of the highest taxed counties in the state and you need more? Take it from all the developments you're allowing to be built while taxing the citizens into the ground.	3/1/2024 3:38 PM
225	Mike white is a snake	3/1/2024 2:16 PM
226	Tax increase will drive us out of this county. Crazy to even think that's an option. Trying to surpass Montgomery County in taxes but Charles County is still gone down the toilet compared to MoCo	3/1/2024 1:22 PM
227	Do not think a combination system is needed.	3/1/2024 12:31 PM
228	No increase in our already HIGH Taxes.	3/1/2024 2:25 AM

Q6 A home assessed at \$415,000 pays Fire and Rescue tax of \$266 annually based on the current tax rate of \$0.064 per \$100 of assessed property value. These funds are distributed to the Volunteer Fire and EMS organizations. Would you support an increase in the Fire and Rescue tax?

Answered: 995 Skipped: 150



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		44.32%	441
No		55.68%	554
TOTAL			995

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Why do we need to pay more. Charles county keeps building so they will get more funds.	3/12/2024 6:35 PM
2	This county needs to look at the busier stations in the county and give them more money. Some of the stations in the southern part of the county have way too many pieces of apparatus and they spend too much money on things they don't need. Waldorf and LaPlata are the busiest areas and should get more yearly funding than any other stations because if you run the stats they run a lot of calls monthly compared to a handful a month down south.	3/12/2024 4:50 PM
3	If the Volunteers were funded 100% instead of the 80% they are now funded at.	3/12/2024 3:06 PM
4	Let us be very clear/ This handpicked charter board was formed as a major power grab for corrupt sitting elected officials. They selected their friends and people they are extremely familiar with. The moment this was announced and the charter chair commented in support... many knew he would be selected to this board. He knew it also. The selection process was biased. The appearance of Improprieties were there and are there now. It is not a good look at all!!!! It was also formed to lay the foundation, to make Waldorf a Municipality! This is why the conversations were started from the very beginning. Several that support charter has mentioned this a few times. Pay attention. I can guarantee you those that are supporting charter now are going to lose their minds once their taxes start going up and they will go up!! Where will the staff be housed? Where good evening good is the money going to come from to support a new office building for the town of Waldorf? Police department?	3/12/2024 1:23 PM
5	No...current fire Tax that goes to volunteers is sufficient to purchase and maintain existing	3/12/2024 9:59 AM

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stations, trucks, and equipment, but it is not sufficient for new stations in the future or replacement of older existing stations. Although the Fire Tax rate has not increased, the amount of money collects has gone up significantly due to number of buildings being built and the increase in property values. Also, Ch. 54 needs to be changed to require budget request from each volunteer company. The current formula driven distribution system that does not require budgets is 60 years old and out dated. It simply is a formula of how to divide whatever Fire Tax money that is collected between the volunteer companies. Using this method, some companies get too much and some get too little money based of the level of emergencies they respond to. This does not require Charter Government!

6	In order to own/buy a home, an individual must carry home owners insurance to cover the cost/loss of property. So why would additional funds be needed; especially given the fact that the county has increased the number of homes in the county and most are townhouses.	3/11/2024 5:30 PM
7	It does not matter if we support a tax increase or not.	3/11/2024 4:27 PM
8	I would support a small increase to cover the cost for paid fire service, but not additional monies to the volunteer service, due to questions about fiscal oversight.	3/11/2024 4:20 PM
9	Stop giving the volunteers money when they are no longer able to give back to their communities by properly staffing their units.	3/10/2024 8:31 PM
10	I have no problem supporting our local fire departments. But I have a problem with supporting their need to buy new apparatus with flashy chrome and looks. When new apparatus is procured it should be based on the needs and not the look. A lot of these fire departments buy for the new fireman's parade. Extra chrome does not fight a fire. Or driving the truck to ocean city for a fireman's parade. The wasted gas... make sure funds are staying at the fire house and utilized for the areas it serves.	3/10/2024 12:40 PM
11	I would consider an increase in taxes with more information on the amount of the increase and the exact language around the dissemination of funds.	3/10/2024 10:29 AM
12	but accountability for the tax dollars spent. If they were staffed 100% of the time give them 100% of the money that they are due. If they only are providing 50% coverage cut the funding in half. maybe then they will step up and cover more time if not then those funds can go to staffing. Also, i hope to see no more multi million dollar fire houses built with tax dollars. Where is the ROI on such extravagant purchases. \$50,000 bay doors at station 11 is a waste of money just for looks!	3/10/2024 8:45 AM
13	We pay enough property tax just to live here.	3/10/2024 5:46 AM
14	The price of vital equipment, tools and vehicles has increased. It's only makes sense to provide more funding for their needs.	3/9/2024 11:41 AM
15	Every volunteer fire station sends out annual requests to residents in their first due. Like myself, many residents contribute to that. If you want to increase the revenue, charge every apartment complex unit \$275.00; let owners pay their fair share.	3/9/2024 10:26 AM
16	Too much waste now. Figure out where to trim the fat. Stop taking more tax dollars.	3/8/2024 10:40 PM
17	A very small increase	3/8/2024 4:05 PM
18	Maybe	3/8/2024 3:41 PM
19	The amount of funds that are put into escrow accounts for apparatus and buildings is not enough. Replacement of apparatus has increased by almost 50% within last few years and buildings have increased over 100% for new construction. Protective equipment have increased over 40% within last few years and the buying power has reduced greatly. You cannot be continue to be penny wise and pound foolish.	3/8/2024 2:34 PM
20	Taxed to the brink in Charles county	3/8/2024 9:07 AM
21	Absolutely not!!!!!!!	3/8/2024 6:13 AM
22	What are the current funds being used for? Where is this report. Can it be made accessible or mailed to residents annually?	3/8/2024 5:56 AM
23	If it is solely for the volunteers	3/7/2024 7:49 PM
24	County is already over populated. I do not support additional funding for large developments	3/7/2024 7:37 PM

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needs.

25	Yes, if it solely supports our volunteers and not additional county employees	3/7/2024 7:35 PM
26	Absolutely not no new taxes Voting no to charter	3/7/2024 7:34 PM
27	Will not support	3/7/2024 7:15 PM
28	Adjust current budget. It's a spending problem	3/7/2024 4:00 PM
29	Charles county taxpayers have enough to pay. There have been volunteer since the beginning of time, why is there a need for paid firefighters?	3/7/2024 3:38 PM
30	There are plenty of areas in our government that are wasting taxpayers money. I advise you to look within your own budget cut what is not needed decrease paid officials salaries, and be accountable to the taxpayers of what you already collect before you ask for any more money.	3/7/2024 2:58 PM
31	We should be supporting the volunteers	3/7/2024 2:54 PM
32	We pay enough taxes - find other sources to support this	3/7/2024 2:46 PM
33	We can barely pay our bills now.	3/7/2024 2:37 PM
34	Charles County has the highest property tax in the state already	3/7/2024 2:28 PM
35	Again tired of the increases. Nobody is going to be able to afford this county	3/7/2024 1:30 PM
36	This county is getting impossible to be able to live in.	3/7/2024 1:08 PM
37	Only if they stayed all volunteer	3/7/2024 1:06 PM
38	See answer to # 6. Homes are currently over valued because of inflation and the taxes are high enough. I do not support any new tax increases.	3/6/2024 1:49 PM
39	Spend that money on paid employees, more jobs, better structure and unified response and operating procedures.	3/6/2024 12:14 PM
40	Property taxes are already ridiculously high. Again, reallocate current tax revenue.	3/6/2024 10:53 AM
41	Move money from other entities that aren't as important or benefit all of the citizens of Charles county.	3/6/2024 10:18 AM
42	Tax has not increased for over 20 years	3/6/2024 9:15 AM
43	There needs to be tighter control of the existing funds. There have been irresponsible decisions made through politics and the good ole boy system. There needs to be a standard of cover analysis done and resources need to be moved accordingly.	3/5/2024 10:44 PM
44	A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:52 PM
45	See above	3/5/2024 7:44 PM
46	As long as it wasn't a lot more than \$266 annually, our Property Taxes are already too much.	3/5/2024 7:08 PM
47	Embezzlement	3/5/2024 6:25 PM
48	Do not raise taxes	3/5/2024 5:20 PM
49	No matter what this survey results are, we already know the county won't listen. This is a waste of time.	3/5/2024 4:15 PM
50	Where you finding a house in Charles County for \$415K that isn't a dump?	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
51	Within reason.	3/5/2024 2:59 PM
52	Only to fund the volunteers to help with the cost of inflation.	3/5/2024 1:41 PM
53	We have a large influx of people living here with new communities being built at every turn which will generate no shortage of volunteers.	3/5/2024 1:19 PM
54	The firehouses look like mansions now.	3/5/2024 12:40 PM

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55	Other county service budgets need to be reassessed and redistributed. The tax payers of Charles County are already over taxed. And with the growth of the county, there should be plenty of monies being collected to fund this.	3/5/2024 12:04 PM
56	I would not support any tax increase, I would support a reallocation of county funding and major oversight of what is being spent and how it is being spent.	3/5/2024 10:50 AM
57	The citizens of Charles pay enough taxes as is.	3/5/2024 10:48 AM
58	Leave things as they are	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
59	Why fix something that is not broken. Has there ever been a time that fire and medical service has not been provided	3/5/2024 10:42 AM
60	Only if the money goes to volunteer organizations.	3/5/2024 9:21 AM
61	We need to assist with funding these needed departments. Inflation has raised the cost of apparatus and training.	3/4/2024 8:27 PM
62	Apparatus costs have sky rocketed and you have done nothing to support volunteers.	3/4/2024 5:13 PM
63	.08 per 100	3/4/2024 4:05 PM
64	To support the volunteers only	3/4/2024 1:12 PM
65	As well as ensuring they receive 100% of their budget	3/4/2024 11:45 AM
66	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:29 AM
67	Yes, IF the fire and EMS staff are 100% paid and held to professional standards.	3/4/2024 10:18 AM
68	ABSOLUTELY NOT	3/4/2024 8:44 AM
69	We are seniors and fell we have already gone beyond our means.	3/4/2024 8:10 AM
70	No Charter!	3/3/2024 10:01 PM
71	If a strong business case is rendered to support long term sustainability	3/3/2024 9:22 PM
72	The current Commissioners will use the money for their personal projects	3/3/2024 8:37 PM
73	Absolutely not	3/3/2024 8:21 PM
74	We are already taxed excessively.	3/3/2024 7:45 PM
75	I support our current form of government especially when the commissioner is elected only by members of their district	3/3/2024 6:12 PM
76	Reasonable	3/3/2024 4:57 PM
77	I am happy to pay additional property tax, so long as the money ACTUALLY goes to the volunteer service.	3/3/2024 3:51 PM
78	Our taxes are already horrible. It should be taken from other departments.	3/3/2024 3:46 PM
79	Build more houses, get more tax money. No need to increase F&R tax.	3/3/2024 2:38 PM
80	I think you could find less into the volunteer stations and fund more into getting paid personnel. If the volunteers are not riding the apparatus they should not receive the money.	3/3/2024 2:13 PM
81	I would expect the County Government to evaluate current appropriations and determine the best way to move forward.	3/3/2024 1:42 PM
82	Don't take my money because you are broke.	3/3/2024 1:30 PM
83	Don't neighboring counties of similar size supplement those systems with much higher fire EMS taxes?	3/3/2024 1:14 PM
84	Reasonable tax increases. But also proportionately decrease the amount of money given to volunteer agencies.	3/3/2024 11:22 AM
85	Take the money from the volunteer budget	3/3/2024 10:54 AM

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86	It should be increased, but the funds should go to paid staffing.	3/3/2024 10:43 AM
87	We are already taxed to death find another way!	3/3/2024 10:43 AM
88	If I can afford a 1/2 million dollar house. I'm sure I can scrape up \$300	3/3/2024 10:32 AM
89	Less money to VFD and more to EMS. Most fire service related calls are EMS based. Also use funding increase to pay for fringe benefits to volunteers.	3/3/2024 10:13 AM
90	Unless this funding was to go to career service. The increase in funding to volunteers would be pointless as they have accounts already with PLENTY of money in them and they CANNOT provide any additional services for the increase. They already cannot support the system with the staffing they have now, why would you give them more money to spend freely without consequences.	3/3/2024 10:13 AM
91	I would support an increase to allow a paid combination fire department.	3/3/2024 10:06 AM
92	I would support this if the funding went towards career staffing.	3/3/2024 9:45 AM
93	Only if this is used for PAID fire/EMS. Multimillion dollar fire stations filled with millions of dollars in apparatus that is not 100% staffed needs to end.	3/3/2024 9:42 AM
94	They should not get money for calls responded understaffed and should be held more accountable for their wasteful spending.	3/3/2024 9:40 AM
95	This I would support because it goes to directly to fire service that already is in place	3/3/2024 9:05 AM
96	that is always your answer raise a tax. Stop... We are over taxed right now and taxes should be cut!!!!	3/3/2024 8:09 AM
97	Before we start having increases in taxes for Fire and Rescue, we need a new hospital. Why pay for more Fire and Rescue folks to rush us to a hospital and still wait for 6- 8 hours??	3/3/2024 12:29 AM
98	The volunteers in this county do not get the funding they need. It amazes me how counties like Calvert and st Mary's can afford so much more for the volunteer fire departments but it's like Charles county does not care	3/2/2024 8:27 PM
99	I would to see all fire departments as paid. I think it would raise the level of accountability	3/2/2024 7:38 PM
100	No to charter government	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
101	No increase until an independent review of the current funding is reviewed.	3/2/2024 7:02 PM
102	Vote No to charter	3/2/2024 6:23 PM
103	Marginally, relative to services provided. Taxes are already ridiculous relative to minimal and inadequate services.	3/2/2024 6:14 PM
104	For the county we already pay too much taxes	3/2/2024 5:58 PM
105	Unsure	3/2/2024 5:57 PM
106	I annoy afford to spend more money on this as well as everything else that is going up.	3/2/2024 5:08 PM
107	I'm sure you all will find a bureaucrat to funnel those funds through who will require a 6-figure income and then cry about how they need the county to raise taxes again. Not a fan.	3/2/2024 4:53 PM
108	Yes only for the volunteers.	3/2/2024 4:29 PM
109	These funds need to go to the government department of emergency services for their personnel and equipment. Volunteer Stations are becoming a thing of the past and should not be receiving this money.	3/2/2024 2:52 PM
110	The current funds distribution system is outdated and needs to be replaced with a budget for each company. Currently some companies get too much money and others not enough. They use a distribution formula rather than true budgeting. Each of these companies represent multi million dollar incorporated not for profit businesses.	3/2/2024 2:40 PM
111	Absolutely not! Our taxes are already too much	3/2/2024 2:11 PM
112	Charles County already pays enough in property taxes, only to have it used on County Commissioners attorneys fees.	3/2/2024 2:01 PM

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113	Volunteers need to have a higher property tax write off without a max AGI like Calvert County has.	3/2/2024 1:55 PM
114	Volunteer fire departments in the area spend money frivolously on fire apparatus that is not needed, volunteer banquets (10s of thousands of dollars) and programs that are over funded.	3/2/2024 1:54 PM
115	I believe there is a need to assess spending and distribution before increasing tax	3/2/2024 1:43 PM
116	Only if it stays as 100% volunteer service. I do not support a paid fire service	3/2/2024 1:41 PM
117	Support the busier companies by giving them the money the slower companies get. ITS THE SAME AMOUNT!	3/2/2024 1:37 PM
118	I'd love to give more money to my volunteer department. Not a paid department.	3/2/2024 1:32 PM
119	It depends	3/2/2024 1:08 PM
120	Stations that are on double dispatch (due to failed responses for service) they should be required to either forfeit funding from the county or pay a fine to the county for every failed or understaffed response. Stations that do not regularly respond to calls should be shut down or turned over to the county.	3/2/2024 12:56 PM
121	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
122	This County OVER TAXES its Citizens TOO much! aka: the new property assessments. The "leaders" who make these decisions are out of control & putting hardship on hard working, tax paying citizens. Lastly, these "leaders" & boards, counsils, committees mis-allocates the already received taxes to frivolous entities- aka: the legal fees of Commissioners who do FOUNDED wrongs against the citizens & employees of Charles County. Each & every "leader", department head, &/or authority in Charles County needs to reassess their spending of each & every dollar of tax money they request &/or granted with a prudent & conservative eye. The citizens of Charles County KNOW this doesn't happen, & they're sick & tired of it.	3/2/2024 11:37 AM
123	I would also support allowing EMS to have more fundraising opportunities. What happened to the Turkey Shoots?	3/2/2024 11:22 AM
124	The volunteers are not adequately funded and need a revenue increase.	3/2/2024 11:05 AM
125	Increase to support the system in place	3/2/2024 10:57 AM
126	As above raise fines and tax Mj in charles county	3/2/2024 9:37 AM
127	Maybe	3/2/2024 8:38 AM
128	Fund the current Volunteer Fire budget at 100% and stop reducing the budget to approximately 80% which has been down every year since the 1980s.	3/2/2024 6:30 AM
129	Increase in tax only to benefit volunteers- not to increase paid fire positions	3/1/2024 5:38 PM
130	Yes if goes to volunteers only.	3/1/2024 3:38 PM
131	If it goes to the volunteers than yes. If not, politicians can go pound sand.	3/1/2024 1:22 PM

Q7 If you would like the Charter Board to consider additional or alternate ideas regarding fire and emergency medical services, please share your thoughts here:

Answered: 258 Skipped: 887

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Keep the volunteers and offer a better incentive to volunteer.	3/12/2024 6:35 PM
2	Again, I do not think Charter Government is a good idea. As someone who has lived here all my life and did not think I would ever leave, and as a retiree Charter Government would seriously make me consider moving from Maryland because it will be too expensive to live here.	3/12/2024 3:06 PM
3	increase funding and provide tax credits with no income restrictions of the \$2500.00 dollars that is on the books that our commissioners cut to \$500.00 with restrictions	3/12/2024 2:11 PM
4	I DONT WANT A CHARTER BOARD	3/12/2024 1:44 PM
5	See all the above comments... None of this requires Charter Government!!!	3/12/2024 9:59 AM
6	From what I have seen on the questions provided in this survey, it appears that all the Charter Board is doing is looking for more ways to get money from the residents of this county. Not one thing in this survey has shown what the "Charter Board" is going to to assist the people of this county.	3/11/2024 5:30 PM
7	We all understand why the Charter Board was created. The foundation is being laid to make Waldorf a Municipality. All those supporting this effort will have a change in their tune when taxes begin to rise and taxes will rise. How else will the town of Waldorf exist? Who will pay for the building to house the local government? Police force?	3/11/2024 4:27 PM
8	None.	3/10/2024 5:11 PM
9	Bring paid EMS back to Cobb Island	3/10/2024 2:41 PM
10	Provide incentives to volunteer.	3/10/2024 12:40 PM
11	Consider sharing information on already existing programs such as the retirement program and property tax credit.	3/10/2024 10:29 AM
12	From the top a Chief of DES then 3 branches Fire, EMS, SOD, all 3 chiefs in charge of career and volly staff. all staff held to the same training and appearance and safety standards.	3/10/2024 8:45 AM
13	There is money through county and State that never gets prioritized..extra in the kitty**.let say by an individual that passes away with no family..that money and or property goes where?? It should ultimately go to things such as Volunteer Fire dept. Why should State get it..and we never no where it goes.	3/9/2024 5:57 PM
14	Leave EMS alone.	3/9/2024 5:32 PM
15	The volunteer system is also a great resource for the youth of our community, and could be expanded and provided a great avenue to keep our youth on the right path. A small amount of paid firefighters would be needed and placed as a central location in our county. These personnel would be the trained in the Hazmat and other specific felids within the fire service to ensure these advanced skills are meet. Creating a large scale paid system is not necessary nor is desirable to raise the county tax any higher then they all already are!	3/9/2024 2:00 PM
16	How you going to pay for fire service.... It takes millions up to billions of dollars to start one... where's the money coming from... volunteer services has saved the county millions of dollars... I'm good with it... 100%..	3/9/2024 1:57 PM
17	There's no need for a "proposed Charter Government" to add or alternate anything. The government is fine the way it is and the Fire & EMS system is adequate as it operates now.	3/9/2024 11:41 AM

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18	Better Tax credit for volunteering.	3/8/2024 10:40 PM
19	I believe we are adequately served by our current emergency services system	3/8/2024 8:09 PM
20	New builds should be taxed higher for 5 years after build year.	3/8/2024 7:04 PM
21	Support the volunteers instead of trying to destroy them.	3/8/2024 2:34 PM
22	Completely against charter!	3/8/2024 11:10 AM
23	No CHARTER BOARD	3/8/2024 9:07 AM
24	Don't you dare!!!!!!	3/8/2024 6:13 AM
25	No charter board and no hypothetical charter board to consider anything at all at any time. No.	3/7/2024 8:00 PM
26	Consider giving tax breaks to our fire & EMS volunteers	3/7/2024 7:35 PM
27	Voting no to Charter	3/7/2024 7:34 PM
28	Don't establish charter board!	3/7/2024 7:22 PM
29	The volunteers have worked for years and years, don't change something that isn't broken.	3/7/2024 7:15 PM
30	Buy cheaper fire trucks. No need for chrome.	3/7/2024 7:11 PM
31	No to charter government	3/7/2024 7:09 PM
32	Don't do it	3/7/2024 6:18 PM
33	Moratorium on building!	3/7/2024 5:41 PM
34	Charter is not needed	3/7/2024 4:00 PM
35	No Charter Board	3/7/2024 3:59 PM
36	Please stop trying to kill the working class with increased taxes to add to taxes we already have and don't know where the money is going	3/7/2024 3:38 PM
37	No	3/7/2024 3:19 PM
38	For those of us who have been charged for the school tax, who do not have children in school, take that portion of my money, and directed to EMS. Decrease the salaries of the paid officials, be accountable for the tax money that is already being paid, stop wasting it on benefits for those who do not qualify.	3/7/2024 2:58 PM
39	Leave it how it is	3/7/2024 2:54 PM
40	How about the commissioners stop allowing developers to put up these crackerjack toothpick houses. We don't have the infrastructure. They do all this damage then bring in the idea of Charter Gov. to fix it. No thanks	3/7/2024 2:37 PM
41	No	3/7/2024 2:36 PM
42	no	3/7/2024 1:56 PM
43	No charter	3/7/2024 1:46 PM
44	Leave them alone!	3/7/2024 1:30 PM
45	No to charter board we should have a say in if we want this	3/7/2024 1:14 PM
46	How about it comes out of the charter board members salary	3/7/2024 1:08 PM
47	No charter	3/7/2024 12:22 PM
48	I don't want a Charter Board government. Leave the emergency services like they are currently.	3/7/2024 11:51 AM
49	I do not want any additional or alternative ideas	3/7/2024 11:34 AM
50	Paid fire personnel should be focused in areas of specialized training I.e Hazardous Materials, confined space rescue etc. with being stationed in a central location in the county. The paid fire personnel would assist the well established volunteer system currently in place as needed	3/7/2024 9:54 AM

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on calls for service, and create a 24 hour buffer for emergency personnel. The county doesn't need to dismantle or overtake a well established and functioning volunteer organization, and incur additional costs at the taxpayer expense.

51	Say no to the charter board	3/7/2024 7:34 AM
52	No Charter. At all. Ever.	3/7/2024 5:29 AM
53	More hospitals	3/6/2024 10:57 PM
54	No change	3/6/2024 6:22 PM
55	nc	3/6/2024 3:55 PM
56	The only need to implement a Fire Chief is to consolidate control of local fire departments at the county seat. There is no need to fix what isn't broken.	3/6/2024 1:49 PM
57	Leave as is	3/6/2024 12:57 PM
58	Keep what we have	3/6/2024 11:58 AM
59	Reallocation of current tax dollars	3/6/2024 10:53 AM
60	They should keep things just the way they are and stop trying to fix something that is not broken.	3/6/2024 9:15 AM
61	Do not.	3/6/2024 9:08 AM
62	Leave the county all volunteers	3/6/2024 2:24 AM
63	don't change our way of life to something that is not us and not SOMD	3/6/2024 1:38 AM
64	The fire and emergency medical service do a great job already why change it.	3/5/2024 10:19 PM
65	LEAVE IT ALONE! A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:52 PM
66	Many companies have looked at Charles county over the years and they all have been turned away.	3/5/2024 7:44 PM
67	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:32 PM
68	Leave it alone.	3/5/2024 7:30 PM
69	Don't want a charter board	3/5/2024 7:03 PM
70	I would like to maintain the current County Commissioners and keep things as they are.	3/5/2024 6:25 PM
71	Do not change our form of government.	3/5/2024 6:11 PM
72	Don't raise taxes. There is no need for this	3/5/2024 5:52 PM
73	Do not raise taxes. There is no need for this	3/5/2024 5:48 PM
74	Don't raise taxes to do any of this. It would be irresponsible to raise taxes even more than what happens every single year.	3/5/2024 5:46 PM
75	Why do we need a charter government? Why are you trying to destroy a system that is a true representation of its people?	3/5/2024 5:37 PM
76	Don't change something that is working. We don't need more government spending	3/5/2024 5:20 PM
77	Stop building so much crap in this county	3/5/2024 5:20 PM
78	I do not want additional taxes to pay for paid firefighters.	3/5/2024 5:19 PM
79	The system is not broke, leave it alone. Everything the government touches turns to crap real quick and costs us 3 times as much as promised.	3/5/2024 4:05 PM
80	Leave as it	3/5/2024 3:47 PM
81	The charter board is not needed. Leave Charles County the way it is.	3/5/2024 3:17 PM

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82	no	3/5/2024 3:12 PM
83	Reliance on a 100% volunteer system as the county grows is not wise. Our volunteers do a wonderful job, but they have lives, jobs, and families. My understanding is that the volunteer ranks have not grown proportionally to the population, and over-reliance on volunteers may be dangerous.	3/5/2024 2:59 PM
84	Allow gambling/Slot machines for revenue	3/5/2024 2:36 PM
85	No charter government should be formed	3/5/2024 2:25 PM
86	The county does not have enough Fire calls to justify the need for a paid service, the increase in taxes for this program is unnecessary	3/5/2024 2:00 PM
87	Don't mess up a good thing for county taxpayers. Look for ways to encourage more volunteers by giving them more tax breaks to help compensate them for the job they do for free.	3/5/2024 1:41 PM
88	We need to keep our current form of government	3/5/2024 1:32 PM
89	I would like the Charter Board to explain to the community the reason for change and possible tax increases. Because "we" can doesn't mean "we" should.	3/5/2024 1:19 PM
90	No tax increases...leave Fire and EMS alone!!!	3/5/2024 12:59 PM
91	There is no reason to fix something that is not broken.	3/5/2024 12:55 PM
92	A charter board hasn't even been voted on.	3/5/2024 12:52 PM
93	N/A	3/5/2024 12:49 PM
94	Fully paid means the personnel is trained better	3/5/2024 12:48 PM
95	N/A	3/5/2024 12:34 PM
96	Do not increase taxes on the already overburdened community of Charles County. There are plenty of departments that are wasting tax dollars that do not benefit the county as a whole.	3/5/2024 12:04 PM
97	no leave the system alone	3/5/2024 12:01 PM
98	Keep the same system which is in place which works now and saves us tax payers money	3/5/2024 11:54 AM
99	The end goal is to service the community ASAP. While volunteers are appreciated, we cannot depend on being covered for ems and fire 24/7. Charter will be able to afford the residents of Charles County the coverage they are paying taxes for in a timely manner within their first due	3/5/2024 11:50 AM
100	N/A	3/5/2024 11:49 AM
101	Start reducing bureaucratic overhead and stop giving days off for the super bowl.	3/5/2024 11:33 AM
102	No	3/5/2024 11:31 AM
103	There is no need to change Charles County into a Charter government.	3/5/2024 11:27 AM
104	Would move to neighboring Calvert or St Mary's if a career fire service is implemented in Charles Co.	3/5/2024 11:25 AM
105	n/a	3/5/2024 11:14 AM
106	If the volunteer system is adequate and no one is dying because of it, there is no need for change at this time.	3/5/2024 11:04 AM
107	I like how things are now. I am a volunteer for my local department. I don't want any of that to change. I like how I can vote for my police chief now, I don't want that to change either.	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
108	I do not think we need a Charter Board or Charter Government.	3/5/2024 10:50 AM
109	Ask the Federal Government for more money. We have given Ukraine almost 200 billion dollars which should have been used on the United States, not some random country we have no business dealing with.	3/5/2024 10:49 AM
110	Leave things as they are	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
111	Do not raise taxes. Is this why you want a charter government to raise taxes	3/5/2024 10:45 AM

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112	Nothing is wrong with what we have now.	3/5/2024 10:42 AM
113	Get money from gambling revenue or something else but you have raised our taxes so much it's almost impossible to live here anymore	3/5/2024 10:42 AM
114	There needs to be a study on mutual aid services provided to St. Mary's County and the financial burden it places on the Charles County emergency services system. Are our Charles County taxpayers funding their failed system? The next thing that needs to be considered is a reduced cost tuition to the University of Maryland to obtain a college degree for volunteers. The current system for volunteers and career personnel offers substandard incentives compared to other states and even other counties within Maryland. This results in those who have obtained training in Charles County to seek out other opportunities. The last thing that needs to be addressed is those who abuse the 911 system. Other jurisdictions put together action teams involving law enforcement and social services to address situations where 911 is being abused and it results in numerous ambulance calls to the same residence or facility. This is often a negligence situation that requires the intervention of social services and law enforcement. While the initial answer for the board may be to expand or change the services provided, the issues that plague the system need to be addressed. The last thing that needs to be addressed is failing fire departments. When bad leadership runs all of the volunteers out, the bad leadership needs to be removed. There needs to be outside oversight over failing fire & EMS department. Toxic leadership causes our military, law enforcement, and fire & ems departments to fail. This results in tax dollars needlessly being spent to recruit, retrain, and retain replacing those who've left failing organizations. Perhaps the board should consider surveys similar to this to identify broken institutions so that a correction can be made.	3/5/2024 9:21 AM
115	N/a	3/4/2024 8:54 PM
116	Fire/EMS should not be handling non emergencies ie cat in a tree, lift assists, etc these should be stopped at the 911 center level. What is being done about hospital wait times? Why are there thousands more homes and residents but yet the local hospital has not grown to meet the increased demand. Frequent users of emergency services should be hard billed, they are a financial liability to the rest of the taxpayers who use 911 as it was intended	3/4/2024 8:42 PM
117	Raise the fire tax appropriately leave the system as is	3/4/2024 8:27 PM
118	Seriously consider a year long review calls and district's they are located within. A better way to distribute funds, some stations hardly respond. Their tires have to be replaced because they sit in one place for so long. You can't tell me there is not a better way to appropriate current or future funds.	3/4/2024 8:15 PM
119	None	3/4/2024 8:02 PM
120	Stop wasting our tax dollars on law suits, discrimination and place it where it belongs. Place it in the public services, county roads and other parts of our budget	3/4/2024 5:13 PM
121	This money doesn't seem to be regulated to show the residents what the volunteer system is actually doing with the money since most stations are understaffed or have delayed responses. Please implement a paid fire and EMS system.	3/4/2024 4:34 PM
122	Put more ems in service	3/4/2024 4:05 PM
123	Have the school bus operators respond to fire calls since they make a hefty salary.	3/4/2024 1:51 PM
124	As a volunteer myself I feel as if if the county commissioners can't give us volunteers anymore, money how can you make the county paid because you would have to buy apparatus new gear, which, as of right now it would take a year. How are you going to accomplish this if you can't give the volunteers more money	3/4/2024 1:12 PM
125	Stop wasting the Fire Department's valuable time trying to defeat the micro management of a charter form of government	3/4/2024 11:45 AM
126	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:29 AM
127	Full time fire for busier areas	3/4/2024 10:20 AM
128	Leave the present form of government as it is, but look into avenues of increasing the current budget to meet with the increasing demand of Much needed Equipment and Supplies!	3/4/2024 8:44 AM
129	Charles County Volunteers do an outstanding job for free to benefit the county residence. They	3/4/2024 6:37 AM

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have been doing so for almost 100 years. EMS is handled mostly by DES employees, let them continue Ems and the volunteer's will handle suppression. Our taxes are already the highest in the area, nothing is free.

130	Alternate ideas please.	3/4/2024 12:49 AM
131	Increase billing rates for ems transports, direct money completed by career personnel to the career department, unless units are volunteer staffed they should not receive any portion of billing money.	3/4/2024 12:24 AM
132	These should all be paid positions. Police, fire, EMS. If you had to call 911 for a police officer, You wouldn't expect a volunteer cop to show up in his personal vehicle in blue jeans and a t shirt would you?	3/3/2024 11:43 PM
133	Stop frivolous spending such as flyers, surveys, and wasteful spending by commissioners and put the money taken in to use with the volunteer for service.	3/3/2024 11:17 PM
134	With all of the construction going on in the county a tax increase is not needed. Give volunteers real world funding. Look at other counties such as Calvert for ideas of incentives for volunteer fire departments.	3/3/2024 10:52 PM
135	The charter board should consider the citizens who don't want this change.	3/3/2024 10:46 PM
136	No Charter!	3/3/2024 10:01 PM
137	Consider a local tax credit for volunteers in emergency services.	3/3/2024 9:37 PM
138	Increased partnerships with schools to encourage a pipeline of individuals to take on more paid positions.	3/3/2024 9:22 PM
139	Possibility of providing coverage at stations that frequently fail to get out or at least provide a driver as that is a main issue.	3/3/2024 9:04 PM
140	Yes	3/3/2024 8:52 PM
141	Implement a higher tax for all the new homes being built, it is because of their population that our system is being taxed. Each new neighborhood being built like on the parkway should be responsible for paying for a new schools and a fire house within so many feet of every new neighborhood. Or don't build them. When I first built my house I had to pay a \$10,000 tax for the schools. This should be implemented to all new homeowners Billing and Charles County for a nee fire/ems firehouses. All current homeowners should be grandfathered in and not charged any higher tax.	3/3/2024 8:21 PM
142	No	3/3/2024 8:08 PM
143	Charge insurance companies for non emergent transports.	3/3/2024 7:39 PM
144	No need to, leave what isn't broken alone.	3/3/2024 7:06 PM
145	Give the volunteers some incentives to continue to be volunteers and start to volunteer	3/3/2024 7:00 PM
146	No to charter	3/3/2024 6:30 PM
147	Everything is fine the way it is.	3/3/2024 6:17 PM
148	Don't make Charles County another PG county!	3/3/2024 6:12 PM
149	Why is the Charter board asking questions the county commissioners should not only be asking but addressing by attending meetings and making themselves available to their people	3/3/2024 6:12 PM
150	see question 3	3/3/2024 6:10 PM
151	Reappropriate funds from another source. I currently don't see where our tax dollars are being used. Roads need improvement, no viable park and planning program, etc. County funds need auditing.	3/3/2024 6:10 PM
152	Why are you being selfish about kick starting this when we have increase in calls?! You'd rather be frugal because you see the volunteer system thriving? Wrong. WRONG. It's not. Do you know what a volunteer is?! How hard it is at times to put in the hours to fully staff the apparatus that are in house?! How much it sucks seeing PG county responding to Charles county because we can't fulfill the needs of our citizens? Or how a traumatic or medical call which can be LIFE OR DEATH be delayed because of lack of resources?? That is idiotic.	3/3/2024 5:45 PM

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153	I don't support it	3/3/2024 4:59 PM
154	No charter	3/3/2024 4:50 PM
155	Need to hire more ems personnel and put more ambulances around the county to keep up with the crazy growth. 3000 new residences in laplata alone are on the way.	3/3/2024 4:11 PM
156	At least 1 paid guy to drive the engine to calls. When I was told everyone came from their house to the station to get an engine and the rest showed up in their own cars to the fire. I was shocked	3/3/2024 3:52 PM
157	You need to pay attention to minimum staffing levels in 911 and Police Communications. Currently minimum staffing for Police Communications is 3. That means one dispatcher for each channel, and a supervisor. That current call volume is about 700 to 1000 calls in 24 hours. The supervisor is left to answer phones, run tags and names, call tow trucks and more with minimum staffing at 3. This leaves no room for actual supervising. 4 would be better, 5 would be ideal. Commissioners have visited but it is not explained that there are 2 separate entities working in Communications. You need to understand how it really works.	3/3/2024 3:51 PM
158	A career fire service is the way to go. The volunteer departments have long gone without oversight and they are against real change. Please allocate resources to a career fire station in order to see real change.	3/3/2024 3:50 PM
159	Since there are so many new houses going in, there should be enough funding with the increased tax base and NO increase to taxes	3/3/2024 2:25 PM
160	I DON'T WANT A CHARTER BOARD AT ALL	3/3/2024 2:15 PM
161	Budget less for volunteer funding if they are not riding the apparatus.	3/3/2024 2:13 PM
162	You need to develop a better survey that explains the current situation with data.	3/3/2024 1:42 PM
163	Suck a dick	3/3/2024 1:30 PM
164	Fire trucks are failing everyday with the volunteer system. The truth needs to be told.	3/3/2024 1:29 PM
165	Lower the school tax. More money per child has been proven to be ineffective	3/3/2024 1:12 PM
166	If it is working, leave it alone.	3/3/2024 1:03 PM
167	CAREER CAREER CAREER .. as great as the benefits of the volunteer fire service are, we all know we live in an ever evolving society. In past years dedicated individuals and young adults had the time to devote to maintaining a job, raising a family all while still living a comfortable life both time and finance wise working an average job. In todays society and economy the lack of interest as well as time has created a void in the quantitative (volume to staffing) and qualitative (quality to staffing) data of emergency calls being answered efficiently. As a resident I currently see mutual resources being utilized as the front line response to many county emergencies which prompts the question are our resources sufficient and where is the service supported by my tax dollars?	3/3/2024 12:38 PM
168	Give DES access and control of the Fire and EMS tax because the respond to 98% of the ALS and over 80% of the BLS calls per year	3/3/2024 12:33 PM
169	More career EMS is needed which will help to preserve the volunteer fire service	3/3/2024 12:26 PM
170	Leave as is	3/3/2024 12:14 PM
171	More DES staffing. 24/7,365	3/3/2024 12:13 PM
172	Do away with Charter Board altogether	3/3/2024 12:01 PM
173	The county needs to focus on supporting the current volunteers and boosting recruitment.	3/3/2024 11:54 AM
174	Don't need charter govrment.	3/3/2024 11:44 AM
175	Have paid special operations teams the current teams from the volunteers do not provide the appropriate coverage	3/3/2024 11:43 AM
176	No	3/3/2024 11:28 AM
177	Stay out of it, we don't want PG County 2	3/3/2024 11:22 AM

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178	Career fire service is needed to pickup short Cummings of volunteers	3/3/2024 11:06 AM
179	Charles county is a growing community. While volunteers have served the county well, nationally, volunteer recruitment is getting harder and harder. Our residents would be best served by a countywide staffed agency (staffed by a combination of volunteer and career members), able to plan for the future needs of the county. Big picture, long term, this may include relocating or building additional stations, coordinating purchase of specialty resources (ladder trucks, heavy rescue, other services), and supporting a growing county.	3/3/2024 10:59 AM
180	Consolidate volunteer companies into one. Too much free spending by the volunteers.	3/3/2024 10:58 AM
181	No charter board	3/3/2024 10:51 AM
182	No	3/3/2024 10:47 AM
183	Charge the national builders currently raping our county something that cannot be charged back to their homeowners. We have been paying the price of uncontrolled growth that is causing strain on our infrastructure.	3/3/2024 10:43 AM
184	Use my tax dollars appropriately and staff fire stations and ems stations. Stop relying on outside agencies to help supplement staffing...	3/3/2024 10:33 AM
185	Professional Firefighters are needed. There's nothing wrong with a combination system.	3/3/2024 10:32 AM
186	No charter	3/3/2024 10:28 AM
187	More staffing and county ambulances not volunteer units with paid staff	3/3/2024 10:20 AM
188	Hiring a local volunteer as program coordinator to help County government, DES, and the volunteer organizations efficiently operate, recruit, organize and manage the volunteer companies.	3/3/2024 10:13 AM
189	Truly take a look at the services that are provided within the county. The Public Safety service for Fire Suppression that I receive in this county as a tax paying citizen are disgusting! We the people demand that stations with no or low (percentage) be turned over to the county so that we can have a career service like Prince George's County does.	3/3/2024 10:13 AM
190	Quit acting like Charles county doesn't already have money. Use it on public safety and stop putting it towards useless programs	3/3/2024 10:07 AM
191	Help volunteers with child care and consider some sort of stipend for their time. Time they contribute is second to their full time job and to their families. Make it worth their while.	3/3/2024 10:06 AM
192	A fire chief that reports to DES would be a good start. The Vol Stations should be accountable to the Fire Chief, Director of DES, Co Admin, and ultimately the County Commissioners. We don't need full career right now, but we need to be prepared for the future by aligning the oversight of the fire service now and in coordination with current volunteer leadership.	3/3/2024 9:51 AM
193	NO NO and NO to paid fire and a paid county chief	3/3/2024 9:45 AM
194	The safety and security of Charles County citizens should be paramount. The volunteer fire/ems service is not able to provide the service anymore. Combination volunteer/paid for both fire and EMS. I would suggest a Monday-Friday staff for fire departments to allow the volunteer system to still exist while providing staffing during times where there is not any at the volunteer stations.	3/3/2024 9:42 AM
195	Properly fund our under supported volunteer system. The current funding for new apparatus and operating budget is so outdated and underfunded that it leaves volunteer companies to struggle to keep up with surviving financially. As for staffing departments; Look at Calvert County they offer massive benefits to their volunteers to support their staffing to include, massive property tax breaks and assistance with childcare for volunteers which cause huge staffing benefits. This whole process hasn't been viewed at from what have been the flaws from the county causing volunteer stations to struggle. Also remember to ask yourself why is spending more money on an already struggling paid DES staffing. Struggling so bad that they allowed temporary employees to lighten the load of the beat down they were receiving and you want to make it worse by expanding the paid system?..... There has been little support from the county for the volunteers and that needs to change.	3/3/2024 9:42 AM
196	Get real numbers on responses, not padded or inflated numbers. Listen to calls to hear how many times they are understaffed.	3/3/2024 9:40 AM

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197	Eliminate volunteer funding, direct it to paid services so there's some kind of accountability.	3/3/2024 9:29 AM
198	No	3/3/2024 9:17 AM
199	Complete a study to determine how best to meet NFPA standards in regards to response times. Staff units to ensure compliance and readiness to serve citizens. All citizens reserve the right to fair and equal access to emergency services given their current equal payments for taxes. Adjust mutual aid agreements as needed after staffing is adjusted. Create a competitive and effective workforce with training for any potential paid fire services.	3/3/2024 9:11 AM
200	I think just a small increase to the fire tax would be enough.	3/3/2024 9:05 AM
201	Units should be staffed 24/7 in the fire stations. Coming from home delays response.	3/3/2024 8:48 AM
202	Anything that will increase taxes is a no go!!!! Why won't you idiots understand that. We are OVERTAXED now and taxes should be reduced	3/3/2024 8:09 AM
203	Do not change it	3/3/2024 7:54 AM
204	SAY NO TO CHARTER GOVERNMENT!!!	3/3/2024 7:00 AM
205	We do not need a paid fire chief. That's what happened in PG and the volunteer system was destroyed. Our volunteers are the bravest people, risking their lives to help for free.	3/3/2024 6:03 AM
206	Monetary Donations and Rainy Day Funds	3/3/2024 2:22 AM
207	They need more ambulances, but when they get to the hospital, they'll have a backup of ambulances with residents still waiting hours to be seen by a doctor.	3/3/2024 12:29 AM
208	Yes considered all options.	3/3/2024 12:04 AM
209	Give more funding to the volunteer fire service to use for recruiting and retention of current members.	3/2/2024 9:00 PM
210	use the money that would be paid for Charter Board members to fund Fire and Rescue instead of creating the Board.	3/2/2024 8:50 PM
211	MORE PAID EMS. STADD EVERY FIRE HOUSE WITH A AMBULANCE	3/2/2024 8:27 PM
212	Recruit and train young people who committ crimes to serve as volunterrs.	3/2/2024 8:07 PM
213	No tax increases. We are among the highest tax rates in the state already	3/2/2024 7:36 PM
214	No to charter government	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
215	The question who on the charter board would conduct it.	3/2/2024 7:02 PM
216	I was unaware that the Fire Department was 100% volunteer. I need to do more research on this to see why is that so. Other surrounding counties and the District of Columbia have salaried positions in both fire and EMS services.	3/2/2024 6:43 PM
217	Yes	3/2/2024 6:41 PM
218	Say no to charter govt	3/2/2024 6:33 PM
219	I disagree with the existence of a charter board	3/2/2024 6:25 PM
220	No to Charter	3/2/2024 6:23 PM
221	N/A	3/2/2024 6:04 PM
222	Accountability through SOP's and Orders and have the volunteer system supplement the career staffing	3/2/2024 5:49 PM
223	Take the money out of commissioner/ charter board members pay.	3/2/2024 5:08 PM
224	Don't follow the footsteps of Prince Georges County. We don't want their system.	3/2/2024 4:29 PM
225	No	3/2/2024 2:58 PM
226	Cut funding to the volunteer stations. Funding should be allocated to the career EMS. The current volunteer stations should be converted to county stations. If volunteers would like to join and ride with the paid crew, if space is available on the unit, then they can do so.	3/2/2024 2:52 PM

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Volunteers are few and far between these day. Oh fun should be redirected to the county and distributed as needed to cover all areas of the county using all current volunteer stations.

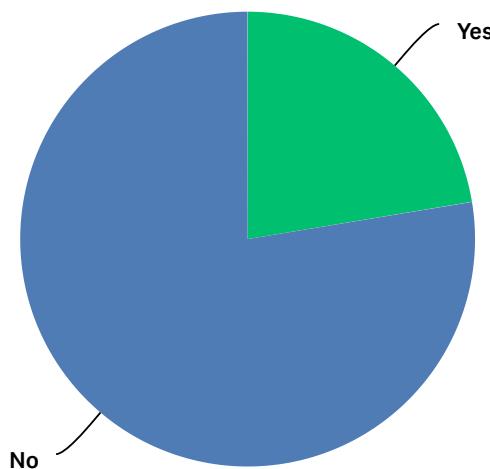
227	See above	3/2/2024 2:40 PM
228	DO NOT allow a paid fire department	3/2/2024 2:06 PM
229	Support the volunteers.	3/2/2024 2:01 PM
230	Whatever you do as a charter board DO NOT TAKE ANY ADVICE OR MODEL AFTER PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY. Thier Fire/EMS system is a disaster.	3/2/2024 1:57 PM
231	A daycare incentive for those who volunteer-like what Calvert County has.	3/2/2024 1:55 PM
232	For the sake of our citizens please give us paid firefighters.	3/2/2024 1:54 PM
233	Need a 3rd party evaluation	3/2/2024 1:43 PM
234	Keep it how it is. NO CHARTER	3/2/2024 1:41 PM
235	I would like the charter board/govnt to fail completely. Leave the volunteers tf alone.	3/2/2024 1:37 PM
236	Consider any other means besides increases our already high taxes with barely any services.	3/2/2024 1:26 PM
237	Praying this fails. It's a nightmare of an idea, the charter government.	3/2/2024 1:19 PM
238	Public meeting with those involved in running / operating Fire & EMS, as well as fiscal staff, and let us hear what they think and what the options are.	3/2/2024 1:08 PM
239	No charter.	3/2/2024 12:35 PM
240	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
241	We need a complete rehaul of the current volunteer system, please look towards prince georges and fairfax county how they handle personnel,leadership organization and logistics	3/2/2024 12:20 PM
242	We must prevent the 911 call. It appears the fire and EMS system is being unnecessarily taxed to failure due to an unreasonable expectation that citizens call call and request service for NON-urgent issues. We must find reasonable options to protect the resilience of our system.	3/2/2024 11:48 AM
243	Leave it alone	3/2/2024 11:44 AM
244	Don't change the existing system	3/2/2024 11:42 AM
245	NO Charter. Here's an idea: allocate the funds given to the Wrong-Doing/Founded Commissioner to cover her legal fees.	3/2/2024 11:37 AM
246	Individual corporations should not be taking out loans and paying them back with taxpayer money. We are wasting millions of dollars in debt service. Volunteer department building upgrades should be a part of the CIP plan.	3/2/2024 11:05 AM
247	No charter vote until after new voting procedures vote in you district	3/2/2024 9:37 AM
248	The volunteer fire fighting system in Charles County does an excellent job at providing 100% coverage of all fire related calls for assistance. That in itself is why the volunteer fire budget shall be funded 100% with no reductions every year. The Emergency Medical services needs to be 100% paid by either a private EMS service or with DES whichever method is more cost effective.	3/2/2024 6:30 AM
249	No charter	3/1/2024 9:58 PM
250	N/A	3/1/2024 9:12 PM
251	N/A	3/1/2024 7:55 PM
252	No fire services	3/1/2024 7:08 PM
253	More benefits/ incentives for volunteers to improve recruitment and retention.	3/1/2024 5:38 PM
254	Keep if the same don't fix something that's not broken	3/1/2024 4:00 PM
255	No Charter board	3/1/2024 3:47 PM

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256	Leave it volunteer and actually support it instead of trying to find ways of getting your friends into positions.	3/1/2024 3:38 PM
257	Keep it the same it is now.	3/1/2024 2:16 PM
258	I do not want a Charter Government!	3/1/2024 2:25 AM

Q8 In counties that have both a police department (appointed by and reports to the elected county executive and confirmed by the elected county council) and a sheriff's office (independently elected), the police department is responsible for law enforcement while the Sheriff's Office is responsible for court duties, civil process, and detention. Would you support the addition of a police department to Charles County Government?

Answered: 969 Skipped: 176



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		22.39%	217
No		77.61%	752
TOTAL			969

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	You will pull funding front the Sheriff's Office if you create a police department.	3/12/2024 6:38 PM
2	Why would I want to add an extra financial burden to the County. When the current Sheriff's Department is doing an excellent job.	3/12/2024 3:14 PM
3	How will this be funded?	3/12/2024 1:24 PM
4	There is no articulable reason for a new police department in Charles County. Doing so is a mismanagement of tax funds that are already stretched thin.	3/12/2024 11:57 AM
5	NO NEED! SHERIFF is sufficient.	3/12/2024 11:42 AM
6	There's no reason to have a police department in this county at this time. Realistically, almost all of the personnel for a county police department would come from CCSO - which renders making the change effectively pointless. Charles County is not big enough to require a separate Sheriff's Office and Police Department, and we're already struggling to get enough officers in the first place. Before complicating things by introducing another agency to the county, we need to solve staffing issues with what we already have.	3/12/2024 10:31 AM

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7	The CCSO does a great job...another police department with added cost for adminstraion and overhead is NOT NECESSARY. This does not require Charter Government!	3/12/2024 10:03 AM
8	The Sheriff Department is doing a great job. Why bring a Police Chief in to only report to elected officials. Again. Thw Sheriff is appointed by the people he/she serves.	3/10/2024 11:33 PM
9	Nothing wrong with CCSO other than understaffed.	3/10/2024 8:32 PM
10	No thanks. It's cool to have the freedom to vote for our sheriff.	3/10/2024 12:25 PM
11	Our sheriff's do an awesome job and need to be taken better care of.	3/10/2024 11:44 AM
12	With all the home building going on, we'll be another "Waldorf" very soon with all the traffic it generates! We'll need a full on police department to handle the problems that brings to LaPlata & surrounding areas!	3/10/2024 10:33 AM
13	CCSO is doing a good job.	3/10/2024 8:46 AM
14	Absolutely NOT!!!! This is completely not necessary, we have great law enforcement in our county, if any tax payer money that needs to be spent should be done to full support a well established and extremely well respected law enforcement agency.	3/9/2024 2:20 PM
15	Hell no 100%	3/9/2024 2:00 PM
16	Don't support a change. It's working just fine.	3/9/2024 11:49 AM
17	It'll cost tax payers more money.	3/9/2024 11:43 AM
18	We are just fine with the more than capable law enforcement that we have. If we can get bond commissioners and judges to hold those arrested instead of catch and release, there would be less repeat offenders.	3/9/2024 10:28 AM
19	CCSO is one of the best in the state and the Country. Why mess up a good thing? I'm sure Collins has a buddy he wants to appoint, but he needs to keep looking.	3/8/2024 10:42 PM
20	I don't want my government to be in control of the police department. I want to elect the police chief aka the sheriff. Stop trying to turn us into PG county	3/8/2024 7:54 PM
21	Horrible idea. Look at Prince George's County who has both, would you say they are doing great? No, me either. Why in the world would you want to model something like that and risk failure when our Sheriff's Office is doing great and is incredible. So you can have control??	3/8/2024 7:30 PM
22	additional departments would not benefit the community. The Sheriff's Office is currently providing the services we need without additional unnecessary bureaucracy further adding costs to the tax payers of the county while providing the same services. The system we have is not broken and does not need to be changed.	3/8/2024 7:10 PM
23	The Charles County Sheriff's Office is a fully functional police agency that handles all police functions to include court duties, civil process and detention. If it is not broken, don't try to fix it.	3/8/2024 5:51 PM
24	The Sheriff does an outstanding job!	3/8/2024 11:28 AM
25	The extremely high cost of starting a seperate police dept would be an unfair burden to the citizens. The sheriff's office does an outstanding job protecting the citizens. Additionally, the county is currently unable to hire and fund the sheriff's office so they can be fully staffed. We are not even keeping up with attrition. I do not see how the county would be able to support the sheriff's office and a seperate police department. The county govt should focus on supporting and funding the sheriff's office so they can reach full staffing.	3/8/2024 8:24 AM
26	However, would this mean an increase in our taxes?	3/8/2024 5:57 AM
27	This same process was done on prince George's county and does not work. We need to stop big developments by over population.	3/7/2024 7:51 PM
28	No more government positions or departments are needed or affordable	3/7/2024 7:50 PM
29	We don't need additional Government departments	3/7/2024 7:39 PM
30	CCSO is full service and does an amazing job.	3/7/2024 7:25 PM
31	Keep it as it is	3/7/2024 7:20 PM

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32	We already have a functional sheriff's office. Don't need more layers of high paid people.	3/7/2024 6:09 PM
33	The cost would be too much . The cost just for a new police chief, plus the search, would be in the mid 6 figures.	3/7/2024 5:45 PM
34	Our sheriff's dept is doing the job already	3/7/2024 5:29 PM
35	Crazy talk. Must be kept separate from political agendas.	3/7/2024 4:03 PM
36	What the heck, what sense does this make? Another layer? No.	3/7/2024 4:02 PM
37	Absolutely not	3/7/2024 3:45 PM
38	Keep things the way they are! We need to have a voice in who is in office.	3/7/2024 3:28 PM
39	If you would prosecute per the constitution, there would be less crime and less criminals on the street, and therefore crime would go down, and we would not need any additional police force.	3/7/2024 3:00 PM
40	Leave it ALONE	3/7/2024 2:55 PM
41	No need for another police department. Fund the one we have properly.	3/7/2024 2:47 PM
42	Why break up the sheriff's office when they actually are doing a great job.	3/7/2024 1:31 PM
43	I believe that the system that is in place is great.	3/7/2024 1:00 PM
44	A police department is just another way for the County Commissioners to gain control. The Sheriff's Office does an excellent job as is and is underappreciated in this county. If you go to a police department, you will 100% lose many of the great police officers currently employed by the Charles County Sheriff's Office.	3/7/2024 12:56 PM
45	The current law enforcement system in place in our county is excellent. There is no reason to create another redundant system. If anything the county needs to plan increasing the Sheriff's Office size to match the growth of the county's population. Money used to fund a "police department" could be spent on matters such as overcrowded schools/ shortage of qualified teachers, the fact our county only has one hospital that is overcrowded, the increasing homeless population in our county / lack of mental health services Obviously the only logical reason to take on this extremely expensive task and dismantle an effective law enforcement agency is to take away the public's ability to choose its head law enforcement figure and give that power to a county executive.	3/7/2024 10:27 AM
46	The current Sheffiff's Office does a great job already. We do not need a Charter Board.	3/7/2024 9:58 AM
47	We already have both, the Sheriffs Police. This system is working just fine. There is no need for double duty. Our county cannot support both.	3/7/2024 9:29 AM
48	Say no to the charter board.	3/7/2024 7:35 AM
49	Charles County does NOT need a police department! The Charles County Sheriff's Office is the best in the state of Maryland! I do NOT support a police department!	3/7/2024 7:29 AM
50	Our current Sheriff's office does an amazing job.	3/6/2024 8:11 PM
51	The Charles County Sherriffs office does a good job with public safety.	3/6/2024 4:24 PM
52	The Charles County Sheriff's Office is one of the largest and best Sheriff's Offices in the State of Maryland. They provide excellent services and the Sheriff serves at the pleasure of the voters, as does the county council. A county police department puts the police chief at the mercy of the county council and he's only accountable to 5 people. They can change who it is at will and this leads to dysfunction, lack of continuity, and corruption in the county council as they control who the police chief is and are not accountable to law enforcement. See Jack Johnson in Prince George's County a number of years ago. The FBI had to get involved to set it straight. There was also a great deal of drama between Wayne Curry and the Sheriff of Prince George's County after Wayne Curry got elected. He had a grudge against the Sheriff who had previously caught him illegally carrying a gun into the courthouse while he was an attorney. He cut funding for the Sheriff's Office to the bone and service to the citizens suffered. At one point there were 45,000 unserved warrants and crime was rampant. Similar to my answer about the fire chief, the only reason for a police department and chief is to consolidate power at the county seat for the benefit of the council. Under the current system, the voters	3/6/2024 2:21 PM

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elect the Sheriff, but the council must fund the Sheriff's Office. The council and Sheriff must work together professionally and council members are still subject to the rule of law. If the Sheriff does not perform his duties, then the voters get rid of him, not the council on a whim or perceived slight. Sheriff Berry served many years in internal affairs and keeps the Sheriff's Office running according to regulation. Bad apples don't last. Don't fix what isn't broken.

53	No broke don't touch	3/6/2024 12:57 PM
54	What a stupid question. Why would we need a police department when we already have good policing in Charles County?	3/6/2024 10:28 AM
55	Sheriff can handle, no need to increase size of government when it is not needed.	3/6/2024 9:18 AM
56	The current Sheriff's Office does a great job of protecting and serving this county. There is no need to raise taxes to bring in another department when we have town and county police.	3/6/2024 8:51 AM
57	There are already multiple law enforcement agencies operating within the county.	3/6/2024 8:29 AM
58	The sheriffs office does an outstanding job!!	3/6/2024 5:39 AM
59	The Charles County Sheriff's Office does a great job solving crime and preventing it. coming from a county where it take 15 to 20 mins just to get a 911 call in. Again, why would we add when they are going the job and doing it well without costing tax payers more.	3/5/2024 10:24 PM
60	A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:58 PM
61	If this is what a charter government is for, i don't want a charter government.	3/5/2024 7:53 PM
62	Having a separate police force makes it so the county commissioners cannot strong arm or make changes they deem necessary.	3/5/2024 7:48 PM
63	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:33 PM
64	The structure of the current law enforcement agency for the county, the Sheriff's Office, works. I DO NOT support changing from our current Sheriff's Office model. As county residence, we have the privilege to elect a new Sheriff every four years if we don't like the direction the elected sheriff is going we can vote them out. If the board elects to create a police department, it would no longer be a choice for the voter. Plus, the current Law Enforcement system if an elected Sheriff with a Sheriff's Office as the primary law enforcement for the county works, if you change that you break it. You don't have to look far at how it's failing in other jurisdictions like PG County, Montgomery County, Washington, DC. Folks from PG County and DC like our model so much they are moving to Charles County in droves.	3/5/2024 7:22 PM
65	Horrible idea. We have a great sheriffs office.	3/5/2024 6:44 PM
66	There is nothing wrong with the Sheriff's Office we have. The environment and working conditions are second to none. The Officers are dedicated employees. But this based on this people are saying a Charter Gov't will be no added expense. How can you have two police departments, but yet at no added costs?	3/5/2024 6:25 PM
67	Absolutely not. Why be different and change something that is not broken. CCSO handles all law enforcement, outside of La Plata without any issues.	3/5/2024 5:48 PM
68	Our sheriff office is considered one of the best, why are you looking to destroy that.	3/5/2024 5:45 PM
69	The Sheriff's Office is very good. An appointed police chief is a political position who doesn't do what's best for the county but what those who appoint him desire. I do not support the formation of a police department. Additional the cost or creating a police department out way any possible benefit. Keep the Sheriff's Office	3/5/2024 5:33 PM
70	I want my law enforcement head to be accountable to the people and not an individual executive. Answering to a county executive creates a higher possibility of unethical or corruption, look no further than the other counties with police departments, their politicians aren't policed by the police allowing for more corruption.	3/5/2024 5:33 PM
71	Law enforcement should be served and headed by an elected official who will lead the way the voters support. An appointed chief will serve the needs of his boss, which is not the electorate.	3/5/2024 5:21 PM
72	The sheriff's office is the best in the state.	3/5/2024 4:37 PM

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73	The Chief law enforcement officer in the county needs to be voted in by the people.	3/5/2024 4:36 PM
74	The Charles County Sheriff's Office is a great law enforcement agency compared to any other agency in the state. This request for a Police Department sounds like a county executive who wants the power to dictate the path of a police department. Right now, as it should be, the Sheriff is elected to and responsible to the people in the county. Not one person. This is a power grab the new County Executive wants and there is no other reason for it.	3/5/2024 4:32 PM
75	NO	3/5/2024 4:17 PM
76	Why take accountability away from the taxpayers? So we'll have one guy/gal deciding our law enforcement? No thanks. Already have one racist on the board and a thief. I don't want them deciding on the chief law enforcement officer of the county.	3/5/2024 4:10 PM
77	The Charles County Sheriffs Office does an excellent job of handling all tasks given.	3/5/2024 4:06 PM
78	The work the Sheriff's Office is doing currently is working just fine. We do not need to add any new departments to the agency.	3/5/2024 3:46 PM
79	No, the Charles County Sheriff's Office is the best sheriff's office in the State. Do not destroy something that is not broken. We already have La Plata Town Police, Maryland State and CCSO - another police department is NOT needed.	3/5/2024 3:21 PM
80	bad idea	3/5/2024 3:13 PM
81	The sheriff's office does not have the approval to hire enough officers to keep up with the county's constant growth in neighborhoods and population. Adding another law enforcement agency would not solve this problem. Properly fund the law enforcement agency that is in place.	3/5/2024 2:49 PM
82	The current sheriffs office does an excellent job for the county	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
83	Why is this even necessary? This would be such a waste of tax payer money.	3/5/2024 1:55 PM
84	Not needed	3/5/2024 1:48 PM
85	We have the best Sheriff's Office in Maryland, there is no need to change what they do	3/5/2024 1:36 PM
86	It would cost too much, and the Sheriff's Office is currently doing an outstanding job. There is no need or want for two police departments in the county.	3/5/2024 1:35 PM
87	Again I don't understand why you are trying to reinvent the wheel. What is the reason that you need to change a law enforcement institute that has had an outstanding reputation for serving its community. I moved here from an area that did not reflect the same reputation. 8. Having an elected official for Sheriff is more comforting than an appointed chief of police.	3/5/2024 1:27 PM
88	No what's wrong with the one we got now	3/5/2024 1:18 PM
89	Absolutely not!	3/5/2024 1:02 PM
90	It is a waste of public dollars to transfer to an additional law enforcement agency when all needs are being covered now.	3/5/2024 12:59 PM
91	Why pay for law enforcement services twice???	3/5/2024 12:59 PM
92	I like our Sheriffs Office	3/5/2024 12:39 PM
93	The Sheriff's Office has a proven record of providing excellent service and a police department would cost too much money and serve no additional purpose other than spending taxpayer money. I think we could use the money for better services.	3/5/2024 12:38 PM
94	Sheriff Troy Berry and the Charles County Sheriffs Office do an outstanding job policing and enforcing law in the county.	3/5/2024 12:35 PM
95	Why would we need 2 county police agencies? There is MSP and LPPD as well as CCSO. The board even says it, CCSO is a full service agency and does a fine job.	3/5/2024 12:19 PM
96	The Charles County Sheriff's Office is a full service Agency that takes care of all the needs you just listed. Why would anyone want to spend millions of additional tax dollars just so the Commissioners could control the Chief of Police. The Sheriff is elected directly by the residents of this county. There is no benefit to splitting up these duties and charging the	3/5/2024 12:16 PM

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residents more in tax dollars just so the County Commissioners can grab more control!!! That would be ludicrous.....

97	the Sheriff's Office does a great job for the community.	3/5/2024 12:05 PM
98	The ccs is one of the best law enforcement agencies in the country. Making a police chief would take the policing decision out of the hands of an elected poloce poloce official and into the hands of a politician.	3/5/2024 11:56 AM
99	The Sheriff is an EXPERIENCED AND SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL, elected by the citizens of Charles County. THE Sheriff answers to the citizens. The Sheriff has the ability to employ his/her experiences and skills for combating crime and improving the citizen's quality of life. The County Commissioners usually are not experienced with Law Enforcement. A Police Department has an Appointed Chief who does not answer to the public, but to the County Executive. This Sheriff's Office is sound and the best form of Law Enforcement around. The Charles County Sheriff's Office is also the best law enforcement agency in the state of Maryland. The counties which have a police department, are for a much larger population with large commercial infrastructures such as Montgomery County. And, it just doesn't work for the betterment of the voting citizens. We do not need another government entity in between an elected Sheriff and the voting citizens of Charles County.	3/5/2024 11:51 AM
100	The Sheriff's Office is very well-respected and operates effectively. The functions of the Sheriff's Office as is work appropriately, and there is no need to fix a system that is not broken.	3/5/2024 11:33 AM
101	The addition of a police department to Charles County would long term be detrimental to the citizenry of Charles County. Not that the problem is universal but in some areas with police chiefs or police superintendents who answer directly to a city or county council, administrator, mayor, executive, etc, they are having major issues with crime or in some cases being misused by the elected city or county officials to harass the citizens. The Charles County Sheriff's Office does a stellar job of working for and with the citizens of Charles County. If ANY additional funding is to be considered for Law Enforcement in CC, it should go to the Sheriff's Office and La Plata Town PD. The creation of an entire new countywide police force would be an immensely expensive project that Charles County is not ready for. The government would have to fund new facilities, personnel, firearms, vehicles, equipment, training facilities, etc. What is currently available is adequate and could honestly use MORE financial support from the county... not a entirely new police department. Do not try to fix something that is NOT broken.	3/5/2024 11:26 AM
102	We have a first class law enforcement agency already!	3/5/2024 11:25 AM
103	I do not support this in the least. There are over 300+ Officers on a fully operational Sheriff's Office now, in addition to countless support personnel, and those within specialty units ranging from Forensic Science, Drone Operations, Digital Forensics, K9, Criminal Investigations, and School Resources. The entire law enforcement infrastructure is in place - and the idea would be to what, make them responsible for court and detention? This seems completely ineffective.	3/5/2024 11:22 AM
104	Charles County has one of the best Sheriff's Office in the vicinity. We already have a small Town PD that still defers to CCSO on most calls. Overall satisfied with current operations of the Sheriff's Office	3/5/2024 11:17 AM
105	Our law enforcement is currently accountable to the voters and taxpayers and this should not change. If we do not like the direction our law enforcement is going, we can elect a new leader. With a chief he/she is only accountable to the county executive. You are attempting to fix something that is not broke.	3/5/2024 11:12 AM
106	DON'T FIX WHAT ISN'T BROKEN!	3/5/2024 11:02 AM
107	Adding a police department poses no benefit to the people as we already have the Sheriff's office who does a great job. Adding an additional department only causes for more cost with no true benefits.	3/5/2024 11:01 AM
108	Those duties are being handles well already. The implication would be a burden to the tax payer.	3/5/2024 10:59 AM
109	The Charles County sheriffs office does a great job. There's no need to fix something that isn't broken there's a national shortage of police officers currently, how would you even employ	3/5/2024 10:57 AM

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more police without lowering standards?

110	The Sheriff's Office has done well by this county. A Police department would only allow the "Charter Members" to have control and added much needed, unnecessary taxes on citizens. This idea is ridiculous.	3/5/2024 10:54 AM
111	The Sheriff's Office functions now just fine. I like that I can elect my Sheriff. I like that its ONE unit. It makes things less confusing for an average citizen, they go to ONE place. I also don't think you'd find enough employees to staff ANOTHER agency.	3/5/2024 10:54 AM
112	Why would you want to ruin one of the oldest Sheriff's departments?	3/5/2024 10:54 AM
113	I want my law enforcement official accountable to the the people not a county executive. No police department	3/5/2024 10:52 AM
114	What we have is working very well.	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
115	We do not need a police department. The Sheriffs office needs more officers since the county is constantly expanding and bringing more houses and crime to the county. Better pay equals better candidates for both police and correctional officers.	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
116	Charles County has the best sheriff's office in the state and there is no reason to destroy something that isn't broken.	3/5/2024 10:48 AM
117	This always turns into a department where everyone is unhappy and swamped with bureaucratic hurdles where nothing gets done. Moral always drops, and crime increases.	3/5/2024 10:48 AM
118	The Sheriff's Office serves the needs of the county just fine. The sheriff is also elected by the people. Not controlled by the government.	3/5/2024 10:45 AM
119	Why incur the additional expense when we have a law enforcement function that is outstanding.	3/5/2024 10:44 AM
120	Don't change what is already working.	3/5/2024 10:43 AM
121	We don't need a police dept. ccsco is the best	3/5/2024 10:41 AM
122	The sheriffs office provides excellent law enforcement services and the county does not require a police department. If the county goes to create a county police department it will go the way that Prince George's and Montgomery has, where the residents get fed up with the county service and hire town police to patrol their jurisdictions. When this happens, the county will lose tax revenue and be forced to cut their services, which are often viewed as substandard in those jurisdictions. Take Bowie City for example. The residents there do not under any circumstances want Prince George's County Police patrolling or investigating in their city. What the county officials must ask, is do they want Charles County to be filled with townships and cities with municipal police and fire departments? Mark my words, this is what will happen. Additionally, the county commissioners will have to deal with a police union. The sheriffs office often keeps police unions at bay. Is Charles County ready to deal with a law enforcement officers labor organization that's more vocal on how things are running?	3/5/2024 9:32 AM
123	Not necessarily at this time; however Council and Executive should have the authority to do so when deemed necessary	3/4/2024 8:59 PM
124	A police chief is a puppet to your antics. An elected sheriff must do good by the constituents and does not report to you, therefore must do good by the community.	3/4/2024 5:14 PM
125	The police are treated the same as the volunteer firefighters so once again how are you gonna afford all of this if no one can get more money now	3/4/2024 1:18 PM
126	I believe the Sheriff's Office is capable and has proved it can provide both functions with out the cost of an additional County Police Dept.	3/4/2024 11:02 AM
127	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:29 AM
128	No! NO! NO! A duly elected Constitutional Sheriff is more than sufficient for Charles County. We do not need, nor want a personal police force for the commissioners.	3/4/2024 10:22 AM
129	Our Current Law Enforcement, including our Sheriff's Department, local town police departments and State Police departments are working Well Together!	3/4/2024 8:47 AM

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130	This is not Prince George's County. Our sheriffs do a fine job. Hire more police to help crime prevention and actually hold criminals accountable instead of releasing them on their own reconnaissance. I do not see the police not doing their jobs but I can't say the same for most elected county officials. Do better....	3/4/2024 6:43 AM
131	Only if the fire and EMS side are fully paid positions first.	3/3/2024 11:46 PM
132	Boost the numbers in the current sheriffs office who are under the control of an elected official not an appointed police chief.	3/3/2024 11:00 PM
133	Appointed law enforcement by administration will serve who appointed them, not the citizens who have no vote for them.	3/3/2024 10:49 PM
134	No Charter!	3/3/2024 10:02 PM
135	The current Sheriff's Office is effective and efficient.	3/3/2024 8:39 PM
136	Charles County sheriff department does an amazing job in crime and being active in our community	3/3/2024 8:26 PM
137	The sheriffs office is one of the finest in the state why fix it if it ain't broke. Leave the sheriffs office alone	3/3/2024 8:01 PM
138	The current sheriffs office operates well but could also benefit from additional resources!	3/3/2024 7:46 PM
139	Absolutely unnecessary. I don't want council members or county executives hand picking a puppet police chief	3/3/2024 5:48 PM
140	Our county sheriffs department is enough.	3/3/2024 4:11 PM
141	This seems like a good idea, but there is no need for it. Besides, CCSO can barely stay staffed, how in the worls would you staff a whole new department?	3/3/2024 3:55 PM
142	The Power of the Elected Sheriff is Omnipotent - Degrading the Sheriff would be a shame	3/3/2024 2:50 PM
143	We have a Sheriff who is doing a great job. Why spend more money on a police department? It doesn't make sense.	3/3/2024 2:43 PM
144	No. But please add to the existing Sheriff department. We never see any law enforcement on Cobb Island.	3/3/2024 2:31 PM
145	"addition of police department " to do what? Most of the deputies and police officers in Charles county are friends or associates with residents and they don't uphold the law. Charles county has slowly became a run-down, drug and crime infested place. Despite the number of new businesses, Charles County is starting to have the same crime problems of neighboring DC and Baltimore. Hire law enforcement personnel of INTEGRITY who will put the law first instead of law enforcement personnel who "hook up" and "watch out for" their friends, partners, homeboys, and neighbors.	3/3/2024 2:23 PM
146	Our sheriff dept already does a great job	3/3/2024 2:14 PM
147	Again, you need to better explain how this new police department and what it's pros and cons are. I don't understand why a new police department is needed if the current CCSO serves this function.	3/3/2024 1:44 PM
148	I think the current structure works fine.	3/3/2024 1:33 PM
149	There is nothing wrong with the Sheriff's office	3/3/2024 1:18 PM
150	I do not support more politics in law enforcement. A PD would have a Chief appointed by a politician/political body. That could mean a police state or selective law enforcement based on the whims of the appointing authority. I prefer the elected Sheriff for law enforcement. No need to create another high paying government employee. The voters will determine whether a Sheriff is doing an acceptable job. Creating a PD only creates some duplication of duties and more cost to the taxpayers.	3/3/2024 1:18 PM
151	I wasn't aware that CCSO was failing to meet the law enforcement needs of the county.	3/3/2024 1:16 PM
152	I dont want the county politics to be able to destory another efficient agency. At least the sheriff doesnt have to kiss the counties politicans asses	3/3/2024 1:15 PM
153	There is no need for this.	3/3/2024 12:15 PM

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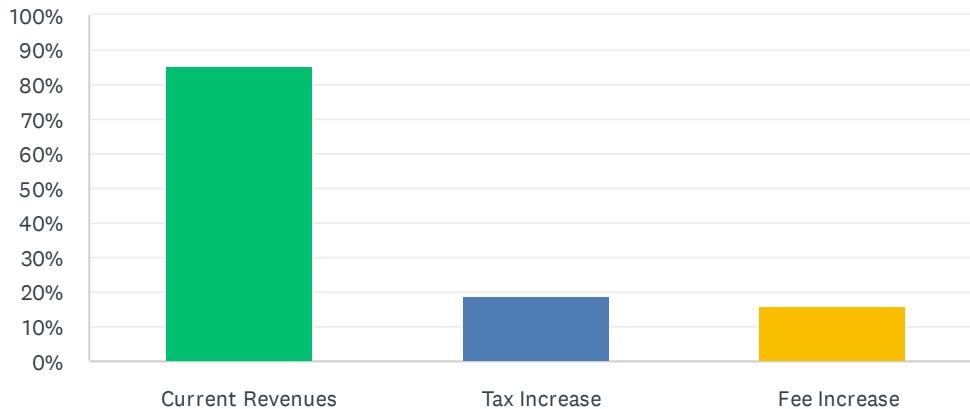
154	Leave as is	3/3/2024 12:03 PM
155	Better oversight	3/3/2024 10:59 AM
156	Only if the court system will stop letting criminals out. More police doesn't mean a better justice system.	3/3/2024 10:49 AM
157	Enhance what we have	3/3/2024 10:45 AM
158	Or get volunteer sworn police officers??? There's a reason the states don't have volunteer police. They have auxiliary police. Hence the reason we should have paid Firefighters that are supplemented by the volunteer system.	3/3/2024 10:35 AM
159	The ccsa has been very good to this community.	3/3/2024 10:27 AM
160	Keep the Sheriff, this type of position should be elected not selected.	3/3/2024 10:15 AM
161	Already have CCSO	3/3/2024 10:14 AM
162	Sheriff does a great job. Just support them.	3/3/2024 9:08 AM
163	Another tax & control issue. No, No, No...	3/3/2024 8:11 AM
164	I see this option as just more bureaucracy, personnel, and cost with no net increase in public safety	3/3/2024 6:50 AM
165	Perhaps in the future. Population matters too. Income matters too. Is the County receiving the correct funding that's needed for our citizens?	3/3/2024 2:37 AM
166	The more officers the better! It will also provide additional opportunities for local students to serve their communities.	3/3/2024 12:44 AM
167	Nah I think they already don't understand the lines and cross them to many times now.	3/3/2024 12:05 AM
168	Again, our taxes are high enough already.	3/2/2024 9:02 PM
169	Our Sheriff is doing a fabulous job. We do not need a Police Department.	3/2/2024 8:14 PM
170	There are a lot of facets to this. Not a yes/no question.	3/2/2024 7:37 PM
171	No to charter government	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
172	Nothing wrong with what we have .	3/2/2024 7:03 PM
173	What happened to the police station that was set up behind the local Burger King in Bryans Road? That presence needs to be here.	3/2/2024 6:50 PM
174	I don't believe that Charles County is in need of a police department. Our Sheriff's Department has done and is doing a great job. Don't try to fix something that's not broken. What we really need is additional FTEs for the department to keep up with our growth!	3/2/2024 6:48 PM
175	No to Charter Govt	3/2/2024 6:24 PM
176	It is very much needed.	3/2/2024 5:59 PM
177	I think it needs to stay a separate entity. Stop trying to make county government bigger and more expensive. I think a county executive will have too much power. Charter board is not what the people want and not what we voted for.	3/2/2024 5:12 PM
178	The sheriff department has served us well since it's inception. The sheriff needs to be accountable to the residents not the politicians and bureaucrats. There is no need for two departments with split duties. This would just be another expense that we, the tax payers would have to pay for.	3/2/2024 4:59 PM
179	What we have is adequate. It's the court system that needs attention. The police do their job but then the court system fails to punish offenders	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
180	Where do you think the funds are coming from to support this?	3/2/2024 2:12 PM
181	We already have a good Sheriff's office. If people here want two then move back to wherever they came from. I've lived here 53 years and we don't need Charter Govt.	3/2/2024 2:04 PM

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182	An elected sheriff works for the people to enforce the constitutional law. A police department works for one executive and enforces policy with no commitment to the constitution of this country.	3/2/2024 2:00 PM
183	I do not know what the benefit would be, so it's impossible to say whether or not I would support this.	3/2/2024 1:25 PM
184	The CCSO is fine just as it is.	3/2/2024 1:20 PM
185	Have you thought about how much it is going to cost the county's tax payers to have another police department? Are you out of your fucking minds. Say no to charter.	3/2/2024 12:37 PM
186	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
187	ONLY if the monies are taken from the tax funded legal fees the Commissioners enjoy.	3/2/2024 11:53 AM
188	The Sheriff's office has done a great job and continues to do a great job day in and day out. This is just a power grab by local government to have control of the Chief. The sheriff does not answer to local government, he answers to the public in which he serves.	3/2/2024 11:51 AM
189	With an increase in crime that many residents seem to complain about, an additional police force would be welcomed. La Plata currently has a Police Department, County Sheriff Department, and Maryland State Police. That seems to work for them.	3/2/2024 11:40 AM
190	The cost to add a police department will be expensive. It would add additional executive staff salaries, additional buildings needed as well as additional officers with no guarantee the current CCSO officers would transition to a police dept.	3/2/2024 11:03 AM
191	In time yes, but let's get the charter structure in place first and in the future voters can choose to add a police department as the need becomes more clear	3/2/2024 9:08 AM
192	Why?	3/2/2024 8:40 AM
193	The Sheriff is elected by the citizens of Charles County and is not appointed by some corrupt government entity. There is to much government overreach in Charles County now we do not need to add any additional government agencies especially an armed force solely run and operated by the government. The Charles County Sheriff's office is more than sufficient in providing law enforcement to the county. There is absolutely no reason to have an additional police force that would be 100% government owned and operated. Any funding that was or is being considered for any additional Police force needs to go to the Charles County Sheriff's office 100%.	3/2/2024 7:04 AM
194	They are doing a great job no need to	3/1/2024 3:48 PM
195	Not needed. Where will the money come from to create such a department. Our taxes are high enough as it is.	3/1/2024 2:28 AM

Q9 If this change is implemented under charter, how would you suggest Charles County pay for the additional costs? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 579 Skipped: 566



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Current Revenues		85.32%	494
Tax Increase		19.17%	111
Fee Increase		15.54%	90
Total Respondents: 579			

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Stop taxing us!!!!	3/12/2024 6:38 PM
2	we do not need 2 law enforcement agencies	3/12/2024 2:18 PM
3	No reason for a police department when the Sheriff's Office is doing a good job at this point. Provide the necessary funds for the current Sheriff's Office to provide adequate manpower to accomplish the mission.	3/12/2024 11:57 AM
4	NO CHANGE!	3/12/2024 11:42 AM
5	POLICE DEPT. NOT NEEDED!! NO ADDED COSTS BUT TO INCREASE CCSO AS NEEDED. See question above.	3/12/2024 10:03 AM
6	We don't support another police department	3/12/2024 9:41 AM
7	I do not support this even in the event the Charter should take over. We already has state and Charles County Sheriffs office working for us. Adding yet one more police agency to work at maintaining law and order does not better the community. Why can't more police be added to the current Sheriffs office. Two different police agencies within one county will only confuse resident and will provide redundant services for which the residents will have to provide additional funding.	3/11/2024 5:38 PM
8	None	3/10/2024 8:32 PM
9	Would no support. Our law inforcement is not a problem	3/10/2024 12:41 PM
10	Cut charter gov payroll if they go that route I'm against charter government.	3/10/2024 11:44 AM
11	N/A	3/10/2024 10:30 AM
12	Absolutely NOT Supporting this, nor should we the citizens of this county have to pay for this	3/9/2024 2:20 PM

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wasteful spending!

13	We are taxed at the maxed and too many fees... no need for a police department... I'm and good of what we have...	3/9/2024 2:00 PM
14	Don't want Charter Government. So no need to add costs.	3/9/2024 11:49 AM
15	No to Charter Government!	3/8/2024 10:42 PM
16	Not needed nor worth the additional cost	3/8/2024 8:10 PM
17	None. I don't agree	3/8/2024 7:54 PM
18	Unnecessary to create a PD	3/8/2024 11:28 AM
19	I don't support it.	3/8/2024 10:01 AM
20	Taxed to the brink in Charles county. No more taxes. No charter board	3/8/2024 9:09 AM
21	We do NOT support this!!!!!!!	3/8/2024 6:14 AM
22	Not applicable	3/7/2024 8:02 PM
23	Charge large development housing for additional resources. Management of county and state tax revenue for resources not hand outs to welfare	3/7/2024 7:51 PM
24	No new taxes. Voting no to Charter for Charles county	3/7/2024 7:37 PM
25	CCSO is the best and only solution.	3/7/2024 7:25 PM
26	Additional taxes on new subdivisions coming to Charles County	3/7/2024 7:20 PM
27	No to charter government	3/7/2024 7:10 PM
28	Don't do it	3/7/2024 6:18 PM
29	Again we can not afford. You are pushing us out of the county.	3/7/2024 6:09 PM
30	None	3/7/2024 5:45 PM
31	None want the police dept to be as is.	3/7/2024 4:45 PM
32	I do not support a change	3/7/2024 4:03 PM
33	You should not ask for Charles county residents help for ideas you have not thought out and want to them to pay taxes in an economy that's high enough tax rate	3/7/2024 3:45 PM
34	I think there's a lot of waste in the current government budget again make people qualify for free services, stop the handouts, prosecute them and send them away, reduce the salaries of the paid officials. There is a lot of waste.	3/7/2024 3:00 PM
35	Cut commissioners and charter member salaries	3/7/2024 2:56 PM
36	Again the lawsuit for your girl Coats, how much did that cost tax payers again?	3/7/2024 2:38 PM
37	Do not do this	3/7/2024 2:37 PM
38	don't do it	3/7/2024 1:57 PM
39	Again. No more increases. Buying groceries is now an almost impossible thing	3/7/2024 1:31 PM
40	Charter board can pay for it with there pay checks	3/7/2024 1:17 PM
41	Out of boards salery	3/7/2024 1:10 PM
42	Cut elected officials salaries since it was their hare brained idea to fix something that's not broken.	3/7/2024 12:36 PM
43	Do not d it	3/7/2024 12:22 PM
44	I do not support this	3/7/2024 11:35 AM
45	I do support a change.	3/7/2024 11:30 AM
46	Not supporting this. We are one of the highest taxed countries in the state. My property tax	3/7/2024 10:27 AM

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assessment here in Charles County just doubled this year. Even proposing this additional expense on the taxpayers of this county, in such a time of high inflation, high interest rates, shows a very sad disconnect in our leadership. Hard working residents of this county are struggling to buy housing, groceries, and cover their monthly bills..

47	none	3/7/2024 7:44 AM
48	I do not support the implementation of a police department. The services currently provided by the Charles County Sheriff's Office are more than satisfactory and our county does not need this additional expense.	3/7/2024 7:38 AM
49	NO POLICE DEPARTMENT!	3/7/2024 7:29 AM
50	Let those who want this pay for. Not needed. Stop trying to make Charles county bigger than it is.	3/6/2024 8:29 PM
51	Do not want a tax increase	3/6/2024 4:24 PM
52	I don't support it	3/6/2024 2:34 PM
53	Just as my answer was for the fire department, people are strapped for money and can't afford fee or tax increases. If you can't afford the change with current revenues, then it shouldn't be done.	3/6/2024 2:21 PM
54	Do not raise taxes. There is no need for a police department and it would be a waste of tax payers money	3/6/2024 2:14 PM
55	Don't touch	3/6/2024 12:57 PM
56	We have a great department in place. I don't see any need to change what is in place.	3/6/2024 11:59 AM
57	No changes. The Charles County Sheriff's Office does a great job with all elements of policing.	3/6/2024 11:29 AM
58	I do not support this change	3/6/2024 10:54 AM
59	NO to Charter; no to putting a heavier tax load on those already paying high taxes.	3/6/2024 10:28 AM
60	Do not do it. We have a full service sheriff's office right now. We don't need to spend a bunch of money to change the name and control of the police when we already have them.	3/6/2024 9:20 AM
61	Do not add a police department	3/6/2024 9:18 AM
62	Do not do it.	3/6/2024 9:08 AM
63	N/A	3/6/2024 8:51 AM
64	There should be no raise against the citizens	3/6/2024 5:39 AM
65	not in favor of this	3/6/2024 1:39 AM
66	None of the above.	3/5/2024 10:45 PM
67	DONT DO IT!	3/5/2024 10:24 PM
68	Dumbest idea ever!	3/5/2024 8:10 PM
69	A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:58 PM
70	I do not want this there fore I shouldn't have to pay for it. It is hard enough to staff the sheriffs office. Where do you suppose this new force will come from. The Detention Center is over 40 officers short. Do something about that.	3/5/2024 7:48 PM
71	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:33 PM
72	I don't want them increasing	3/5/2024 7:29 PM
73	I do not support the change and I don't want you to make residence pay more for something I don't agree with.	3/5/2024 7:22 PM
74	None	3/5/2024 6:44 PM

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75	Do not do it and not worry about having to pay for it.	3/5/2024 6:25 PM
76	There is not a need to change our government. Our Sheriff's office is the finest around and this whole idea of changing things is nothing but a power grab.	3/5/2024 6:12 PM
77	Don't raise taxes for something that is not needed.	3/5/2024 5:55 PM
78	Non of the above. It is honestly a horrible idea.	3/5/2024 5:48 PM
79	Do not raise taxes. A police department is a waste of tax payer money	3/5/2024 5:45 PM
80	No police department. It's needless use of tax payer money	3/5/2024 5:33 PM
81	If it's not broke don't try to fix it. There for leave it as it is,	3/5/2024 5:32 PM
82	I don't want a police department. The sheriffs office is fine the way it is.	3/5/2024 5:21 PM
83	Do not support	3/5/2024 5:21 PM
84	If left as it currently is, there would not be a need to increase taxes.	3/5/2024 4:46 PM
85	Residents should not be additionally taxed for a new department that is not needed. The Sheriff is elected by the people to serve the people. This is a power grab for a new county executive and relates to Rueben Collins not getting along with Sheriff Berry because he cant tell him what to do.	3/5/2024 4:32 PM
86	Stop taxing us and trying to grow our government.	3/5/2024 4:17 PM
87	Always looking for ways to tax us. Just once, I'd like a decrease. When there is surplus, it should be given back to the taxpayers.	3/5/2024 4:10 PM
88	The Sheriff's office does a great job already. They just need more officers and an increased budget.	3/5/2024 3:57 PM
89	Again, I do not support a Charter for the policing of Charles County	3/5/2024 3:46 PM
90	This change should NOT be implemented. The citizens are happy with the way things are now. We pay alot in taxes as it is, probably one of the highest taxed counties in the immediate area. Stop robbing the citizens with taxes and leave the Sheriff's Office alone. It's a strong organization and servicing the citizens wonderfully.	3/5/2024 3:21 PM
91	bad idea	3/5/2024 3:13 PM
92	Allow gambling/slots	3/5/2024 2:37 PM
93	No charter government should be formed therefore no new takes will be needed for a police department that isn't needed.	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
94	I hope this does NOT happen	3/5/2024 1:55 PM
95	Politician salaries	3/5/2024 1:48 PM
96	Don't change it	3/5/2024 1:42 PM
97	DO NOT CHANGE IT. There is no need for an additional police force. Give the Sheriff's Office more money to hire more police.	3/5/2024 1:35 PM
98	The amount of money required to start up a brand new law enforcement agency has got to be large. If you want to seriously purpose this, I wouldn't do a survey, but a day that the community can meet and hear why it is you want these changes so earnestly.	3/5/2024 1:27 PM
99	I do not suppoert a Police Department	3/5/2024 1:14 PM
100	Some other family that will be living in my house because I'm out!	3/5/2024 1:02 PM
101	I do not want to fund an unnecessary government action.	3/5/2024 12:59 PM
102	No change to law enforcement services and no new tax increases!!!	3/5/2024 12:59 PM
103	Take it out of the board of education budget.	3/5/2024 12:41 PM
104	I pray this doesn't happen. We do not have the money. I will be taxed out of the county soon enough.	3/5/2024 12:38 PM

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105	I think this would be a detriment to Charles County and would be a great cost to the residence of Charles County!	3/5/2024 12:35 PM
106	DO NOT IMPLEMENT THIS CHARTER FORM OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.	3/5/2024 12:16 PM
107	I don't support the additional costs of another county police department at all.	3/5/2024 12:10 PM
108	No way the county can afford to do this without a tax and fee increase.	3/5/2024 12:05 PM
109	No Change is needed.	3/5/2024 11:53 AM
110	If the current form of government was left alone, there would be no need to increase fees or taxes to fund "extra costs". To go to a Charter Government and create a Police Department, this will cost the county residents hundreds of millions of dollars extra, which will drive up taxes tremendously.	3/5/2024 11:51 AM
111	No more money, aren't we the highest taxed County in the Stsye.	3/5/2024 11:25 AM
112	The cost of establishing a fully functional police department from the ground up, plus recruiting officers at a time when no one wants to work in law enforcement, is crazy. How does the Charter expect the citizens of Charles County to pay for this when some cannot even afford to pay for their electric bill, or their enormous property tax bill? Why not consider putting more resources into the law enforcement agency that you current have????	3/5/2024 11:22 AM
113	NO NEW TAXES!! You take enough of our money.	3/5/2024 11:12 AM
114	I don't support this	3/5/2024 11:10 AM
115	Don't change it.	3/5/2024 11:04 AM
116	NO CHANGE NEEDED	3/5/2024 11:02 AM
117	If the government wishes to add another law enforcement agency then it should not be the people's responsibility to fund a second law enforcement agency	3/5/2024 11:01 AM
118	Wouldn't change it. There's no reason to.	3/5/2024 10:59 AM
119	No need for a police department	3/5/2024 10:58 AM
120	I would like to see an amount that it would cost the citizens because i feel this would be astronomical.	3/5/2024 10:54 AM
121	none!!! NO MORE FEES- WE PAY ENOUGH!!!!	3/5/2024 10:54 AM
122	None	3/5/2024 10:53 AM
123	No police department and no tax increases	3/5/2024 10:52 AM
124	N/A	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
125	Leave things as they are	3/5/2024 10:48 AM
126	NONE, We have already have a fantastic Sheriff's Office for the county.	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
127	Why pay for something we don't need	3/5/2024 10:44 AM
128	no this will cost far too much money for the tax payers	3/5/2024 10:44 AM
129	No increases.	3/5/2024 10:43 AM
130	Doesn't need to happen. Police chiefs appointed by elected officials are just the politicians puppets and don't do the right job.	3/5/2024 10:42 AM
131	Do not do this.	3/5/2024 9:35 AM
132	I do not support a county police department. I do not support unnecessary tax increases to pay for additional county agencies.	3/5/2024 9:32 AM
133	No new taxes	3/5/2024 6:17 AM
134	No	3/5/2024 6:05 AM
135	Don't need it. Waste of money	3/5/2024 5:40 AM

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136	N/A, no duplicate systems should be created. We already have Sheriffs, La Plata Town Police, and State Troopers. It's inefficient & very expensive to operate multiple law enforcement agencies.	3/4/2024 10:27 PM
137	As need would arise for police chief/dept Couby would HOPEFULLY have raised the tax base to add more Non residential tax paying entities.	3/4/2024 8:59 PM
138	Do not do it the current law enforcement system works fine	3/4/2024 8:43 PM
139	We don't need a government funded police force. CCSO is sufficient	3/4/2024 8:28 PM
140	DO NOT SUPPORT	3/4/2024 5:14 PM
141	The county can't afford anything as it is and everyone works against us this plan will fail	3/4/2024 1:18 PM
142	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:29 AM
143	Just say NO!	3/4/2024 10:22 AM
144	DONT DO IT	3/4/2024 9:07 AM
145	No more taxes	3/4/2024 8:05 AM
146	Give those tickets in town for going 1mph over in a 25 that cost like \$110....	3/3/2024 11:46 PM
147	No increased taxes or fees for the government to waste.	3/3/2024 11:19 PM
148	It's not needed	3/3/2024 11:00 PM
149	None. This is not needed	3/3/2024 10:49 PM
150	No Charter!	3/3/2024 10:02 PM
151	None of the above. We pay enough taxes and fees as is. Taking more out of current revenues is a waste of money that could be going toward other needs. Charter seems to be a money suck for residents.	3/3/2024 9:36 PM
152	Combination of the above.	3/3/2024 9:24 PM
153	N/A	3/3/2024 8:53 PM
154	No taxes for current residence. If it had to be done, Attack should be in, increased to all new homeowners coming into our community	3/3/2024 8:26 PM
155	No charter	3/3/2024 8:09 PM
156	Again we can't keep raising taxes. Listen to the citizens.	3/3/2024 7:56 PM
157	Don't do it. Pretty simple.	3/3/2024 6:21 PM
158	I think as high as our property taxes already are you should have plenty of money to pay for it.	3/3/2024 6:19 PM
159	NONE - Sheriff's Department is doing just fine; no need to add an additional "department"	3/3/2024 6:14 PM
160	Completely unnecessary	3/3/2024 5:48 PM
161	I don't support it	3/3/2024 5:00 PM
162	Leave the system as it is with the Sherrifs	3/3/2024 4:58 PM
163	No change	3/3/2024 4:52 PM
164	Do not implement it.	3/3/2024 3:55 PM
165	We have better things to spend money on. This is a supremely bad idea.	3/3/2024 3:55 PM
166	I suggest NO to Charter just due to it not being necessary. It seems it's pretty darn easy for this politically-appointed Charter Board to think up ways to spend more citizen tax money.	3/3/2024 2:43 PM
167	It would have to be current revenue since taxes are already high in Charle County	3/3/2024 2:30 PM
168	We already pay one of the highest tax rates in the state. I can't pay more, or I'll be forced to move.	3/3/2024 2:17 PM

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169	Don't want the change implemented	3/3/2024 1:33 PM
170	Yall broke	3/3/2024 1:31 PM
171	DONT! LEAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT!	3/3/2024 1:29 PM
172	Another no good answer for the question	3/3/2024 1:18 PM
173	Anything to keep Charles County from getting less safe and secure should be explored.	3/3/2024 1:16 PM
174	It shouldn't be implemented.	3/3/2024 12:15 PM
175	No change	3/3/2024 11:43 AM
176	No	3/3/2024 11:29 AM
177	No	3/3/2024 11:22 AM
178	Again, don't implement and no funding is required	3/3/2024 10:52 AM
179	Charging criminals and making them "work" to pay the fees.	3/3/2024 10:49 AM
180	No	3/3/2024 10:48 AM
181	Charge builders not homeowners.	3/3/2024 10:45 AM
182	Do not support a charles county police department	3/3/2024 10:43 AM
183	None	3/3/2024 10:38 AM
184	We do not need another police agency	3/3/2024 10:37 AM
185	THIS SHOULDN'T CHANGE. KEEP IT THE WAY IT IS.	3/3/2024 10:36 AM
186	Pay your current police better and give them good health care when they retire	3/3/2024 10:31 AM
187	Stop making increases. We are already one of the highest taxed countries in the state.	3/3/2024 10:27 AM
188	N/a	3/3/2024 10:15 AM
189	No change needed as what we have works perfectly fine.	3/3/2024 10:15 AM
190	Don't need it.	3/3/2024 10:07 AM
191	I don't support it	3/3/2024 9:43 AM
192	Leave CCSO as is.	3/3/2024 9:41 AM
193	Decrease the representatives salary.	3/3/2024 9:27 AM
194	No need for change	3/3/2024 9:08 AM
195	No charter Govt	3/3/2024 8:59 AM
196	No Tax increases or new Taxes	3/3/2024 8:11 AM
197	None	3/3/2024 7:46 AM
198	If implement this should be covered by existing revenues. If you can show multiple studies where the increased costs result in increased public safety, then consider tax increased but Charles County residents are already over taxed.	3/3/2024 6:50 AM
199	Speed cameras, and the revenues from the fines. There is a huge problem with street car, racing, aggressive, drivers, and speeding. Sufficient to have more cameras helping to regulate dangerous driving.	3/3/2024 6:22 AM
200	Income based. Hasn't it been said Charles County has the highest income in the nation? That should account for something.	3/3/2024 2:37 AM
201	Don't do it.	3/2/2024 9:02 PM
202	Use the funds that would be paid to Charter Board members.	3/2/2024 8:52 PM
203	Do not raise our taxes!	3/2/2024 8:14 PM

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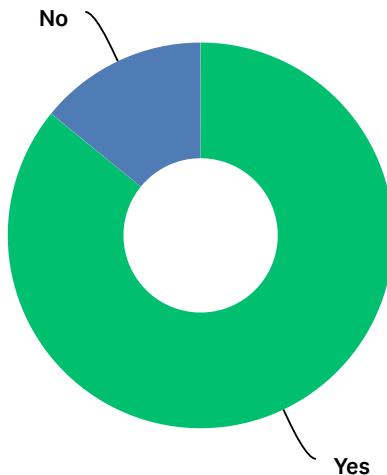
204	I don't support. Charles County is much smaller in comparison and residents already pay too much in taxes.	3/2/2024 7:41 PM
205	No tax increases! No police force! The Sheriff's department does an excellent job.	3/2/2024 7:39 PM
206	There is only one answer	3/2/2024 7:37 PM
207	No to county police	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
208	Happy with what we have	3/2/2024 7:03 PM
209	No	3/2/2024 6:26 PM
210	Put more money toward community and health services. The police do not protect average citizens. They protect the interests of the ruling class.	3/2/2024 6:19 PM
211	Not in favor of increased policing.	3/2/2024 5:35 PM
212	I hope that charter board is not voted for by the people. The more I learn about it the more I think we cannot afford it.	3/2/2024 5:12 PM
213	Out of the pockets of the protocols and Charter Board members. You want it, you fund it. Leave the rest of us alone.	3/2/2024 4:59 PM
214	None of the above	3/2/2024 3:25 PM
215	None	3/2/2024 3:09 PM
216	No	3/2/2024 2:58 PM
217	Charge for Non-emergency 911 calls that were answered.	3/2/2024 2:52 PM
218	Keep Sheriffs Department	3/2/2024 2:42 PM
219	Too expensive	3/2/2024 2:26 PM
220	Let the Charter Board pay for it if they want it. You are driving people out of this county by what you're doing.	3/2/2024 2:04 PM
221	NO	3/2/2024 1:41 PM
222	Only fans	3/2/2024 1:39 PM
223	Don't.	3/2/2024 1:26 PM
224	unknown. Wouldn't a police force be redundant?	3/2/2024 1:25 PM
225	Again, too much to love here as it is. I don't support this.	3/2/2024 1:20 PM
226	Don't support	3/2/2024 1:07 PM
227	Once again, tax increase. You people need to stop messing with the citizens of Charles County.	3/2/2024 12:37 PM
228	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
229	See answer in #8.	3/2/2024 11:53 AM
230	Use the council members salaries.	3/2/2024 11:51 AM
231	Again, stop throwing money at problems that don't exist	3/2/2024 11:49 AM
232	Don't need a police department	3/2/2024 11:44 AM
233	I don't want to see a change, the cost is too high	3/2/2024 11:03 AM
234	I don't want to see a change in the law enforcement in Charles County	3/2/2024 10:07 AM
235	Tax MJ in county Raise fees on all driving and Swinford people smoking dope in cars and public	3/2/2024 9:39 AM
236	Not supporting	3/2/2024 8:40 AM
237	No additional police force is needed in Charles County....	3/2/2024 7:04 AM

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238	Not necessary. Our current Sheriffs Office does everything needed.	3/2/2024 12:05 AM
239	Nothing	3/1/2024 4:00 PM
240	None of above	3/1/2024 3:48 PM
241	Stop trying to make this PG county and the rest that have charter government. They suck at providing services to their citizens and their government is more corrupt with embezzlement issues and misappropriating funds. It's no secret.	3/1/2024 3:42 PM
242	Do not think Charles County needs a Police Department, County is served very well by the Sheriff's Office.	3/1/2024 12:32 PM
243	DO NOT RAISE TAXES	3/1/2024 2:28 AM

Q10 As a Charles County resident, are your law enforcement needs being met?

Answered: 963 Skipped: 182



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.88%	827
No	14.12%	136
TOTAL		963

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	We have a speeding problem on Cobb Island and no one wants to write the speeders tickets. This county can benefit by giving out tickets and using that money to help with funding.	3/12/2024 4:54 PM
2	Many break ins. Not too many patrols	3/10/2024 11:39 PM
3	YES, they are being meet! So thankful to live in this county, instead of county with a "Police Department" with extremely high crime. Look at the crime rates in surrounding areas with police departments. How can you justify a need to take away from what is working here in our county???	3/9/2024 2:20 PM
4	Law Enforcement - yes. Courts - absolutely not; need to curtail catch and release.	3/9/2024 10:28 AM
5	CCSO is amazing!	3/8/2024 10:42 PM
6	Too much lawlessness. Drivers using turning lanes to bypass traffic then cut in front, teenagers allowed to harass neighborhoods. They need to enforce all laws more	3/8/2024 8:05 PM
7	The officers now are overwhelmed and underpaid. The more residents you drive in from PG county the worse crime is getting. I don't see how you people don't see the correlation. As well as the blatant disrespect for any person of authority. But go ahead and keep building your houses. Also go ahead and keep letting criminals off out into the streets. The judges around here already suck. Charles county would not be safe with any commissioner in power of the police department. All of these people are untrustworthy and abusive of their power.	3/8/2024 7:54 PM
8	100% by the most trusted agency I have ever been serviced by. They are great.	3/8/2024 7:30 PM
9	Charles County Sheriff's Office go above and beyond to perform their duties while serving the communities within.	3/8/2024 5:51 PM

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10	routine community patrols are needed for visibility and deterrence for youth how continue to smoke weed openly, gambling, and destroy public property	3/8/2024 4:51 PM
11	Yes, currently. However more population will require a change. Limit the population by stopping all the new homes in the county.	3/7/2024 7:20 PM
12	Cc Sheriff's Office is the best of the best.	3/7/2024 7:14 PM
13	Our police are great. Problem is the legal system. Catch and release approach needs to stop.	3/7/2024 4:03 PM
14	There seems to be a good presence of policing in the county	3/7/2024 3:45 PM
15	Because we don't let them do their jobs.	3/7/2024 3:20 PM
16	Hire more sheriffs deputies. Having we do not need larger government involvement, just fund what we have!	3/7/2024 11:30 AM
17	Yes! I am well traveled for my work. Our Sheriff's Office is excellent. I have seen dysfunctional and corrupt police departments, and want no part of this having a possibility to occur where me and my family live.	3/7/2024 10:27 AM
18	The Sherrifs do a good job in Charles County.	3/6/2024 4:24 PM
19	Need more police	3/5/2024 9:58 PM
20	Charles County has one of the best trained and best LE services in the country, a police dept would ruin that and bring in union officers that protect bad cops and hurt good cops, hurt response times and citizen/officer relations. Let the people choose their top cop not a board!!! A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:58 PM
21	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:33 PM
22	Yes, they have been met and exceeded. That's why I find this hard to believe the thought of this County wants another Police Dept.	3/5/2024 6:25 PM
23	Never an issue with CCSO.	3/5/2024 5:48 PM
24	Absolutely, compared to police departments in the state we have one of the finest law enforcement agency in the state. Why are you looking to destroy that. Police department fall under the authority of a county executive not the people that elect him/ her. That creates a more favorable atmosphere for unethical behavior and 3 of our current commissioners have shown questionable ethical behavior. The most ethical politician we have is our sheriff, we need that to balance the power.	3/5/2024 5:45 PM
25	A police department is a waste of tax payer money and would allow for greater unethical behavior by our government officials.	3/5/2024 5:33 PM
26	The do a fine job.	3/5/2024 5:32 PM
27	Sheriff Berry is an honorable man unlike our current BOC. Bowling and Stewart at least try, the rest are garbage. Yes, I said garbage.	3/5/2024 4:10 PM
28	Need more officers	3/5/2024 4:04 PM
29	Absolutely!!	3/5/2024 3:46 PM
30	The CCSO provides excellent service.	3/5/2024 1:55 PM
31	Have you taken a look at everything they do, and to maintain favor in the community is amazing. Look north and see what messes exist.	3/5/2024 1:27 PM
32	I picked yes, but the way some juveniles act is concerning.	3/5/2024 1:02 PM
33	The Charles County Sheriff's Office is doing a great job!	3/5/2024 12:59 PM
34	Don't tax the citizens with something that's not needed, just because you have no control over another elected official!	3/5/2024 12:50 PM
35	The Sheriff's Office provides great service.	3/5/2024 12:38 PM

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36	The Charles County Sheriff's Office is a top notch agency and an example for other agencies around the county to model themselves after.	3/5/2024 12:35 PM
37	Like with the EMS/fire... this county is growing exponentially, and all first responders are struggling to keep up. Maybe stop the growth of housing and dangerous intersections, and work on keeping crime out to put less force on the police agencies in this county.	3/5/2024 12:19 PM
38	The Charles County Sheriff's Office is a premiere Law Enforcement Agency in this state and throughout the country. What is really going on with the County Commissioners that they would want to change something that has worked for more than 370 years? It's not broken, leave it alone.	3/5/2024 12:16 PM
39	The Sheriff's department does an outstanding job. They need the support of the commissioners to stop letting criminals go without penalty.	3/5/2024 12:10 PM
40	Compared to other counties, our crime is significantly lower. Serious crimes are solved faster and investigated thoroughly. The sheriff's office is doing a great job, better than most police departments in the area. I do not see the needs to implement a police department when the one we have is efficient and effective. Also, the cost to create a new department will only increase the cost to live in the county.	3/5/2024 11:41 AM
41	I am extremely pleased with the services being provided by my Sheriff's Office.	3/5/2024 11:22 AM
42	Other than incarcerated individuals being released either by the Commissioner or Courts (since COVID to current) for charges they should be held in jail, the officers are doing their job appropriately	3/5/2024 11:17 AM
43	The sheriff's office is top notch. As stated before why would we want them accountable to an elected official and not the voters and taxpayers? PG Co is a mess and it looks like some want more government. That is the last thing we need as too much government is the reason we are in a this mess now.	3/5/2024 11:12 AM
44	We need more officers	3/5/2024 11:10 AM
45	More than met	3/5/2024 10:54 AM
46	I HAVE FULL FAITH IN MY SHERIFFS OFFICE. Those men/women do an awesome job - don't fix something that isn't broken!!!	3/5/2024 10:54 AM
47	Absolutely sheriff Berry has been the most ethical politician we have in the county. He needs to be the law enforcement official in the county. No police department	3/5/2024 10:52 AM
48	We have an awesome Sheriff's Department and do not need to add to the County	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
49	Charles County has the best sheriff's office in the state and there is no reason to destroy something that isn't broken.	3/5/2024 10:48 AM
50	Charles County Sheriff's Office does a fantastic job.	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
51	Again has there ever been a service failure of the sheriffs office and providing services	3/5/2024 10:44 AM
52	Sheriff Troy Berry and prior sheriff Rex Coffey have provided quality law enforcement services to the citizens of our county for decades. Why are we going to try and fix what isn't broken?	3/5/2024 9:32 AM
53	This is a hard question, yes they are doing their best with what they have. But more is needed. More officers for sure.	3/4/2024 8:44 PM
54	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:29 AM
55	Yes, with a caveat, you cannot lower standards to bring in more officers. Pay and benefits needs to be addressed, and most importantly, support and back the sheriff's department officers!! The "defund" movement is a complete and utter FAILURE!	3/4/2024 10:22 AM
56	Law enforcement are doing their job; the judicial system is not.	3/4/2024 8:12 AM
57	Bryans Road area is always being neglected In all areas of CHARLES COUNTY.	3/4/2024 12:58 AM
58	We never see them in the community	3/3/2024 10:50 PM
59	No Charter!	3/3/2024 10:02 PM

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60	Increased presence needed in communities.	3/3/2024 9:24 PM
61	Absolutely Charles County sheriff department does an amazing job with police presence, response, time, and community events that focus on engaging with the community and the youth. More importantly, our resource officers doing an amazing job in the schools helping keep our school safe.	3/3/2024 8:26 PM
62	No to charter	3/3/2024 6:31 PM
63	It takes to long for deputies to get to my address.	3/3/2024 6:17 PM
64	I have never used CC law enforcement. So I am not equipped to respond to this question	3/3/2024 6:11 PM
65	The Sheriffs Office does a great job. Why pay more to fund two different departments to do the same work? It's not broken. Don't fix it. The VOTERS should pick their law enforcement leader, and keep the ability to vote them out if we aren't satisfied. If the public wants one thing, but the council and executive want another, which one will do the people's will? And which one will do what will keep their paycheck? NO POLICE DEPARTMENT OR POLICE CHIEF!	3/3/2024 5:48 PM
66	Have not had need	3/3/2024 2:31 PM
67	The county is too lax in handling juvenile crime	3/3/2024 2:30 PM
68	People with nothing to lose come from urban areas trying to break into cars and homes. Noise complaints aren't addressed, but instead laughed off. Single mothers leave elementary school aged children home unattended for extended (up to 3 hours or longer) periods of time. People who don't live in communities, park their cars in communities and get high.	3/3/2024 2:23 PM
69	Definitely not. They suck. They only care for themselves and do not help anyone.	3/3/2024 1:31 PM
70	CCSO is doing a great job. Give them more positions.	3/3/2024 1:29 PM
71	Generally yes. If I have a problem, the current Sheriff adequately addresses it. He has to do so to keep the voters confidence to be reelected. A Police Chief may not be as accommodating.	3/3/2024 1:18 PM
72	Could still use more officers.	3/3/2024 1:15 PM
73	Try hire enough officer don't need another department.	3/3/2024 11:45 AM
74	I'm creased call volumes, greater response times lack of paid officers on duty.	3/3/2024 11:13 AM
75	For now.	3/3/2024 10:45 AM
76	THEY DO MORE FOR SO LITTLE.	3/3/2024 10:36 AM
77	They need to be better taken care of when they retire	3/3/2024 10:31 AM
78	Yes	3/3/2024 10:27 AM
79	Stop building and bringing in trash residents and low income housing.	3/3/2024 10:07 AM
80	CCSO leadership does not do a good job of ensuring that they are engaged in the whole operation. They are very silo-ed and doesn't coordinate well with other responder agencies. My recommendation is to create the police dept, strip the majority of funding from CCSO for the police dept. This dept needs to be accountable to Co Admin and Commissioners.	3/3/2024 9:56 AM
81	It's been said "Charles County does not have high number of crimes."	3/3/2024 2:37 AM
82	I would like to see community policing especially in elderly communities and especially on the western county side.	3/3/2024 12:44 AM
83	Yes but I live in La Plata so I'm ok with the towns police officers.	3/3/2024 12:05 AM
84	Yes	3/2/2024 9:41 PM
85	Sheriff Troy Berry is doing a fabulous job!!	3/2/2024 8:14 PM
86	Excellent sheriff's department generally. The laws are too soft on criminals, especially juveniles.	3/2/2024 7:39 PM
87	No to charter government	3/2/2024 7:08 PM

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88	Sometimes. The current agency works great but there are times where i wish there was more patrol officers in communities.	3/2/2024 6:25 PM
89	Catch & release back on the street is BS why should tax payers absorb this	3/2/2024 6:22 PM
90	N/A	3/2/2024 6:06 PM
91	Unsure as I haven't needed to use the services.	3/2/2024 5:59 PM
92	However I don't see as much police presence in some areas. For instance in district 4 the Smallwood village shopping center has a lot of people hangout around stores. I contacted the owner of the property they have security the drives around the shopping center. I was told that they offered the Sheriff department an office space that they could use that would have police presence on the premises. They declined. What a missed opportunity.	3/2/2024 5:35 PM
93	Our law enforcement does a great job in our county.	3/2/2024 5:12 PM
94	The Charles County Sheriff Dept is a top quality organization that serves our county well. I am very pleased with the services they provide.	3/2/2024 4:59 PM
95	More officers are needed.	3/2/2024 3:15 PM
96	Minimally	3/2/2024 2:42 PM
97	If you're a law abiding citizen you really shouldn't need then.	3/2/2024 2:04 PM
98	What's the point of calling them? If someone is breaking the law, they're released a day if not hours after they're arrested.	3/2/2024 1:39 PM
99	I am not having issues but I am very concerned about what I am hearing elsewhere in the county. It is not clear to me whether this is a law enforcement issue, a prosecution issue, a combination of those, or something else.	3/2/2024 1:07 PM
100	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
101	They do a phenomenal job	3/2/2024 11:51 AM
102	Why is this question last in the Sheriffs question but first on the EMS question?	3/2/2024 11:49 AM
103	I believe the sheriffs office is doing thier job but the system allows too many offenders out to do more harm before their court date	3/2/2024 10:41 AM
104	We have a great force We have bad judges letting criminals loose	3/2/2024 9:39 AM
105	Very little police presence in the southern area of the county.	3/1/2024 2:28 AM

Q11 If No, Why?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 1,027

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This county is full of aggressive and speeding drivers. also a lot of people text while driving, last time I checked no texting while driving. Officers start writing tickets you can make a lot of money.	3/12/2024 4:54 PM
2	Why do you provide this block for law enforcement but you did not provide the same block for Fire and EMS? Strange.	3/12/2024 11:57 AM
3	The crime in Waldorf seems to be getting out of hand with the growing development. Where are the cops? There needs to be more of a police presence. Hire more cops. Patrolling the neighborhoods. Interacting with citizens and businesses.	3/12/2024 10:32 AM
4	I would like to see more traffic control. Overall I think we have a fine Sheriff's Department with good men and women who care about our county.	3/12/2024 9:41 AM
5	Many break ins. Not too many patrols	3/10/2024 11:39 PM
6	They keep adding housing but not supporting that crime is also growing	3/10/2024 5:48 AM
7	Not enough law enforcement on the roads. They are being dispatched too often for canine detail versus being in our communities building trust and ensuring our safety. Also too many panhandling now in shopping centers etc. parking lots in our local grocery stores are scary.	3/9/2024 9:03 PM
8	N/A, Give the Sheriff's Office more resources to build upon the great job they are doing already!!!! You should be standing by the Sheriff and supporting him and highlighting the good work he and his employees do!	3/9/2024 2:20 PM
9	To many robberies, no one receiving traffic violations, not a lot of police patrolling the areas	3/9/2024 2:10 PM
10	Too much lawlessness. Drivers using turning lanes to bypass traffic then cut in front, teenagers allowed to harass neighborhoods. They need to enforce all laws more. Billingsley and Mattawoman intersection is the worst, need a permanent cop there every morning fining all these reckless dangerous drivers	3/8/2024 8:05 PM
11	People breaking the law, even minors, need to have consequences, doesn't seem there any. Teens out of control	3/8/2024 4:34 PM
12	Neighborhood community policing is nonexistent with 3 officers who get detailed out constantly	3/8/2024 3:43 PM
13	Non-responsive and doesn't seem invested in bettering the community/decreasing crime.	3/8/2024 10:05 AM
14	You took away the health benefits there's no incentive for recruitment here in this county	3/8/2024 6:33 AM
15	Not applicable this survey is slanted to those who support charter board. My answer is yes.	3/7/2024 8:02 PM
16	I don't feel safe being out at night or alone in the day!	3/7/2024 7:54 PM
17	The judicial system in Charles County is a joke! The cops do a great job of catching criminals and arresting them but then once locked up they are back on the street within hours	3/7/2024 7:35 PM
18	Crime is out of control due to uncontrolled growth	3/7/2024 7:08 PM
19	They find the bad guys and the court dismisses them. Not good.	3/7/2024 3:20 PM
20	Sheriff needs to get a handle on violence and stop taking pictures at elementary schools	3/7/2024 1:17 PM
21	As previously stated, there is no real reason to create a police department. It doesn't make sense to do so financially or operationally. This is wasteful government spending.	3/7/2024 10:27 AM
22	Building too much and officers can't keep up with the growth. Less building would help	3/6/2024 8:57 PM
23	N/A	3/5/2024 10:24 PM

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24	More police are needed. The crime is at an all time high and they're aren't enough police to go around	3/5/2024 9:58 PM
25	Response time is lacking due to shortage of officers. How the he'll are you gonna pay a separate police force?	3/5/2024 8:10 PM
26	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:33 PM
27	N/A	3/5/2024 6:25 PM
28	N/A	3/5/2024 6:12 PM
29	Need more officers	3/5/2024 4:04 PM
30	Not enough police staff	3/5/2024 2:37 PM
31	Please don't create additional agencies to add to our taxes. The whole idea of this is absurd.	3/5/2024 1:55 PM
32	It would be better fulfilled if the judges kept the criminals in jail instead of releasing them so they can continue to commit crimes	3/5/2024 1:36 PM
33	N/A	3/5/2024 1:27 PM
34	They are being met	3/5/2024 12:51 PM
35	N/A	3/5/2024 11:51 AM
36	N/A	3/5/2024 11:26 AM
37	We need more officers and they need more pay	3/5/2024 11:10 AM
38	I do not support adding a Police Department.	3/5/2024 10:48 AM
39	The Sheriff's Office meets all my needs and I do not support adding a Police Department.	3/5/2024 10:44 AM
40	The crime rate is increasing which makes me believe the amount of law enforcement officers should also increase.	3/5/2024 10:41 AM
41	See my other answers. No new tax increases.	3/5/2024 9:32 AM
42	Law enforcement is held mainly in Waldorf/ Laplata with a typical 40-50 minute response time to my location.	3/5/2024 6:05 AM
43	Because Maryland won't allow criminals to be apprehended or prosecuted.	3/4/2024 10:47 PM
44	We have elected you to be the best and brightest for our county and you ask a lay person. I would need to see more information on calls, units availability and crime statistics.	3/4/2024 8:21 PM
45	Sheriff dept are understaffed and cannot respond to everything in a timely manner.	3/4/2024 8:05 PM
46	They don't respond quickly	3/4/2024 6:11 PM
47	There is an increase in crime rates and it seems the current law enforcement structure is unable to keep up with the growing community.	3/4/2024 4:37 PM
48	Slow response need more officers	3/4/2024 1:54 PM
49	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:29 AM
50	There is minimal enforcement capability in the more rural areas of the county.	3/4/2024 9:23 AM
51	Catch and release isn't working. Lock them up! Pay the Punishment for the Crime!!	3/4/2024 8:54 AM
52	I just don't see enough law enforcement in my neighborhood.	3/4/2024 12:58 AM
53	Constant loitering and pan handling at businesses such as gas stations, parks, liquor stores, and grocery stores makes my family feel uncomfortable to go to these places. Enable our current police force to do their job by allowing them to police like they used to.	3/3/2024 11:00 PM
54	We never see them in the community	3/3/2024 10:50 PM
55	No Charter!	3/3/2024 10:02 PM

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56	Violent crime rates are up. Staffing is down and traffic issues are beyond high	3/3/2024 7:53 PM
57	Let the Police be police again. Stop tiring there hands behind there back and not be able to do there job. Crime is out of control because criminals aren't being held accountable.	3/3/2024 7:08 PM
58	No to charter	3/3/2024 6:31 PM
59	Look at the dept. they are low staffed and over working their employees. Some are even stuck on calls because they can't clear. It is a full circle effect.	3/3/2024 5:46 PM
60	Not enough police.	3/3/2024 4:09 PM
61	Not enough Sheriff's Deputies to deal with real crime. I don't want too many to the point they bother everyone for minor things but there's too much violent crimes.	3/3/2024 3:55 PM
62	Charles County is too lax with juvenile crime	3/3/2024 2:30 PM
63	Every neighborhood or community in Charles county should be assigned a Community Patrol Officer.	3/3/2024 2:23 PM
64	Mine are. But the police here are nothing more than place holders. Sheriff who does nothing, cops who are great at pulling speeders over, but let you get shot at the mall, it goes on and on. *I* as a citizen am fine but others aren't	3/3/2024 2:17 PM
65	They are selfish pigs who ignore real issues for their own sake.	3/3/2024 1:31 PM
66	Not enough police units	3/3/2024 1:25 PM
67	The response times and accountability of the sheriff are disappointing. We require a police chief who is answerable to a supervisor for better accountability.	3/3/2024 1:09 PM
68	Not enough officers to respond to the actual crimes being committed. Stop worrying so much about traffic and focus on actual crime	3/3/2024 12:34 PM
69	My needs are being met. But I don't trust the sheriff to do the right thing. Members of his organization have publicly, humiliated and embarrassed that department, and he continuously fails to take action against them.	3/3/2024 12:22 PM
70	They are.	3/3/2024 12:15 PM
71	Crime is through the roof	3/3/2024 12:08 PM
72	Not needed	3/3/2024 11:45 AM
73	Call volume increases with growth	3/3/2024 10:59 AM
74	Crime is on the rise	3/3/2024 10:54 AM
75	Charles county is served faithfully by CCSO, MSP, MDTA, and La Plata town police, no additional agencies are required	3/3/2024 10:43 AM
76	Relying on MSP and other agencies, Charles co needs a to step up and get with the times	3/3/2024 10:35 AM
77	Long turn around and responses	3/3/2024 10:35 AM
78	The people elect the sheriff, if it's not broken, don't fix it, the only thing broken is the lack of care, first responders get when they retire, after putting their lies on the line for the community.	3/3/2024 10:31 AM
79	A larger and more local presence needs to be established.	3/3/2024 10:23 AM
80	N/a	3/3/2024 10:15 AM
81	Law enforcement here in CC is basically non existent ...	3/3/2024 9:51 AM
82	They are short-staffed, often causing delays in responses.	3/3/2024 9:41 AM
83	They let to many criminal acts go unpunished	3/3/2024 9:35 AM
84	Increase in population and crime.	3/3/2024 9:20 AM
85	Kids are not held accountable for crimes.	3/3/2024 8:57 AM
86	Need to hire more police for quicker response times.	3/3/2024 8:49 AM

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87	We need more officers in the community. More community programs to interact with residents to help with kids that don't have outlets to place their energies.	3/3/2024 8:07 AM
88	I can hear the drag racing, happening up and down Billingsley Road on Friday and Saturday nights.	3/3/2024 6:22 AM
89	Same answer above.	3/3/2024 2:37 AM
90	I believe the department is unstaffed for this growing County. The County has allow the migrating citizens from low income neighboring counties and cities. As a result CRIME has skyrocketed. We need more Police to constantly patrol these high crime areas to help deter some of this activity.	3/3/2024 12:28 AM
91	Low visibility and higher ratio of officers to residents.	3/2/2024 10:59 PM
92	Due to personal encounters with CCSO regarding certain matters, I was not happy at all with the outcomes and experience.	3/2/2024 9:43 PM
93	Community policing is non existent. They lower the staffing every year. It is now 3 officers who get loaned out.	3/2/2024 9:22 PM
94	We are a small County. We need parents to raise responsible kids who are taught right from wrong and are held accountable for their actions!	3/2/2024 8:14 PM
95	You have to have a Sheriff who is proactive not reactive. You also need someone in place who is open to new ideas and make the right decisions for what is happening right around them.	3/2/2024 7:41 PM
96	The response is slow.	3/2/2024 7:40 PM
97	To me it's not enough officers to serve the growing amount of residents.	3/2/2024 7:36 PM
98	No to charter government	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
99	Please see my response in Question 8.	3/2/2024 6:50 PM
100	To much crime	3/2/2024 6:26 PM
101	Due to light sentences, no deterrence for crime.	3/2/2024 6:24 PM
102	Not unique to CC, but policing nationwide is and never was designed to meet the needs of the citizens. It serves the interests of the prison industrial complex and ruling class.	3/2/2024 6:19 PM
103	There are racial disparities, that create lack of trust in communities of color. Often response times are longer and lack of enforcement. Engagement in the community is lacking due to culture differences. Along with culture insensitivities.	3/2/2024 6:04 PM
104	ACAB	3/2/2024 5:13 PM
105	Too much crime not enough officers	3/2/2024 3:15 PM
106	Need to hire more officers	3/2/2024 1:41 PM
107	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
108	The town of la plata cops would rather TikTok at car washes than do their job and are always calling for county cops	3/2/2024 12:22 PM
109	We have an elected sheriff chosen by the people. A chief, appointed by politicians, can be used as the scape goat for failed policy. The sheriff on the other hand can speak out against foolish or poorly written law/policy and doesn't have to bow down to a politician to keep their job.	3/2/2024 11:49 AM
110	We need to have more of a police presence in areas that are experiencing an increase in crime.	3/2/2024 11:40 AM
111	Residents have little to no input through their Charles County govt or elected officials on how police resources are allocated across communities.	3/2/2024 9:08 AM
112	Why??? Because of the political landscape in the county with Sheriff's office not being allowed to do their job to the fullest extent anymore. For instance not being allowed to chase and apprehend the individuals on dirt bikes, four wheelers or any other none road worthy vehicle that is being operated on the roadways in the county. Also not being allowed to chase and use	3/2/2024 7:04 AM

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pit maneuvers any longer to stop reckless operations of any vehicles on the roadway of Charles County.

113	Once again stop building homes!!! And we would have enough police	3/1/2024 10:19 PM
114	Crime is out of control but a lot of that is because criminals keep getting zero jail time and get away with crime	3/1/2024 10:15 PM
115	Need more cops to patrol and cut back on crime.	3/1/2024 4:01 PM
116	N/A	3/1/2024 2:16 PM
117	Need additional deputies hired and placed in outlying areas.	3/1/2024 1:08 PM
118	The officers are busy handling the more populated areas. Because people refuse to act like adults.	3/1/2024 2:28 AM

Q12 If you would like the Charter Board to consider additional or alternate ideas regarding law enforcement, please share your thoughts here:

Answered: 271 Skipped: 874

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I don't want the Charter either. Take your "bright" ideas back to all the other counties you have destroyed with Charter Government.	3/12/2024 6:38 PM
2	Again the above statement makes it seem that the Charter Government is a done deal and I as a citizen have no say, this disturbs me greatly.	3/12/2024 3:14 PM
3	Charles County does not need or want charter government	3/12/2024 2:18 PM
4	NO TO CHARTER GOVERNMENT.	3/12/2024 2:00 PM
5	Additional funding for law enforcement in Charles County NOW! The amount of building going on in the county at this time is not keeping up with the amount of county services being provided. Changing the shape or form of government is not going to change your present course of action.	3/12/2024 11:57 AM
6	Increase the police presence and have community involvement. Bring back the bicycle cops in the neighborhoods. The mall should have a better police presence. Inside and out. Maybe increase their pay so they give a damn.	3/12/2024 10:32 AM
7	Devote more resources to CCSO so they can properly hire and fill out critical positions within the agency (as well as retain those hired), especially in sections like Communications, which is critically low on staffing at this point.	3/12/2024 10:31 AM
8	Charles County does not need a Charter Government!	3/12/2024 10:03 AM
9	See above response. This question is acting on the assumption that the Charter Board will be approved.	3/11/2024 5:38 PM
10	Leave the Sheriff Department alone. They are doing a great job	3/10/2024 11:33 PM
11	Investing resources into social safety net for low-income households would help reduce crime. Spend less on law enforcement and more on deeply affordable housing and workforce development opportunities for livable wage employment.	3/10/2024 10:39 PM
12	None.	3/10/2024 5:14 PM
13	I do not support a charter gov with it current commissioners Three already show biased opinions.	3/10/2024 11:44 AM
14	Leave law enforcement alone.	3/9/2024 5:32 PM
15	Our county needs things such as, more schools with qualified teachers to staff them, another hospital to help the only over run one we have, More resources for mental health, and the every increasing homeless population in our county, that every one see daily while driving through our county. You are taking about creating new and adding very expensive things without fixing the problems that effect every citizen of this county every day first. PLEASE !!!! do not destroy something that is working, only to give you more power and control. It is very apparent this is the only reason this would be considered.	3/9/2024 2:20 PM
16	No to charter...	3/9/2024 2:00 PM
17	No, the "Proposed Charter Government" do not need to add or alter any thing. Our government is fine the way it is and our law enforcement is sufficient as is.	3/9/2024 11:43 AM
18	Charter board sucks ass	3/8/2024 7:54 PM
19	Do not explore options for your personal agenda. Unless something is broke do not try to fix it.	3/8/2024 7:30 PM
20	Keep it like it is! No need to fix what is not broken	3/8/2024 11:28 AM

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21	No to charter government	3/8/2024 11:11 AM
22	NO CHARTER BOARD	3/8/2024 9:09 AM
23	Fund the sheriff's office so they are able to reach full staffing. Then added more authorized positions to them so they can be properly staffed to keep up with the increase in the counties population. An additional law enforcement agency for the county is unnecessary. Any thing that would require an increase to county taxes would unfairly burden the citizens who struggle to keep up with inflation and increased cost for daily life.	3/8/2024 8:24 AM
24	Stay in your lane! Leave our law enforcement and emergency services and tax dollars alone!!!!!!	3/8/2024 6:14 AM
25	NO	3/8/2024 12:23 AM
26	No charter board and no hypothetical charter board to consider anything at any time. No.	3/7/2024 8:02 PM
27	Crime areas are well known. Force current laws. Hold accountability for criminal activity. Not just releasing them with no consequences	3/7/2024 7:51 PM
28	Take care of your current sheriff's department and allow them to do their jobs.	3/7/2024 7:39 PM
29	Recommendation for the charter board: consider disbanding and considering not fixing something that is not broken. Power should not be consolidated to one County executive. Our current government is fine.	3/7/2024 7:37 PM
30	Keep the SHERIFF and let him do his job unhindered by frivolous political strifes.	3/7/2024 7:25 PM
31	Ask the governor for additional funding, not the residents.	3/7/2024 7:20 PM
32	I am opposed to charter government	3/7/2024 7:14 PM
33	Collins, Patterson, and Coates should resign. They don't listen to County residents. They are stealing County salary and doing nothing for residents.	3/7/2024 7:14 PM
34	No to charter	3/7/2024 6:18 PM
35	Let the police do their job and let judges enforce laws to keep criminals in jail. No second chance legislation and no free bail.	3/7/2024 4:45 PM
36	Charter is not needed.	3/7/2024 4:03 PM
37	Charles county knows where they are problem areas are and need to step up police presence in those areas, that is an easy solution	3/7/2024 3:45 PM
38	I do not want a charter government. I think it's a bad idea. Law enforcement now needs a raise. We do not need to spend money on supporting those who don't do their job, those who commit crimes and people, not worthy of my tax money and miss appropriated, tax money, clean up the act now No Charters	3/7/2024 3:00 PM
39	NO Charter government	3/7/2024 2:55 PM
40	I don't want a charter government. Puts a very small number of people in power which is exactly what they want.	3/7/2024 2:38 PM
41	No thank you	3/7/2024 2:14 PM
42	no	3/7/2024 1:57 PM
43	No charter	3/7/2024 1:47 PM
44	Leave them alone!	3/7/2024 1:31 PM
45	Stop releasing criminals on their own recognizance so much and you'll cut the work if the sheriff's office considerably	3/7/2024 12:36 PM
46	No charter	3/7/2024 12:22 PM
47	I don't want a Charter Board government. Leave the emergency services like they are currently.	3/7/2024 11:52 AM
48	I do not want this	3/7/2024 11:35 AM

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49	Leave it the way it is!	3/7/2024 11:30 AM
50	I ask the Charter Board to please use common sense. The county is only going to grow, build upon what is here in our community that is working and don't destroy what is working and proven to work.	3/7/2024 10:27 AM
51	No	3/7/2024 9:29 AM
52	The Charles County Sheriff's Office has been the primary law enforcement agency in our county for hundreds of years. Do not fix what isn't broken. Our Sheriff's Office has proven its effectiveness. Give them the resources they need to continue providing top tier services to our citizens so they can be ahead of, not behind and trying to catch up from, the growth our county is authorizing and permitting.	3/7/2024 7:38 AM
53	NO POLICE DEPARTMENT!!!	3/7/2024 7:29 AM
54	No Charter. At all. Ever.	3/7/2024 5:29 AM
55	The Sheriff's Office seems to be doing a good job. You can call the sheriff and get a response--why would we need a police department?--Seems like a waste.	3/7/2024 1:01 AM
56	No change	3/6/2024 6:24 PM
57	No. Sheriffs office does a good job. Maybe need more officers.	3/6/2024 4:24 PM
58	The Sheriff's Office is working well and I do not support adding a Police Department. Lets not try to fix something that's not broken	3/6/2024 3:58 PM
59	Leave things the way they are	3/6/2024 2:34 PM
60	Sheriff Troy Berry is one of the most ethical politician in the county. He should be and remain the head law enforcement official in the county. A police chief would have to answer to politician and not directly to the people that elected him/her. Keep the sheriff office as the only law enforcement agency in the county.	3/6/2024 2:14 PM
61	Keep what we have.	3/6/2024 11:59 AM
62	Better have the funding from current budgets without increases we can't keep raising taxes on people	3/6/2024 10:19 AM
63	Support the Sheriff's Office who work hard and have taken care of this county forever.	3/6/2024 9:20 AM
64	Do change what is not broken	3/6/2024 9:18 AM
65	Do not.	3/6/2024 9:08 AM
66	What you are not telling people is that a charter government would impact the current Sheriff's Office as it falls under the county government. It's not right to mislead people. All the people answering they are satisfied with current services should be told that all those providing these services may have to reapply for their positions which will impact the services they are happy with.	3/6/2024 8:29 AM
67	leave well enough alone	3/6/2024 8:05 AM
68	don't want a change	3/6/2024 1:39 AM
69	CCSO does a great job for our county and there is not need for a Police Department, which would cost tax payers more.	3/5/2024 10:24 PM
70	Add more officers to the current sheriff's office!!!	3/5/2024 8:10 PM
71	Charles County has one of the best trained and best LE services in the country, a police dept would ruin that and bring in union officers that protect bad cops and hurt good cops, hurt response times and citizen/officer relations. Let the people choose their top cop not a board!!! A charter government will only succeed in putting more power in fewer hands, raise taxes and put this county on the same path as PG and other corrupt charter governments and takes decisions out of the hands of the people. This is about power not what is best for the county.	3/5/2024 7:58 PM
72	If this is what a charter government board wants to do, raise taxes to start a police department then I don't want a charter government.	3/5/2024 7:53 PM
73	Don't want a charter government	3/5/2024 7:33 PM

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74	Leave it alone.	3/5/2024 7:31 PM
75	Please keep the current law enforcement model the way it is with an elected Sheriff (every four years). The only thing I'd like to see change is for you to increase their staffing levels.	3/5/2024 7:22 PM
76	I believe this is a waste of taxpayer funds. Are we trying to emulate Prince Georges County? I hope not. Their form of Govt is a laughing stock, and I do not want to be like PG. If I did I would move and work in that County.	3/5/2024 6:25 PM
77	Do not change our current system.	3/5/2024 6:12 PM
78	Stop trying to destroy what's working. Our law enforcement is one of the most ethical agencies in the state. Plus an elected sheriff answers to the people they served not a politician with questionable ethics.	3/5/2024 5:55 PM
79	Fully fund the sheriff department. Do not waste tax payer money on a police department.	3/5/2024 5:49 PM
80	Fully fund the sheriff office.	3/5/2024 5:45 PM
81	Provide the sheriff office with proper funding. A police department is not needed and a waste of tax payer money.	3/5/2024 5:33 PM
82	No the current Sheriff's Office is great.	3/5/2024 5:24 PM
83	N/A	3/5/2024 5:24 PM
84	Once again, stop building so much crap in this county and raising the population	3/5/2024 5:21 PM
85	Not necessarily.	3/5/2024 4:46 PM
86	I have an idea. Leave shit alone. The CCSO is doing a fabulous job and you clowns are trying to reinvent the wheel.	3/5/2024 4:17 PM
87	Stop trying to fix stuff that isn't broke. This is just a power grab by some. Collins hates the fact he cannot tell the elected sheriff what to do. Let the taxpayers and voters have their say with our law enforcement. Collins has already proven he can't be trusted as he used his county issued credit card for personal use. Anyone else would have been charged with a crime. Can't wait to move from this disaster you created.	3/5/2024 4:10 PM
88	Provide the Sheriff's office with increased funding.	3/5/2024 3:57 PM
89	Leave as is	3/5/2024 3:48 PM
90	NONE	3/5/2024 3:46 PM
91	I do not want the Charter Board to interfere with any law enforcement in Charles County.	3/5/2024 3:21 PM
92	NO	3/5/2024 3:13 PM
93	Fund the law enforcement we currently have to hire and train enough officers to service the county's quickly growing population.	3/5/2024 2:49 PM
94	NO CHARTER GOVERNMENT	3/5/2024 2:27 PM
95	The division and creation of a new law enforcement agency within the county will create unnecessary costs and raise taxes .	3/5/2024 2:10 PM
96	Leave the CCSO in place as full-service. There is no need for multiple agencies.	3/5/2024 1:55 PM
97	Let the Sheriff continue the great job he is doing.	3/5/2024 1:42 PM
98	There is no need for a Charter type government in Charles county at this time.	3/5/2024 1:36 PM
99	I would want them to focus on other directions for the community. Most citizens that live here go other places to spend money because Charles County has little to offer. Focus there.	3/5/2024 1:27 PM
100	No, law enforcement should be handled by law enforcement.	3/5/2024 1:02 PM
101	This entire process is a waste of taxpayer dollars.	3/5/2024 12:59 PM
102	No, the Charles County Sheriff's Office is doing a great job!	3/5/2024 12:59 PM
103	CCSO IS DOING A GREAT JOB AND THIS COUNTY DOES NOT NEED ANOTHER GOV	3/5/2024 12:50 PM

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POLICE. WHY ARE YOU PUSHING THIS IDEA SO HARD? DON'T TRY TO FIX IT IF ITS NOT BROKEN...

104	Leave the Sheriffs Office as the primary law enforcement agency for the county.	3/5/2024 12:43 PM
105	Leave Sheriff's Office alone to provide safety to county and don't muck up a combination of law enforcement agencies. Seems silly.	3/5/2024 12:38 PM
106	It's not broke, leave it alone. The residence should continue to vote on who will be the Chief law enforcement officer of the county not someone who is appointed working at the pleasure of an administrator.	3/5/2024 12:35 PM
107	No need for another law enforcement agency in Charles County. We already have La Plata Town Police and the Sheriff's Office. One more police agency will mean citizens being ticketed for the same infraction across multiple agencies for simply driving from Waldorf to LaPlata.	3/5/2024 12:30 PM
108	CCSO is an amazing agency. They care about the community, they are actively community policing. They are trying their absolute hardest in the schools, despite the ridiculously relaxed laws. The "catch and release" cycle of arresting and the criminals being released is exhausting, but they still stop the "bad guys" ... Between CCSO, MSP, and LPPD in this county, along with the MdTA, why would there need to be more? These agencies work together amazingly.	3/5/2024 12:19 PM
109	Leave Law Enforcement alone in Charles County, it works as it was designed. There is nothing to gain for the citizens; only the Commissioners.	3/5/2024 12:16 PM
110	Support the law enforcement of this county when they do their job. When a criminal is charged and found guilty, hold them accountable. Our county would have less crime if fewer criminals were on the streets.	3/5/2024 12:10 PM
111	Go away this is not PG county Charles County is already too expensive and the schools are a Joke ! We do not need a jobs program for carpet baggers !!!!	3/5/2024 12:09 PM
112	me and my family do not wish and change to law enforcement. They are doing a great job.	3/5/2024 12:05 PM
113	I support adding more personnel to the existing Sheriff's Office, but there's no need to add a separate Police department and divide responsibilities.	3/5/2024 12:01 PM
114	Leave it the way it is.	3/5/2024 11:56 AM
115	The Charter Government can do as other counties which are larger then Charles County (Hartford and Fredrick) who have kept their Sheriff's Office as the primary body of Law Enforcement. There is no need for a County Police when the Sheriff's Office is doing a sufficient job.	3/5/2024 11:53 AM
116	N/A	3/5/2024 11:51 AM
117	Provide funding to increase the amount of officers in the already implemented Sheriff's Office.	3/5/2024 11:41 AM
118	Show more support for the sheriffs office.	3/5/2024 11:34 AM
119	There is no need to change Charles County into a Charter government.	3/5/2024 11:27 AM
120	Keep as is.	3/5/2024 11:26 AM
121	As mentioned above, additional funding and modernization efforts for both the Charles County Sheriff's Office AND La Plata Town PD would be the best solution.	3/5/2024 11:26 AM
122	Instead of devoting time and attention to starting a Police Department, why not invest in developing the current infrastructure of the Sheriff's Office? It seems that there is an inefficient use of resources being dedicated to one idea, but not the other. If someone is unhappy with the current state, why not look to improve rather than completely start over?	3/5/2024 11:22 AM
123	Don't fix something that is not broken. Look around the country and see how these carpetbagging chiefs make their way around the circuit. The sheriff is elected by the people who pay their salary, why take this away?? And how much is this going to cost? I guess it's easy when it's other people's money. Shameful.	3/5/2024 11:12 AM
124	Leave law enforcement alone. If it is not broken, don't fix it.	3/5/2024 11:04 AM
125	We should focus on funding our already existing law enforcement to add additional personnel	3/5/2024 11:01 AM
126	No. Just a waste of time and money.	3/5/2024 10:59 AM

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127	No to Charter Government	3/5/2024 10:54 AM
128	NO CHARTER GOVERNMENT!!!! NO CHARTER GOVERNMENT!!!! NO CHARTER GOVERNMENT!!!	3/5/2024 10:54 AM
129	Overall two of your ideas is to raise taxes which is astounding figuring Charles County pays one of the higher taxes in the state. Also the saying goes Don't touch something that isn't broke. All EMS/Fire/Police operate pretty efficiently. The biggest issue is you the government allowed a population influx and won't fund the proper gears.	3/5/2024 10:54 AM
130	Provide more funding to the current law enforcement branch if necessary.	3/5/2024 10:53 AM
131	MSP has an entire Barrack with all the support staff and only has 2 or 3 troopers on the road per shift. And they only handle traffic issues on state roads. Have them add more troopers and provide full service to the citizens.	3/5/2024 10:52 AM
132	Fulling fund and support the sheriffs office. No police department	3/5/2024 10:52 AM
133	The Sheriff's Office meets all my needs and I do not support adding a Police Department.	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
134	N/A	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
135	N/A	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
136	Better pay for our police and correctional officers. The taxes are always going up and all we see is more crime and more houses. The roads suck, the schools are garbage and the commissioners don't seem to care.	3/5/2024 10:51 AM
137	No Need	3/5/2024 10:49 AM
138	Charles County has the best sheriff's office in the state and there is no reason to destroy something that isn't broken.	3/5/2024 10:48 AM
139	Increase the amount of officers Charles county has to cover the new housing developments.	3/5/2024 10:48 AM
140	I do not support a charter board.	3/5/2024 10:48 AM
141	The Charles County Sheriff's Office is one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the state. They are accredited by CALEA and are well respected by many law enforcement agencies state wide.	3/5/2024 10:48 AM
142	A county police department would be an awful idea and accomplish nothing. Instead of establishing a new department, try supporting the department that currently exists.	3/5/2024 10:47 AM
143	The sheriffs office isn't broken, so don't try to fix it. We have officers from all other agencies, including out of state agencies that come here because they have a better quality of life with the agency. We already have a hiring issue in the county because no one wants to become the police because of how badly they're treated. We WILL NOT have enough applicants to have a sheriffs office AND a police department. This plan is ridiculous. Keep what you have.	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
144	Law Enforcement for Charles County does not need to be changed.	3/5/2024 10:46 AM
145	No	3/5/2024 10:45 AM
146	Any Charter form of Government needs to keep law enforcement out of the conversation. I want to elect my law enforcement leader, and have them answer to me, the tax payer.	3/5/2024 10:43 AM
147	Don't try to fix what is not broken.	3/5/2024 10:43 AM
148	No need for a police department. The sheriff's office meets the needs of the county	3/5/2024 10:43 AM
149	Leave it how it is	3/5/2024 10:42 AM
150	Post employment healthcare	3/5/2024 10:41 AM
151	No	3/5/2024 10:40 AM
152	The current Sheriff's Office supports all my needs and adding a Police Department is useless and not needed.	3/5/2024 10:33 AM
153	The Charter should explicitly forbid the creation of a police department.	3/5/2024 9:35 AM

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154	The county should focus on continuing to have a mixture of county sheriffs and state law enforcement to continue to patrol the county. It has worked for decades. Implementing a system that has failed Prince George's, DC, and Montgomery Counties will not improve the quality of life. Charles County doesn't need more or less law enforcement. It needs quality law enforcement. The Maryland State Police and Charles County Sheriffs provide quality law enforcement as it stands now.	3/5/2024 9:32 AM
155	Another station in hughesville area.	3/5/2024 6:05 AM
156	Na	3/4/2024 8:59 PM
157	More money is needed, stop tieing their hands.	3/4/2024 8:44 PM
158	Stop being so soft on out of town criminals	3/4/2024 8:43 PM
159	Common sense regarding all emergency services. The population size seems to have doubled in 10 yrs are any of the infrastructure agencies prepared? Get rid of the mall and design an emergency facility housing ALL 3 with a teaching hospital. The land is there, the old hospital can become a veterans home. The volume of calls is in Waldorf. This is can't be something new that you are hearing for the first time.	3/4/2024 8:21 PM
160	None	3/4/2024 8:02 PM
161	WASTE OF TAX PAYER MONEY,	3/4/2024 5:14 PM
162	Why do we need another police agency? So the voting public has no say in policing the voting public? At least we can vote for the Sheriff.	3/4/2024 1:54 PM
163	They need to leave the volunteer system alone if everyone worked together we would be fine	3/4/2024 1:18 PM
164	No Chapter Board	3/4/2024 11:04 AM
165	This is a joke of a survey anyone can fill it out. They don't have to live in Charles to have an opinion. They could literally live in Europe and fill this out if they get the link.	3/4/2024 10:29 AM
166	Dottery is dead wrong. You do not just take the law enforcement portion of CCSO and make a police force. There will be heavy costs!	3/4/2024 10:21 AM
167	Increase the pay for communications personnel	3/4/2024 9:07 AM
168	Do the crime do your time. Bad people know nothing happens to them	3/4/2024 8:54 AM
169	we need consequences for criminal's actions.	3/4/2024 8:12 AM
170	Stop allowing every tree in Charles county to be leveled and made room for another housing development. What we should be asking is how do we support our current residents with a single 16 room emergency room.	3/4/2024 6:43 AM
171	The county has money	3/4/2024 4:42 AM
172	We would love to see more police presence in our neighborhoods. Especially in the Bryans Road area.	3/4/2024 12:58 AM
173	Put the funds that are currently gathered where they belong in the hands of the fire and police services. Quit wasting the money on frivolous items and spending.	3/3/2024 11:19 PM
174	Stop enforcing police reform and allow the police to do their job.	3/3/2024 11:00 PM
175	Please disband and stop this unnecessary effort.	3/3/2024 10:49 PM
176	No Charter!	3/3/2024 10:02 PM
177	Business owners should be taxed to increase law enforcement in their areas.	3/3/2024 9:40 PM
178	I would like to see this dopey idea of changing to a charter gov't given up. Code Home Rule works as long as the Commissioner President and Commissioners care about the county and residents.	3/3/2024 9:36 PM
179	No	3/3/2024 8:53 PM
180	No, having two law enforcement agencies would cost twice as much and currently the ccso is top notch. Terrible idea to create a separate police department	3/3/2024 8:12 PM

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181	No Charter	3/3/2024 8:09 PM
182	No	3/3/2024 8:02 PM
183	No	3/3/2024 7:56 PM
184	Each school should have one permanently assigned resource officer - they should not be shared among many schools that are as far apart as the schools are in the western part of the county.	3/3/2024 7:46 PM
185	No	3/3/2024 6:31 PM
186	Our County Commissioners are a joke. Our local government doesn't need to reach any further than they do now.	3/3/2024 5:48 PM
187	I don't support it	3/3/2024 5:00 PM
188	Let the Sheriff have more Deputies to patrol	3/3/2024 3:55 PM
189	Consider appointing a Warlord instead of an Executive	3/3/2024 2:50 PM
190	Designated Community Patrol Officers should be assigned to every neighborhood/community in Charles county. Deputies could alternate communities. There's too much crime in Charles county and it's getting worst. Instead of parking at elementary schools, empty parking lots with their patrol cars facing opposite directions and gossiping, and living in the Dash-Ins, law enforcement should make their PROFESSIONAL presence known and park in communities.	3/3/2024 2:23 PM
191	I DON'T WANT A CHARTER BOARD	3/3/2024 2:17 PM
192	Do better jobs on your survey.	3/3/2024 1:44 PM
193	Why is an alternative being considered? What is the issue and reason for considering a change?	3/3/2024 1:33 PM
194	Stay out of LAW ENFORCEMENT	3/3/2024 1:29 PM
195	It is not broke. Leave it alone.	3/3/2024 1:18 PM
196	Let them do their jobs. Hold them accountable but allow them to be efficient through flexible policy. Allow them to wear uniforms and get equipment that works.	3/3/2024 1:15 PM
197	Correctional officers should be paid more and have the same pension plan as police and ems	3/3/2024 12:15 PM
198	Leave as is	3/3/2024 12:15 PM
199	Thousands of people are moving here at an alarming rate from the inner city. If the county is going to keep building houses the infrastructure needs to grow at the same rate.	3/3/2024 11:37 AM
200	Stop trying to tax us to death.	3/3/2024 11:34 AM
201	No	3/3/2024 11:29 AM
202	Increase the amount of officers per shift and have them stay within a "district" unless a major incident to keep response times reduced	3/3/2024 11:13 AM
203	The county should explore all options for a well-developed law enforcement system. Two smaller departments may lead to duplication of efforts and cost more than one unified agency.	3/3/2024 11:02 AM
204	No to having a charter board waste of money	3/3/2024 10:51 AM
205	No to charter gov't	3/3/2024 10:48 AM
206	I HATE CHARTER BOARD IDEA.	3/3/2024 10:36 AM
207	Keep what we have.	3/3/2024 10:27 AM
208	N/a	3/3/2024 10:15 AM
209	Prosecute people who break the law and quit letting criminals out on bond that don't deserve it	3/3/2024 10:08 AM
210	We need more patrol of these new developments that are popping up extremely fast.. these teenagers are completely out of control	3/3/2024 9:51 AM
211	No CCSO does a great job.	3/3/2024 9:43 AM

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212	Continue and promote training for safe and effective law enforcement and service to citizens. Ensure community presence is met.	3/3/2024 9:13 AM
213	Charles county only needs to support our current law enforcement that is in place.	3/3/2024 9:08 AM
214	Sheriffs department is working fine.	3/3/2024 8:11 AM
215	If we were to have both a police department and the sheriff office I would like for them to both police the county and provide extra policing the community. Not have the sheriff office take a lesser role. We need more law enforcement on our streets as the county continues to grow.	3/3/2024 8:07 AM
216	No changes, no charter	3/3/2024 7:55 AM
217	SAY NO TO CHARTER GOVERNMENT	3/3/2024 7:00 AM
218	Tell the truth. If the crime rate is not high there should be no need for a police department.	3/3/2024 2:37 AM
219	At the moment I don't have any additional ideas regarding law	3/3/2024 12:44 AM
220	Body Cameras recording constantly for accountability and integrity. Sensitivity Training in various areas is an absolute must.	3/3/2024 12:28 AM
221	Hold law breakers accountable! Hold parents accountable!	3/2/2024 8:14 PM
222	New Sheriff, better pay, law enforcement programs for the community	3/2/2024 7:41 PM
223	No police force! No more taxes!	3/2/2024 7:39 PM
224	What does this mean?	3/2/2024 7:37 PM
225	No to charter government	3/2/2024 7:08 PM
226	No	3/2/2024 7:03 PM
227	I don't believe that Charles County is in need of a police department. Our Sheriff's Department has done and is doing a great job. Don't try to fix something that's not broken. What we really need is additional FTEs for the department to keep up with our growth!	3/2/2024 6:48 PM
228	Say no to charter govt	3/2/2024 6:34 PM
229	No to Charter	3/2/2024 6:24 PM
230	Harsher sentences for violent crimes and also criminal repeaters regardless of the age	3/2/2024 6:24 PM
231	Citizen crisis response teams and other community based efforts.	3/2/2024 6:19 PM
232	No Charter !	3/2/2024 6:14 PM
233	N/A	3/2/2024 6:06 PM
234	Incentivise hiring young people of color. Who are culturally aware and sensitive to the plight of their communities?	3/2/2024 6:04 PM
235	Charles County victimize victims... I've experienced it and not happy about it	3/2/2024 6:01 PM
236	We are strengthened as a community by new ideas. There should be hearings to generate discussion.	3/2/2024 5:53 PM
237	Build proactive solutions into the equation. Cops aren't proactive, they're reactive, and you'll never convince me they're safe, reliable or trustworthy.	3/2/2024 5:13 PM
238	I will not vote for charter board.	3/2/2024 5:12 PM
239	Leave law enforcement alone. Do not add layers of responsibility or expense to our government.	3/2/2024 4:59 PM
240	No	3/2/2024 2:58 PM
241	Leave the Sheriff's office alone. We have a system that works very well with dedicated Sheriff's officers.	3/2/2024 2:00 PM
242	Tax increase only to those who have broken laws in the passed year	3/2/2024 1:45 PM
243	NO CHARTER	3/2/2024 1:41 PM

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244	Changing the damn judges and commissioners in this county	3/2/2024 1:39 PM
245	Let the law enforcement agency that has existed for many years do their job and fund them properly to insure the needs are met without increasing taxes.	3/2/2024 1:27 PM
246	Don't. Stop trying to and let this be.	3/2/2024 1:20 PM
247	Say no to charter. You will ruin the careers of so many CCSO employees.	3/2/2024 12:37 PM
248	I am against the charter altogether!!	3/2/2024 12:26 PM
249	Volunteer police officers like in Fairfax Co. and mental health training such as CIT	3/2/2024 12:22 PM
250	With the shocking, staggering crime rate in Charles County, every community needs additional Police. But rather than taxing the citizens AGAIN, & frivolous County spending of tax dollars, the monies required to build or construct additional Police Departments, should be reevaluated in how our tax money has been spent - especially in the recent past. Charles County is one of the richest counties in Maryland - we should be, we're taxed outrageously. There SHOULD be money for these needs IF the County was/had been responsible in allocating tax dollars in the first place. Go back "to the drawing board", Board. Figure something out that won't, once again, require another tax increase from its citizens.	3/2/2024 11:53 AM
251	Leave it alone and carve out law enforcement on charter form of government.	3/2/2024 11:51 AM
252	If you really want to deal with law enforcement issues, vote for legislators who support holding people responsible for their actions instead of bowing down to constituents by telling them nothing is their fault. Their ad kids are their fault. Their poor decision making that gets them arrested is their fault and their inability to get a job because they are always breaking the law is their fault. Not the schools, not the police and not the government.	3/2/2024 11:49 AM
253	Don't change what is already working especially if it means spending millions in tax payer funds to establish a police department	3/2/2024 11:44 AM
254	Create and fund a new Police Department.	3/2/2024 11:40 AM
255	Leave it ALONE! We need the courts to do their job! Prosecute!	3/2/2024 11:23 AM
256	Keep it as it is.	3/2/2024 11:06 AM
257	Leave Fire, EMS and Sheriff's Office as is.	3/2/2024 11:03 AM
258	I am not for charter government - I am for stricter penalties for crimes in our county.	3/2/2024 10:41 AM
259	Residents should think beyond who the current Sheriff is and instead think longer-term about how institutions that serve us regardless of the people in place. Police Chiefs and Police Officers are respected across the state of Maryland. And those positions are more accountable to residents if wrong doing occurs. The elected Sheriff in Frederick is facing federal gun charges and refused to step down for the good of the county. Residents in Frederick have no recourse. In contrast, qualified, trained police officers can be appointed by and executive and confirmed by a council. If wrong doing, poor policing, or questions arise, those departments have to answer public questions from the Executive and the Council on behalf of residents. That is more accountability for the public	3/2/2024 9:08 AM
260	Take the restraints off of the Sheriff's officers, protect them from wrongful law suits and allow them to get back to doing their job to the fullest extent of the constitutionally approved laws of the land.	3/2/2024 7:04 AM
261	No. Our law enforcement does a fantastic job. Leave them alone.	3/2/2024 12:05 AM
262	Actually hold criminals to harsher sentences	3/1/2024 10:15 PM
263	No to charter	3/1/2024 9:01 PM
264	N/A	3/1/2024 7:55 PM
265	None..	3/1/2024 7:08 PM
266	Increase in pay	3/1/2024 4:42 PM
267	STOP CATCHING CRIMINALS AND THEN RELEASING THEM!	3/1/2024 4:01 PM

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268	No	3/1/2024 4:00 PM
269	MSP and Sherrifs are doing just fine. Stop trying to put your friends in positions	3/1/2024 3:42 PM
270	Sheriffs office is providing a great service to the county we shouldn't change to police department just to have 2 agencies providing the same services	3/1/2024 3:29 PM
271	I do not want a Charter Government	3/1/2024 2:28 AM