

Traffic Engineering Core Competencies

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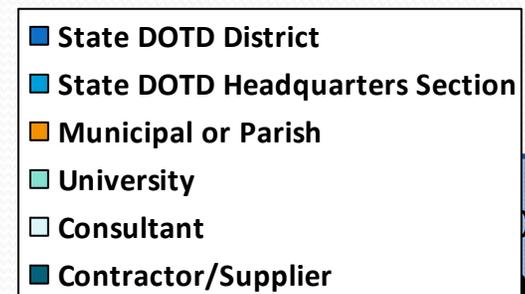
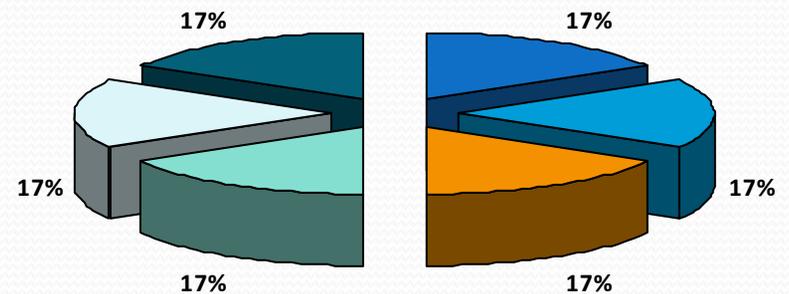
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Q1. What type of agency do you work for currently?

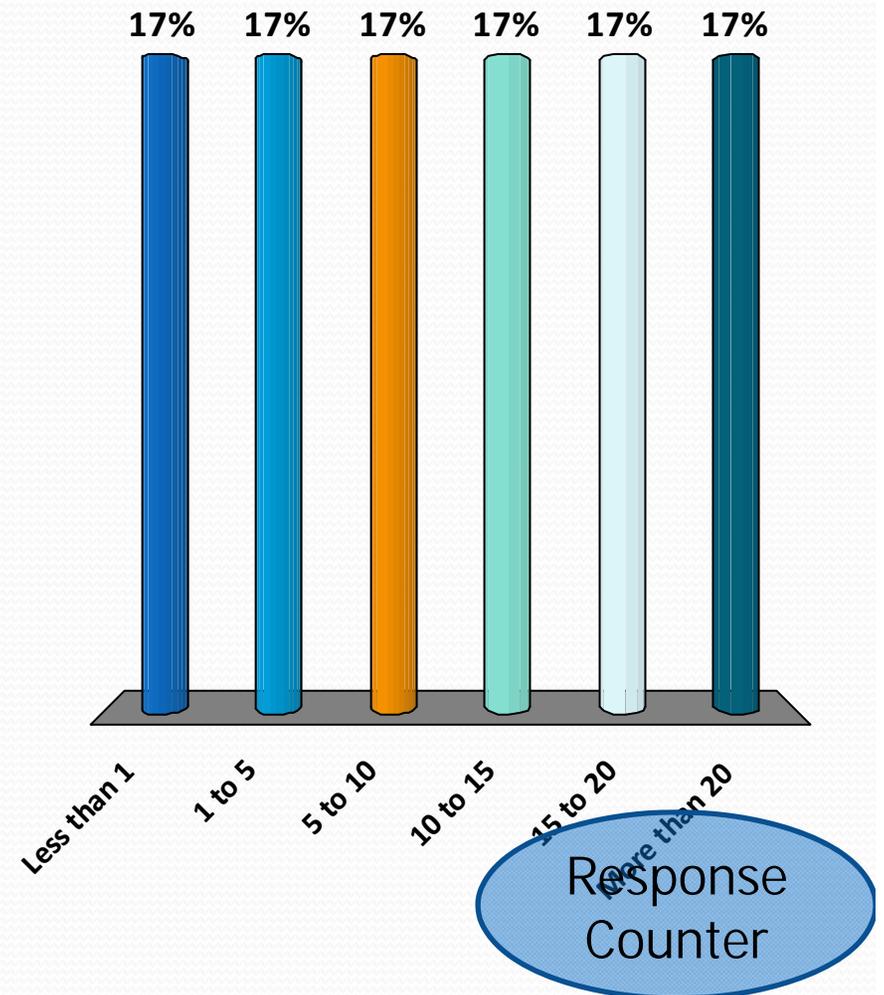
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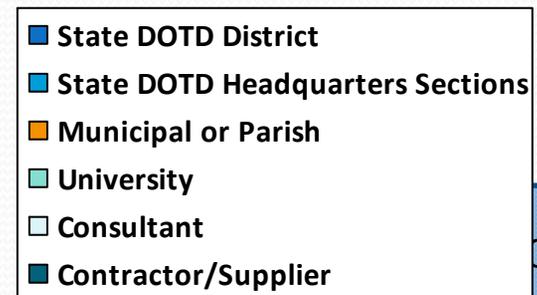
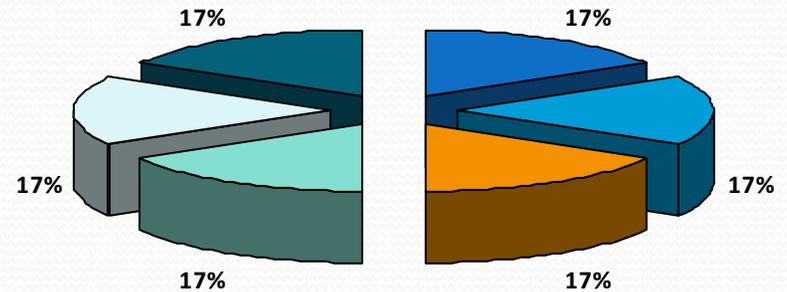
Q2. How many *total* years of experience do you have in the field?

- A. Less than 1
- B. 1 to 5
- C. 5 to 10
- D. 10 to 15
- E. 15 to 20
- F. More than 20



Q3. With which employer type have you been employed the *longest*?

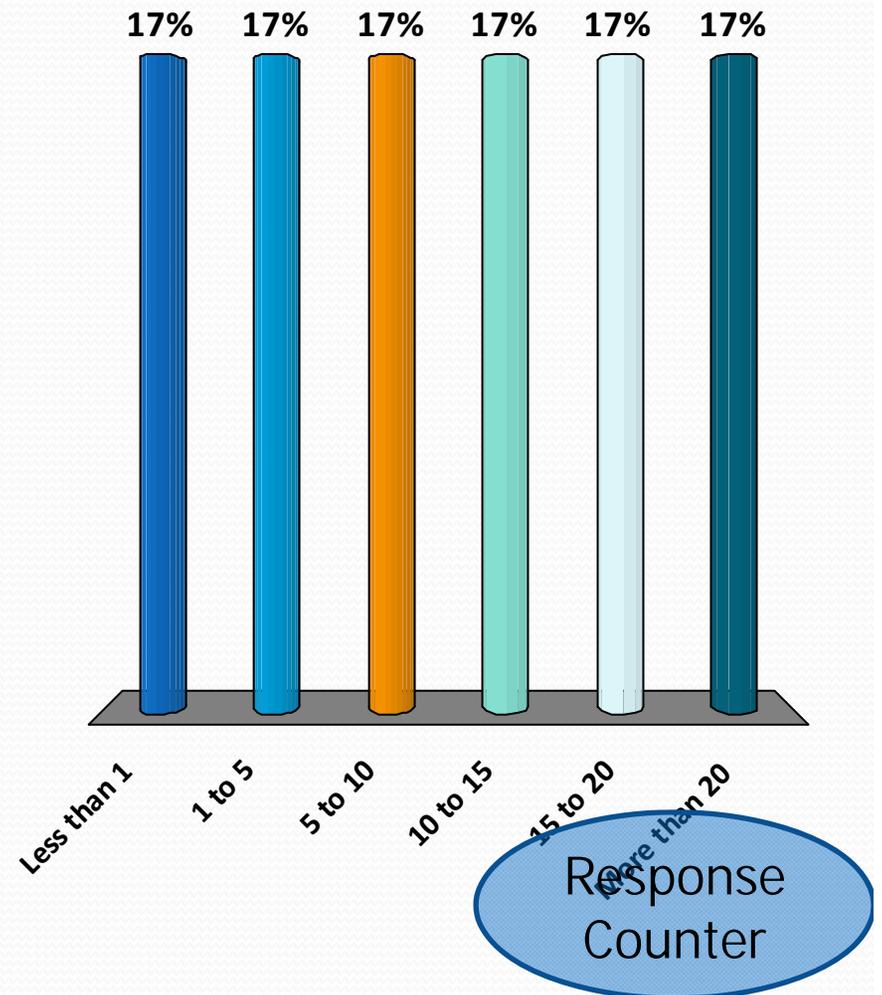
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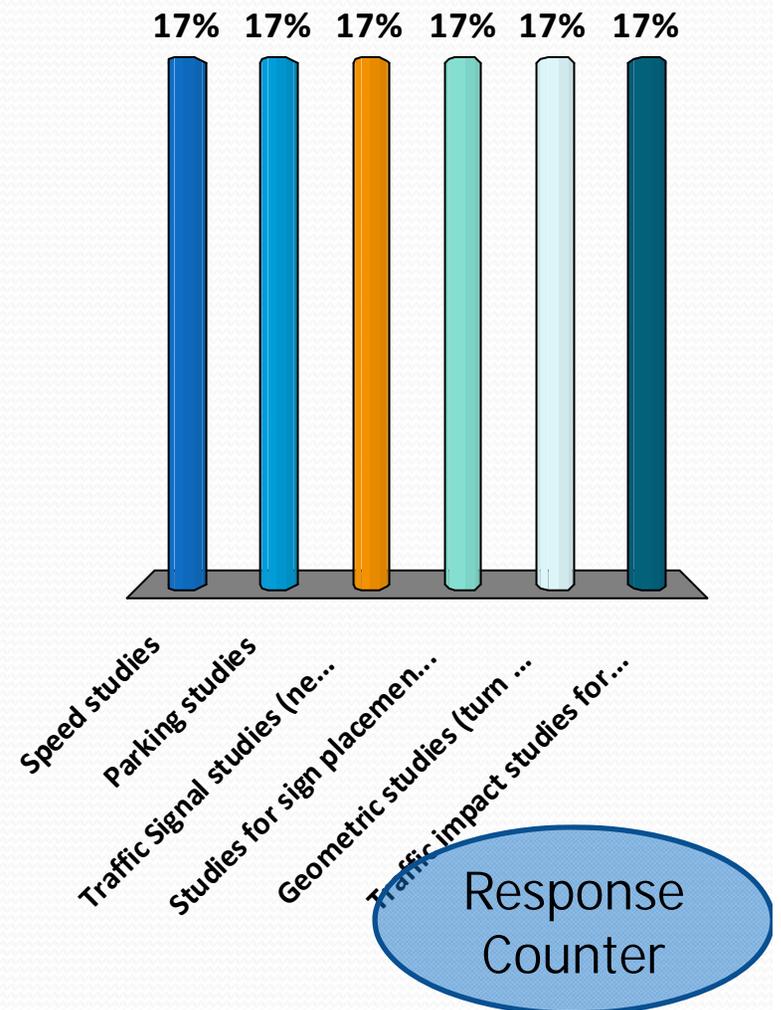
Traffic Engineering Studies

Top 3 Answers in Order, Please!

Q4. Over the course of my career, I have worked the most on these types of studies.

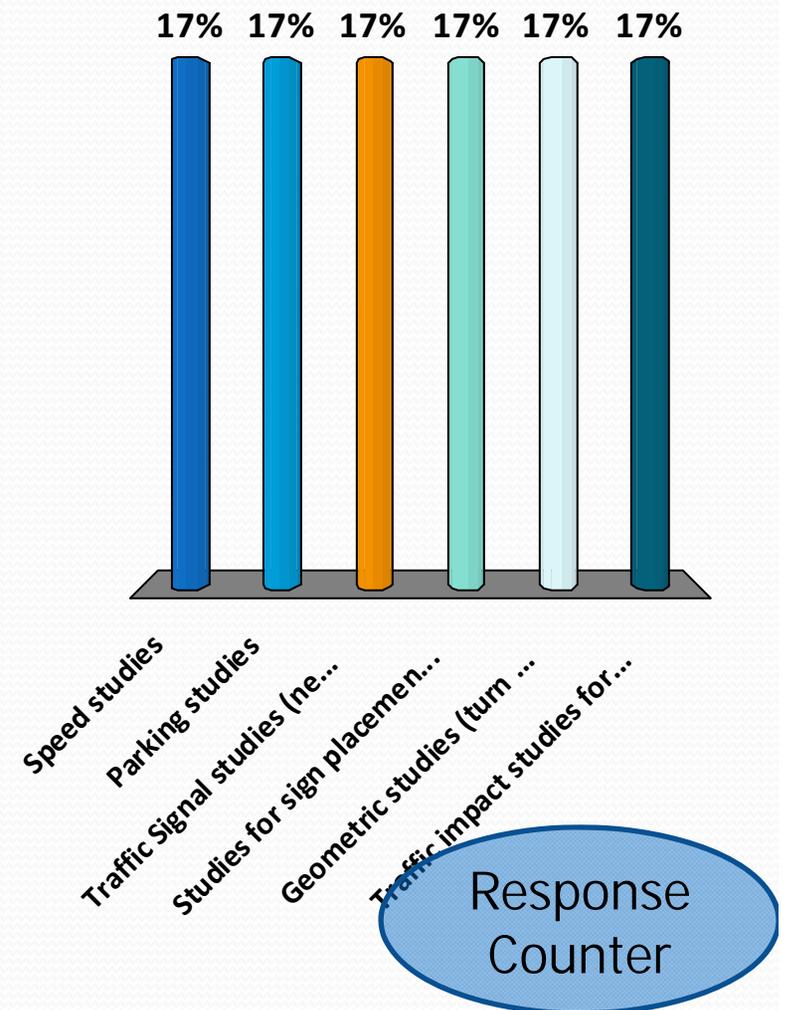
(Choose your top 3)

- A. Speed studies
- B. Parking studies
- C. Traffic Signal studies (new and modified)
- D. Studies for sign placement or modification
- E. Geometric studies (turn lanes, intersections, etc.)
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Q5. I could use more training in these areas to help me do my job more effectively (Top 3):

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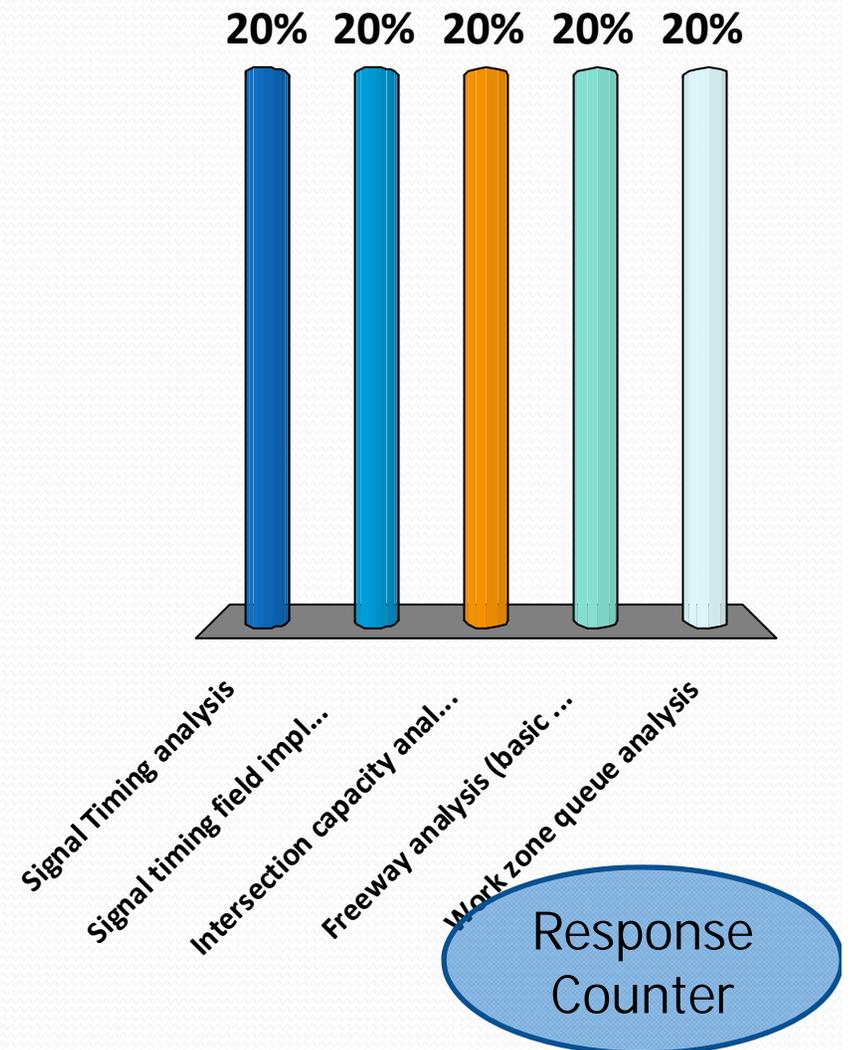
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Traffic Operations Analysis

Choose all that apply!

Q6. In which of these activities have you participated regularly as part of your job?

- A. Signal Timing analysis
- B. Signal timing field implementation and evaluation/adjustment
- C. Intersection capacity analysis (including roundabouts)
- D. Freeway analysis (basic segment, weaving, ramps, etc.)
- E. Work zone queue analysis



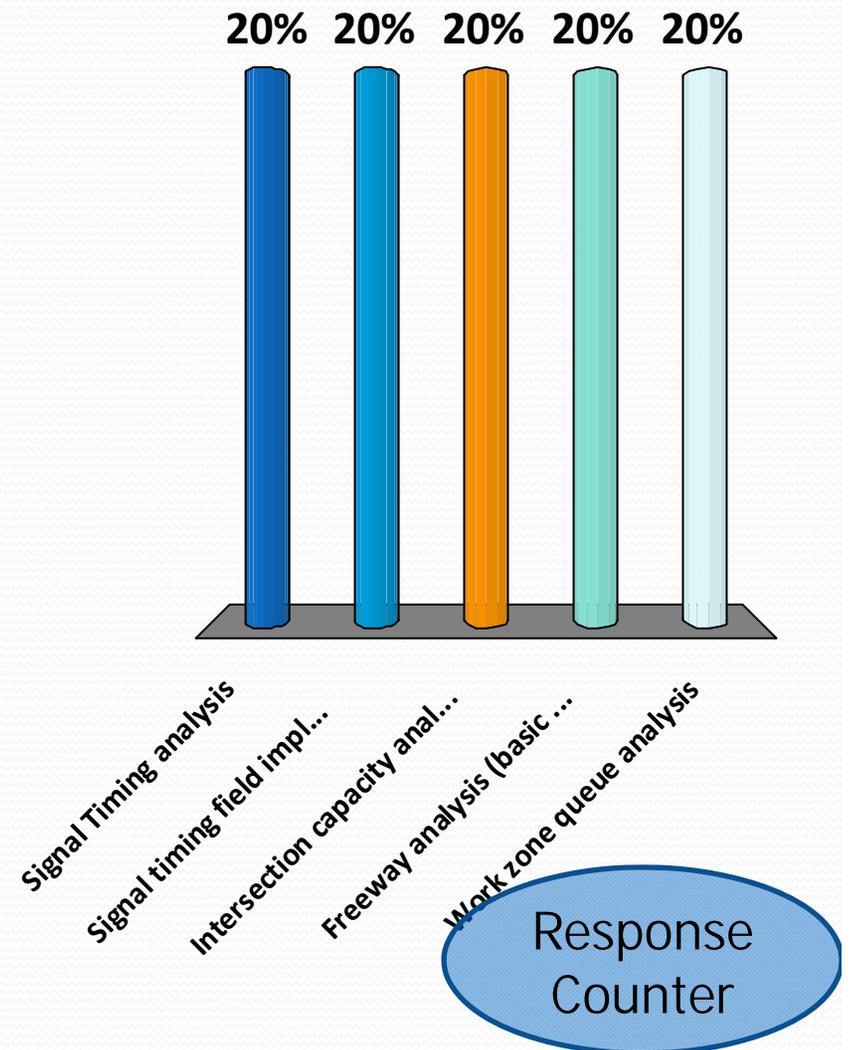
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Traffic Safety

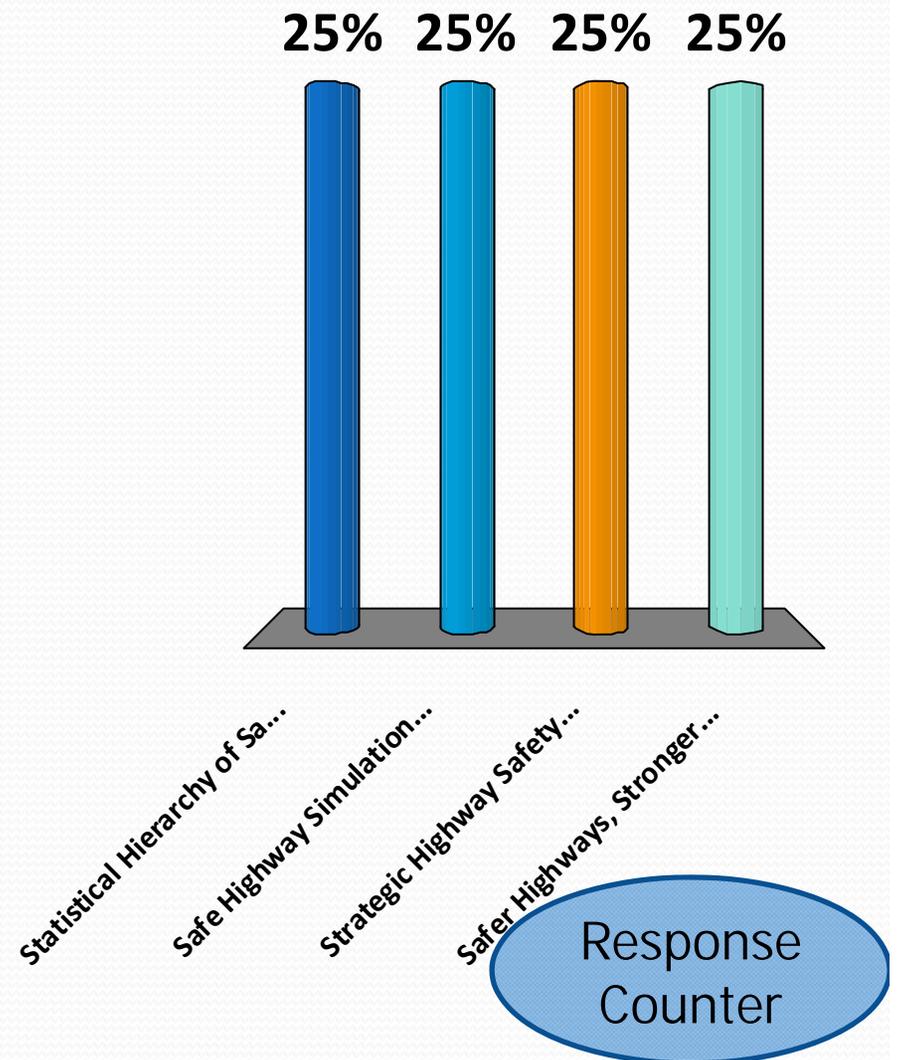
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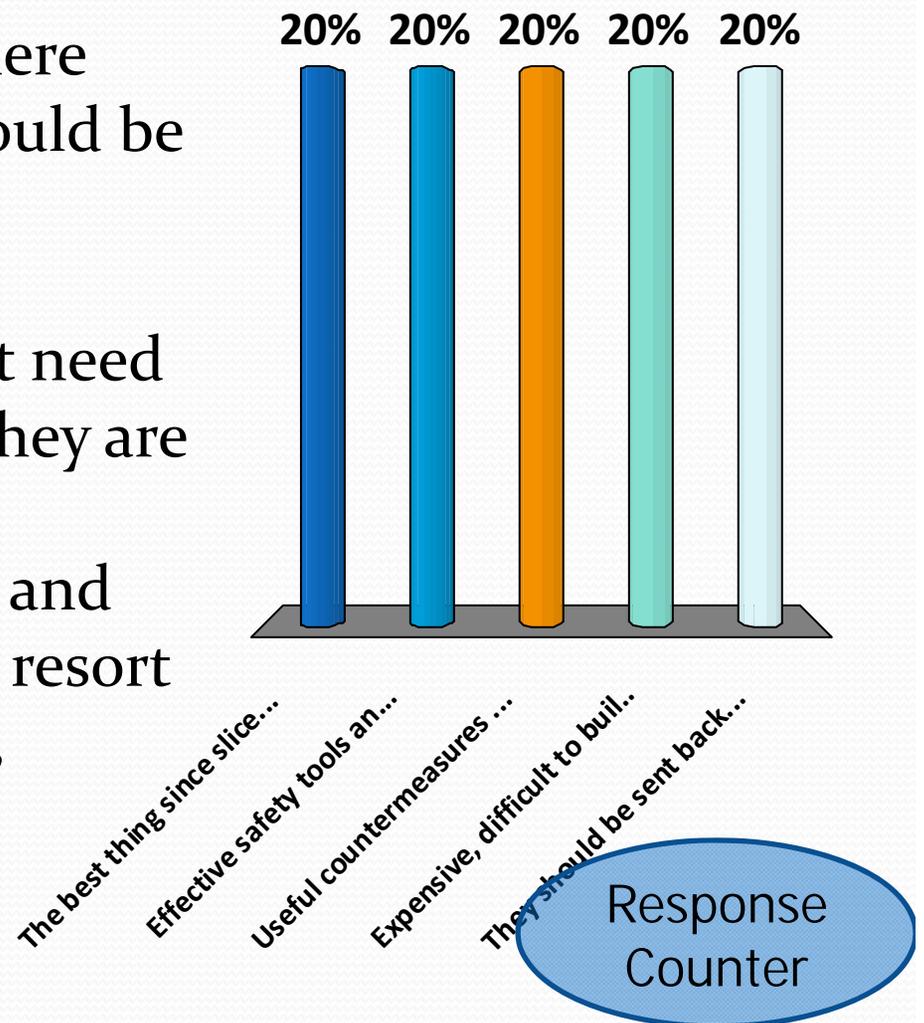
Q8. The term SHSP stands for:

- A. Statistical Hierarchy of Safety Practices
- B. Safe Highway Simulation Program
-  C. Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- D. Safer Highways, Stronger Politicians



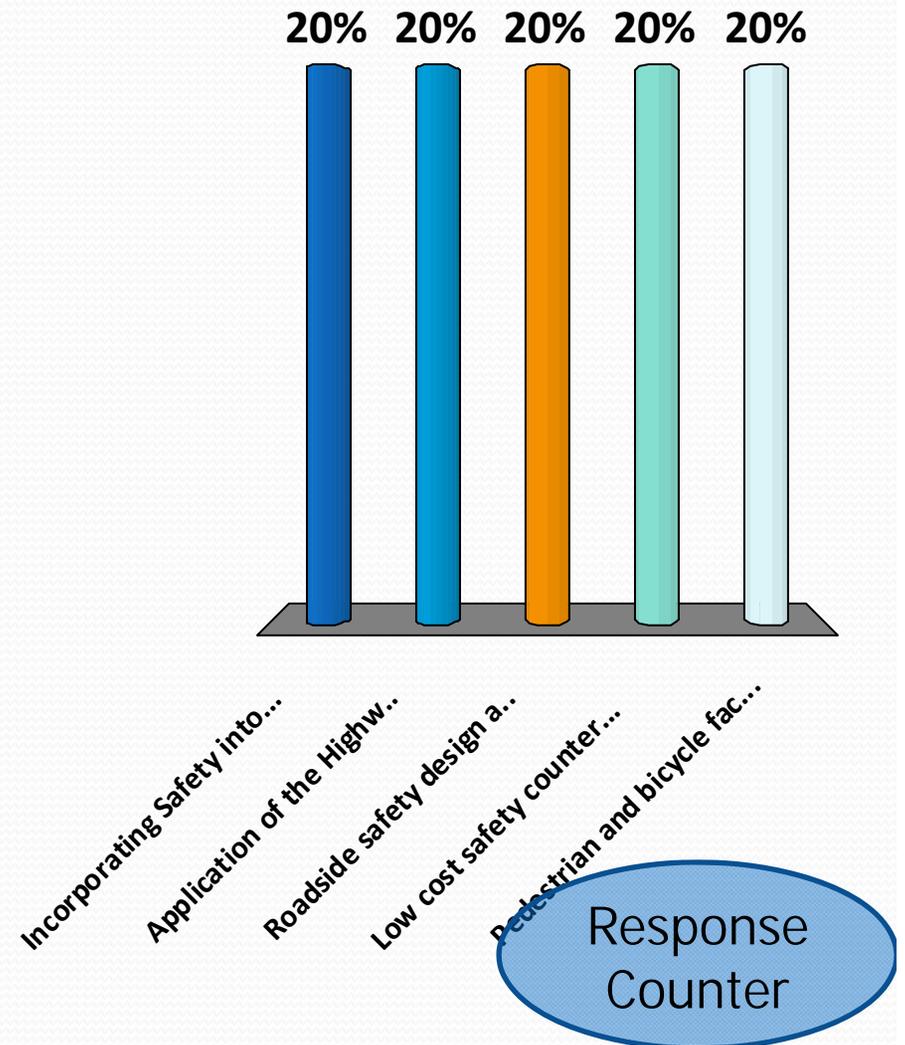
Q9. My personal view of Modern Roundabouts is that they are:

- A. The best thing since sliced bread and should be used everywhere
- B. Effective safety tools and should be considered as a first option wherever possible
- C. Useful countermeasures that need strict policies to make sure they are only used where justified
- D. Expensive, difficult to build, and should be used only as a last resort
- E. They should be sent back to, uh, Europe, or wherever they came from



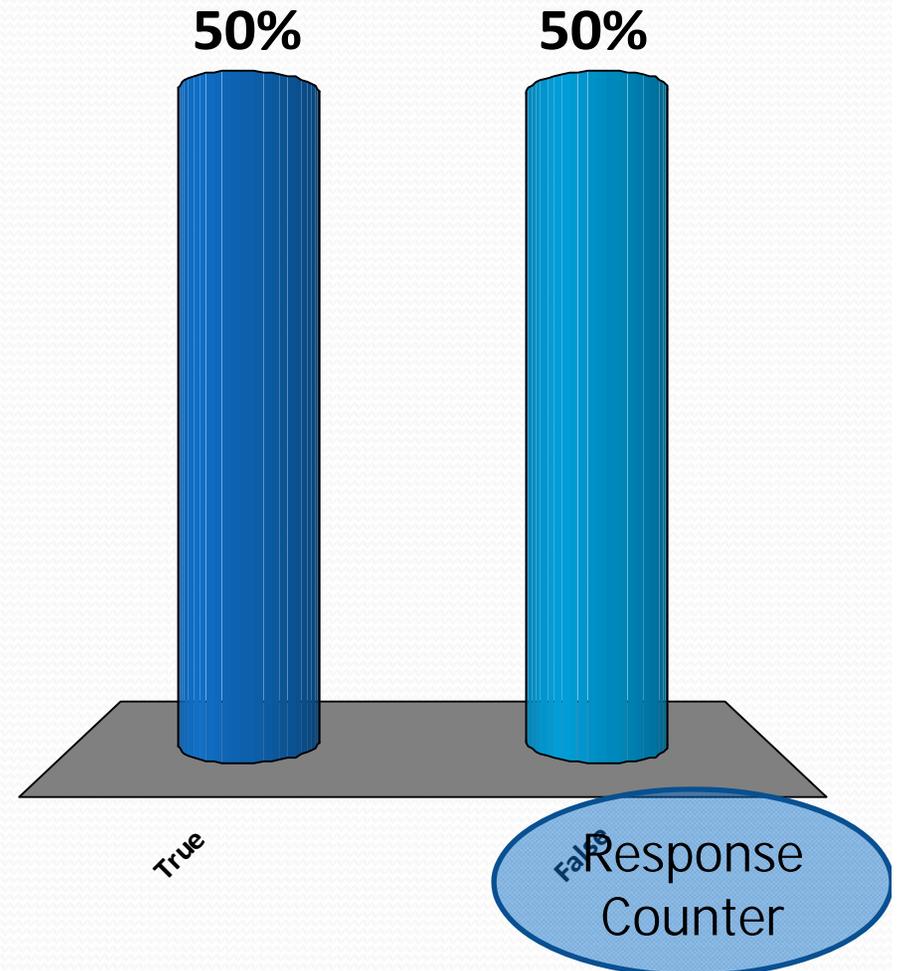
Q10. I feel I need more training in the following areas: (Top 3)

- A. Incorporating Safety into the transportation decision-making process
- B. Application of the Highway Safety Manual
- C. Roadside safety design and evaluation
- D. Low cost safety countermeasures
- E. Pedestrian and bicycle facility design and operation



Q11. I am an active participant in my Regional and/or Statewide Transportation Safety Coalition.

- A. True
- B. False

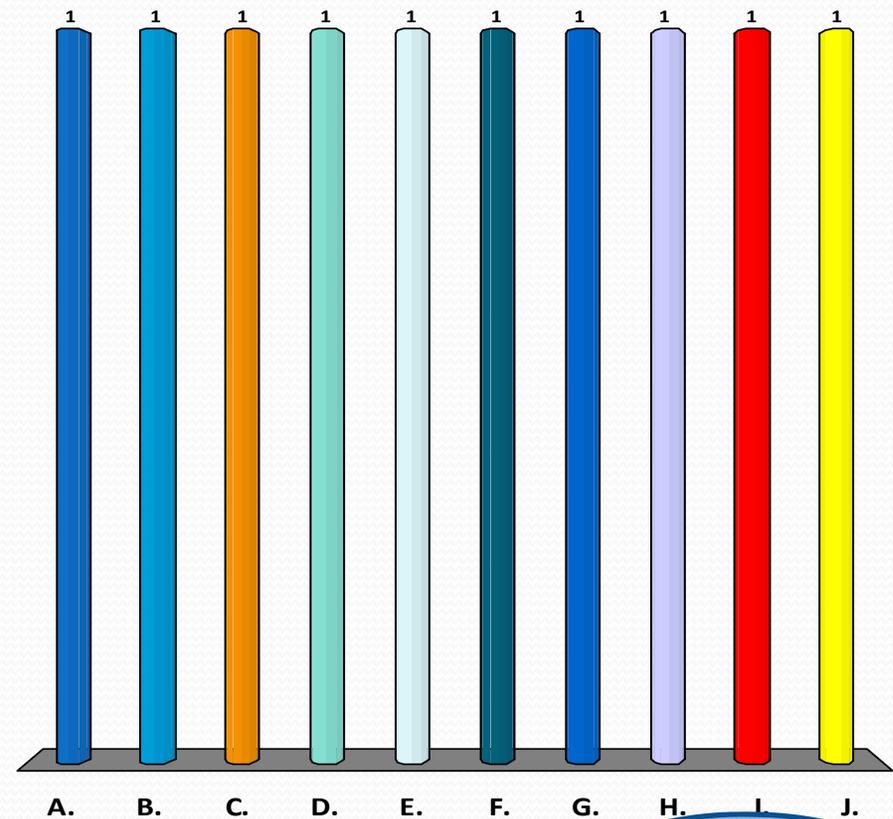


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Traffic Control Devices

Q12. I have substantial experience in working with/designing the following systems:
(click all that apply)

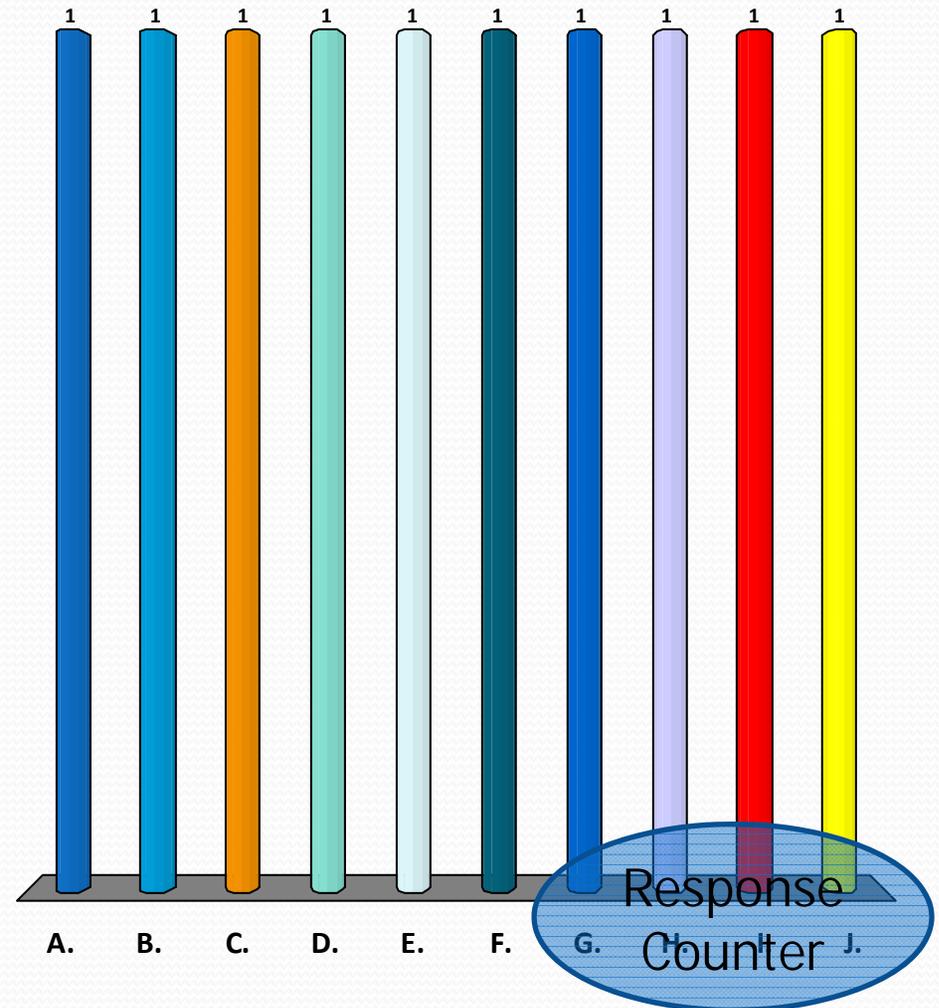
- A. Signs
- B. Pavement markings
- C. Signals
- D. Low volume roads
- E. Temporary traffic control (work zone)
- F. School area traffic controls
- G. Railroad grade crossings
- H. Pedestrian and bicycle facilities
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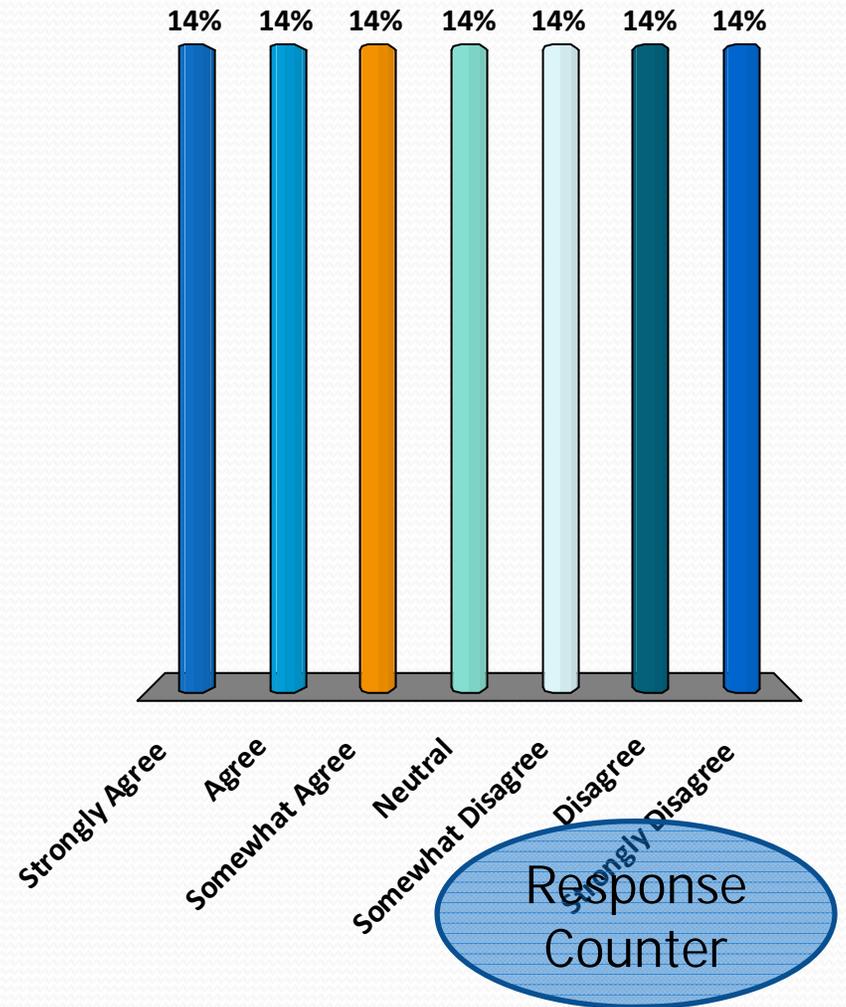
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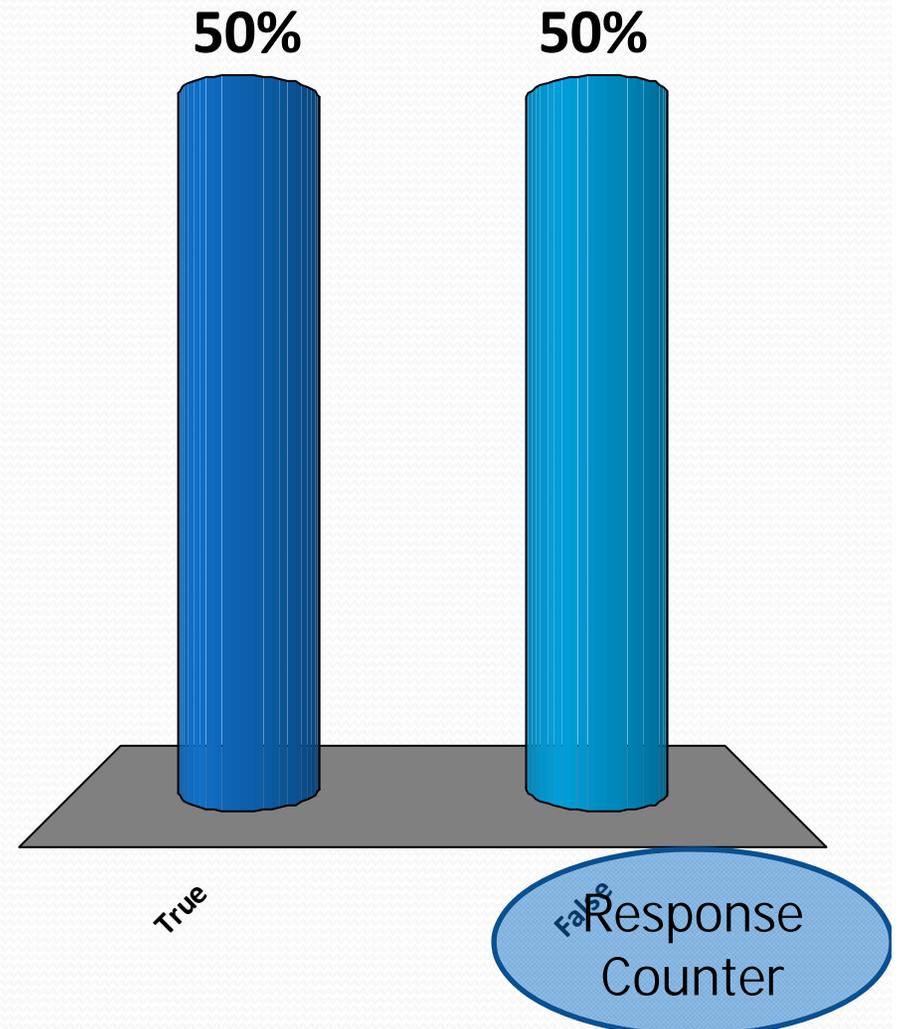
Q13. Evaluations / adjustments to traffic control systems should be conducted at periodic intervals regardless of known conditions.

- A. Strongly Agree
- B. Agree
- C. Somewhat Agree
- D. Neutral
- E. Somewhat Disagree
- F. Disagree
- G. Strongly Disagree



Q14. I have had the opportunity to program a Changeable Message Sign

- A. True
- B. False

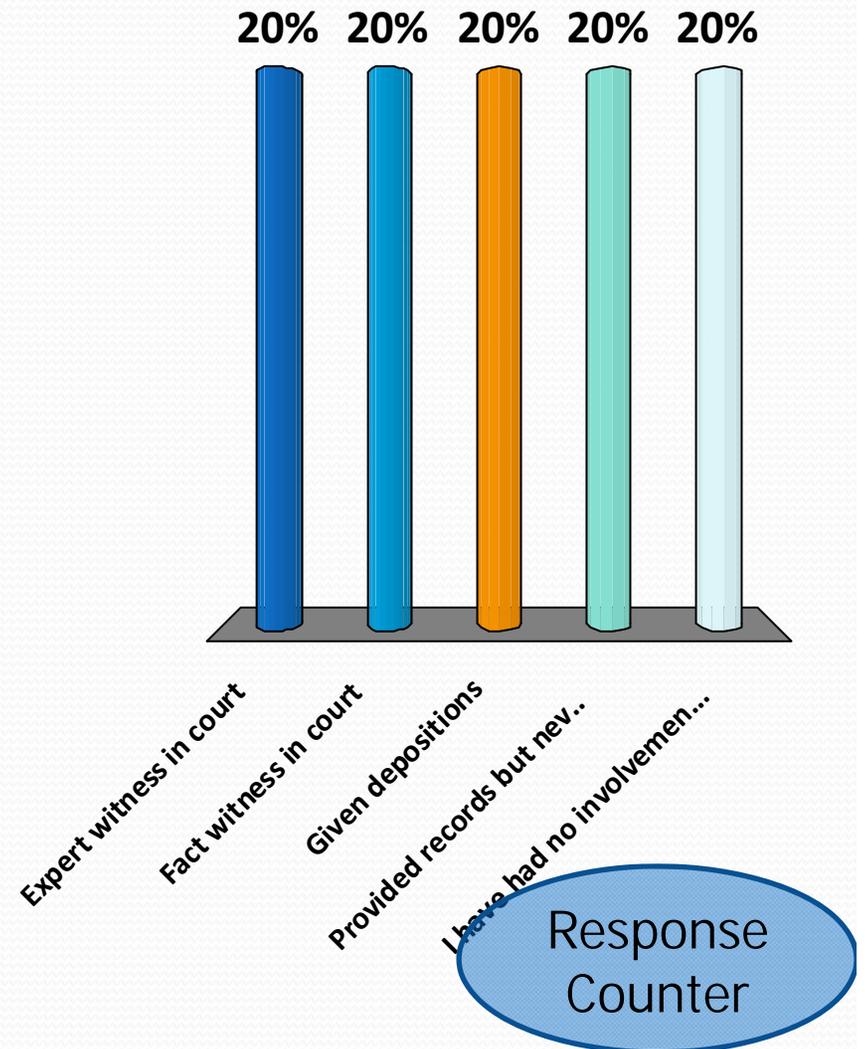


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Additional Items

Q 15. I have had the opportunity to participate in a tort liability case as:
(choose all that apply)

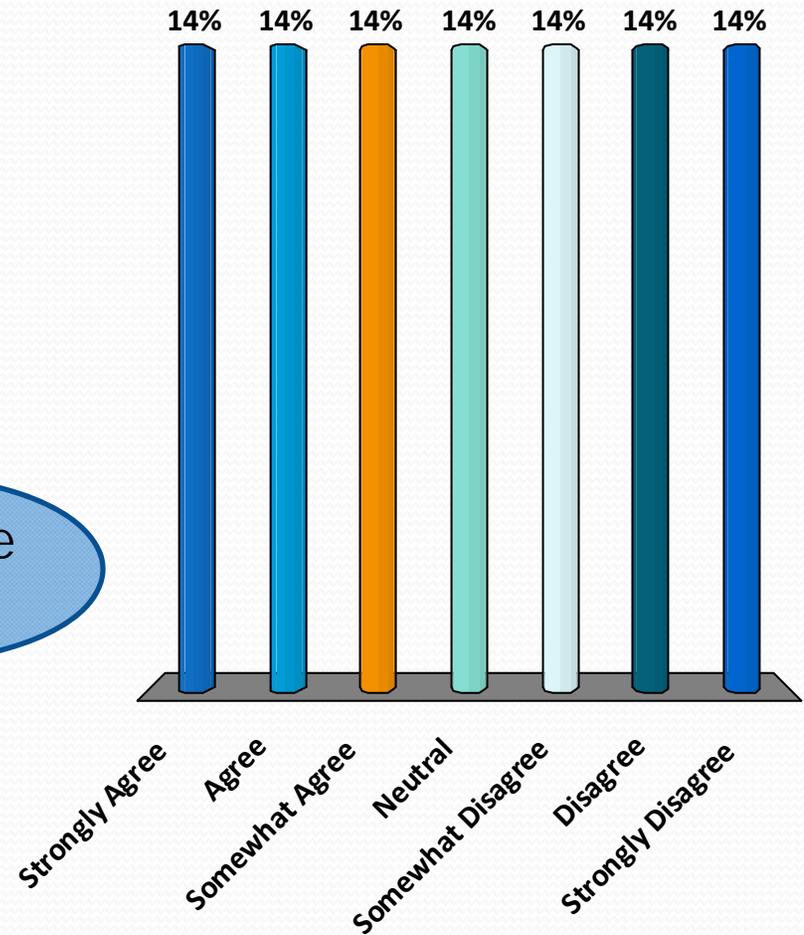
- A. Expert witness in court
- B. Fact witness in court
- C. Given depositions
- D. Provided records but never testified
- E. I have had no involvement in liability cases



Q16. I feel comfortable representing my employer and my profession in dealing with the public/public officials/media

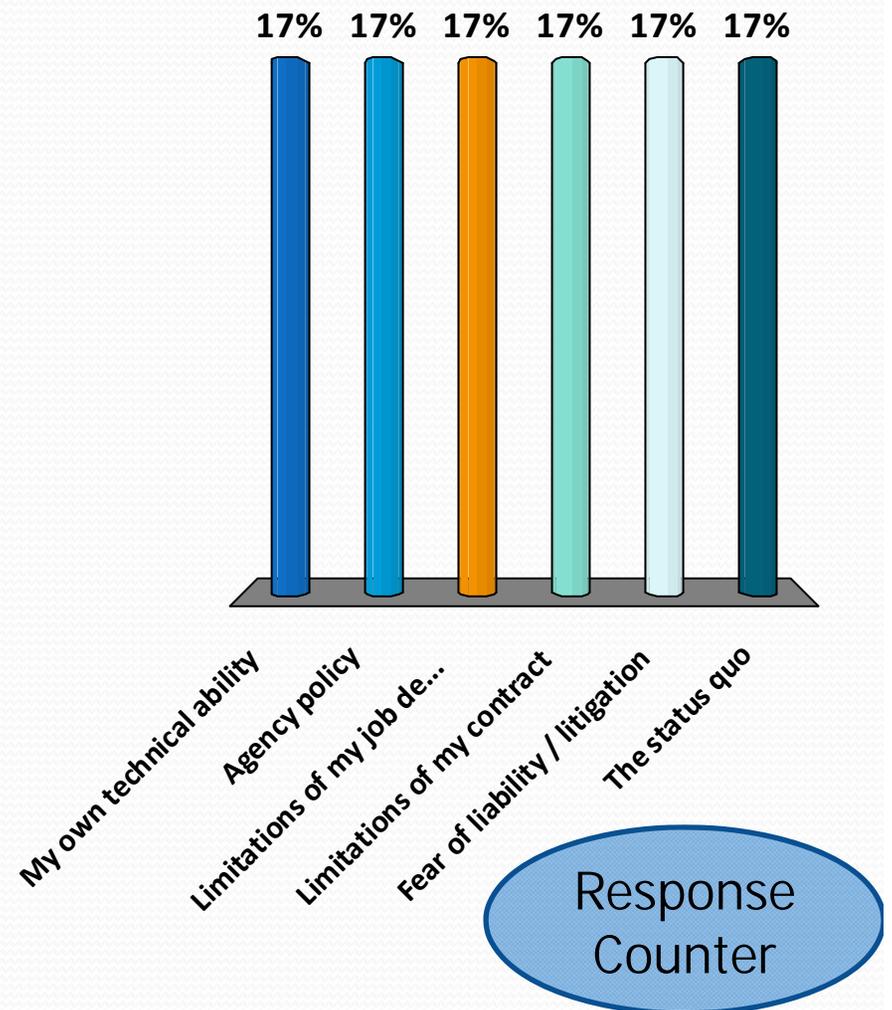
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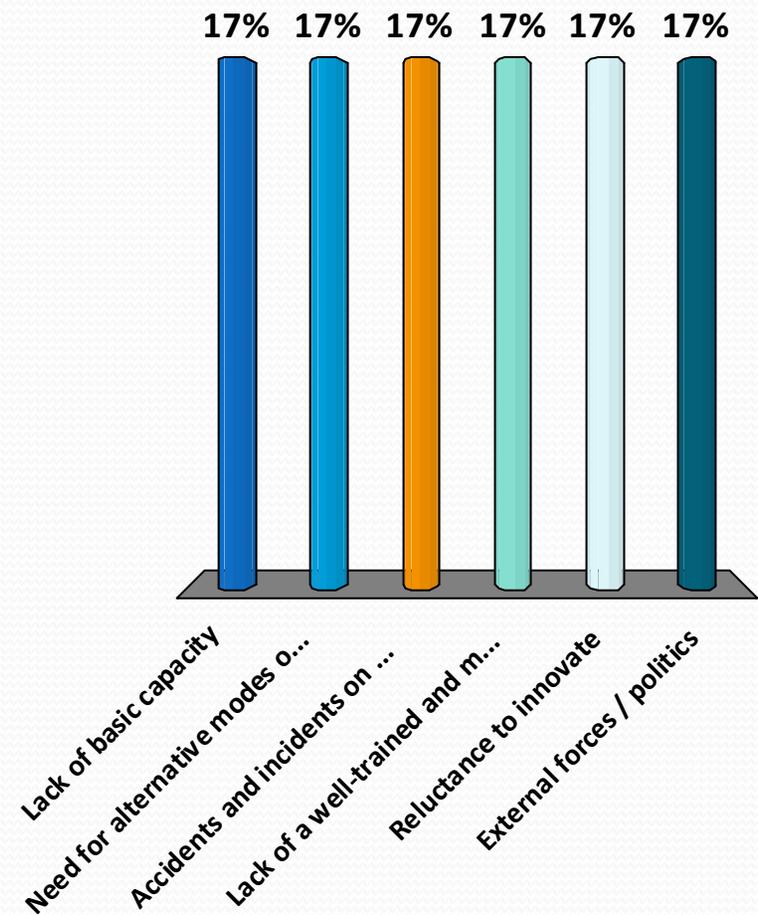
Q17. I feel that my ability to positively affect the outcome of a traffic issue is **most** frequently **limited** by:

- A. My own technical ability
- B. Agency policy
- C. Limitations of my job description
- D. Limitations of my contract
- E. Fear of liability / litigation
- F. The status quo



Q18. In my opinion, the *most* significant obstacles to safer and more efficient traffic flow in Louisiana are : (pick your top 3 in order)

- A. Lack of basic capacity
- B. Need for alternative modes of transportation
- C. Accidents and incidents on major roads
- D. Lack of a well-trained and motivated traffic engineering workforce
- E. Reluctance to innovate
- F. External forces / politics



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