

CADET SURVEY

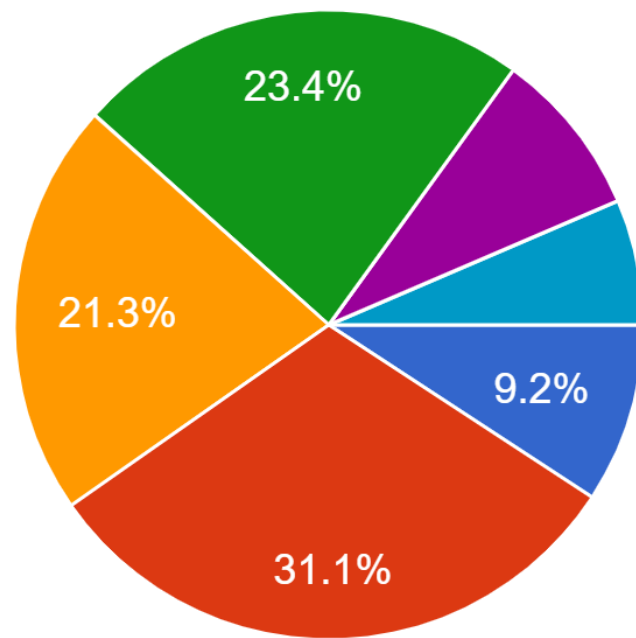
Fall 2022

Unit Drill & Leadership



Representation

792 Responders by 31 OCT 22



- Northwest
- Southwest
- Northeast
- Southeast
- North Central
- South Central

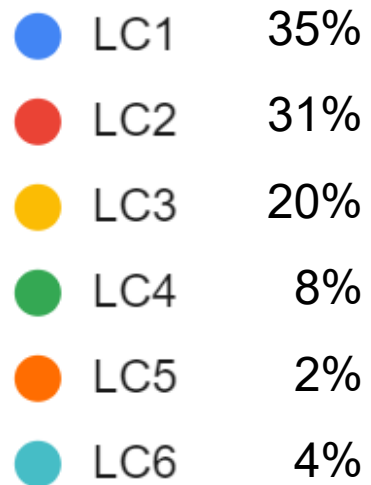
SEA CADET RANK DISTRIBUTION

629 Responses

● UNK	2%
● E1	22%
● E2	21%
● E2T	6%
● E3	18%
● E4	11%
● E5	8%
● E6	5%
● E7	6%



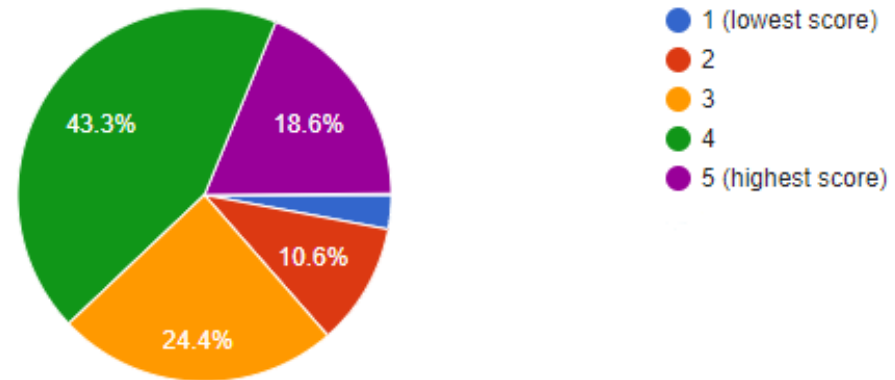
LEAGUE CADET RANK DISTRIBUTION 139 Responses



HOW FUN IS UNIT DRILL?

1. On a scale from 1 to 5, how fun are your unit drills?

783 responses



WHAT MAKES A DRILL “FUN”

Competitive games

Field trips

Camping/Field Ops

Close Order Drill

Team building/building camaraderie

Military-based activities

Knock-out drill/Drill down

Hands-on learning activities

Unique experiences

Learning new things

Fun PT/Games

New experiences

Guest speakers

Color Guard practice

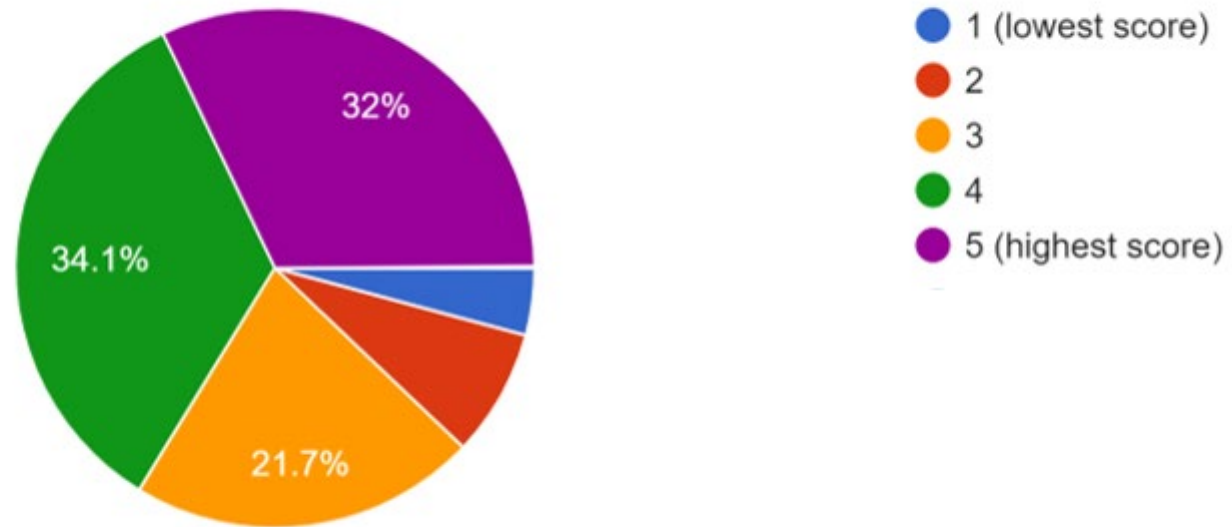
Not so much class time

Varied activities

Well run

Organized

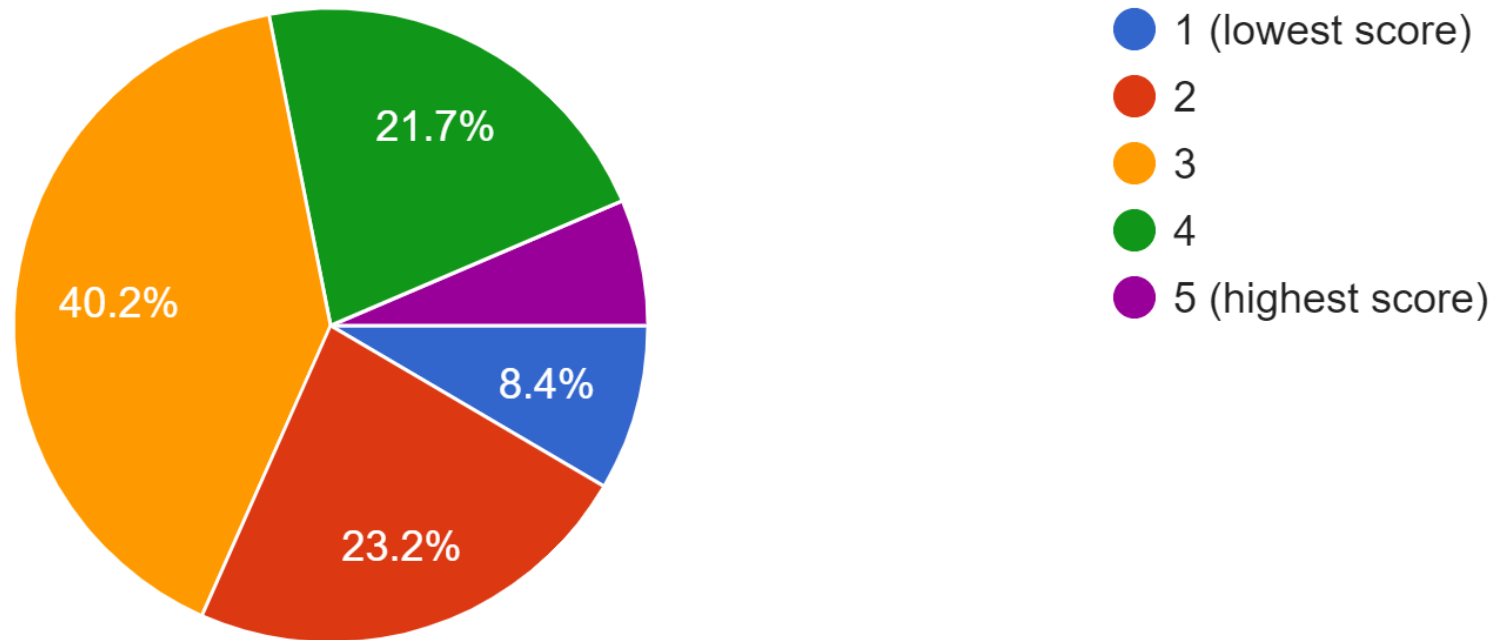
HOW WORTHWHILE ARE YOUR DRILLS?



A WORTHWHILE DRILL IS ONE WHERE ...

- ...I go home feeling like I learned something.
- ...I get to become better mentally or physically.
- ...I learn new things, get experience of things you never thought about.
- ...I learn or develop skills that are useful in life.
- ...I learn leadership skills to help me become a better cadet.
- ...I learn new things about military standards, structure and strategies.
- ...it teaches and provides new skills and experience.
- ...it helps me become a better person.
- ...we gain new skills and have fun.
- ...ALL the adults are engaged and participate with us in events.
- ...it makes us not want to miss another drill.
- ...it can help cadets in the future with problems that weren't taught in school.

How challenging are your drills?



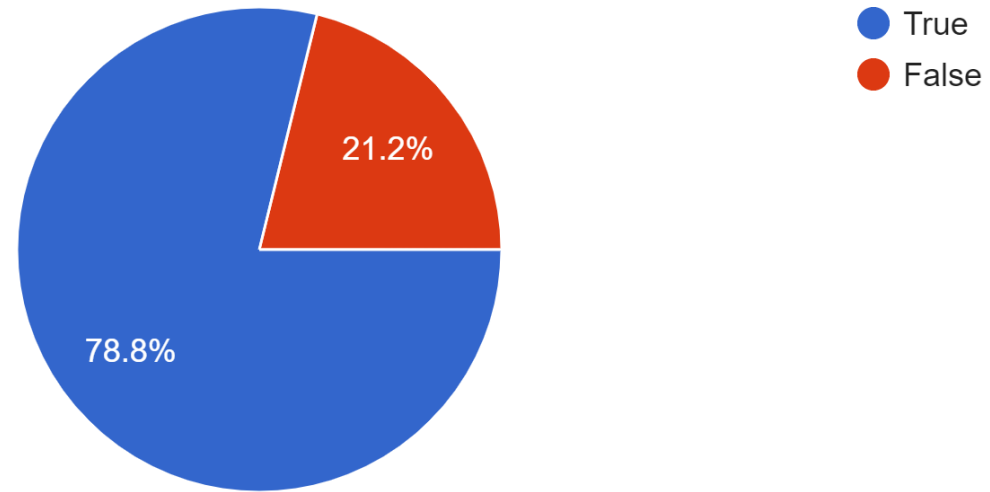
CHALLENGE VIEWED IN A POSITIVE WAY:

- Our leaders like to make us challenge ourselves through physical events and mental training
- Something that truly tests my ability to perform physically and mentally
- Good physical and mental challenges; competitions also create a great challenging environment
- Pushes cadets out of their boundaries having them experience things that a normal person wouldn't usually encounter
- Where any struggle was overcome, but it had to be worked for

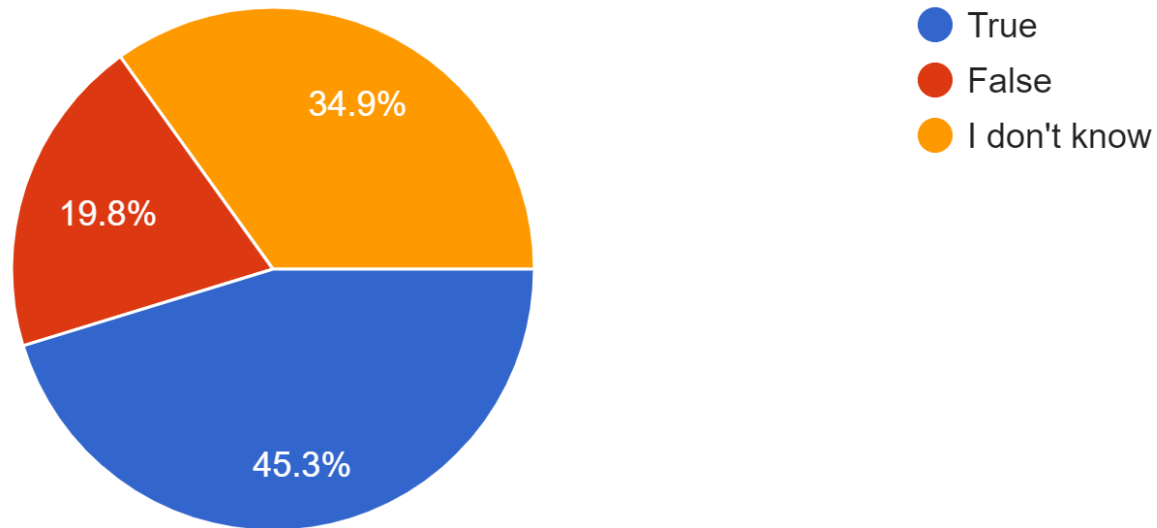
CHALLENGE VIEWED IN A NEGATIVE WAY:

- Lots of PT and nonstop drill
- Lots of marching
- Lots of standing at attention
- One that does not keep cadets' safety first, nonstop PT will drain cadets of our generation and pose potential safety hazards
- Getting cadets in line
- Lots of powerpoints and classroom work
- Classes all day

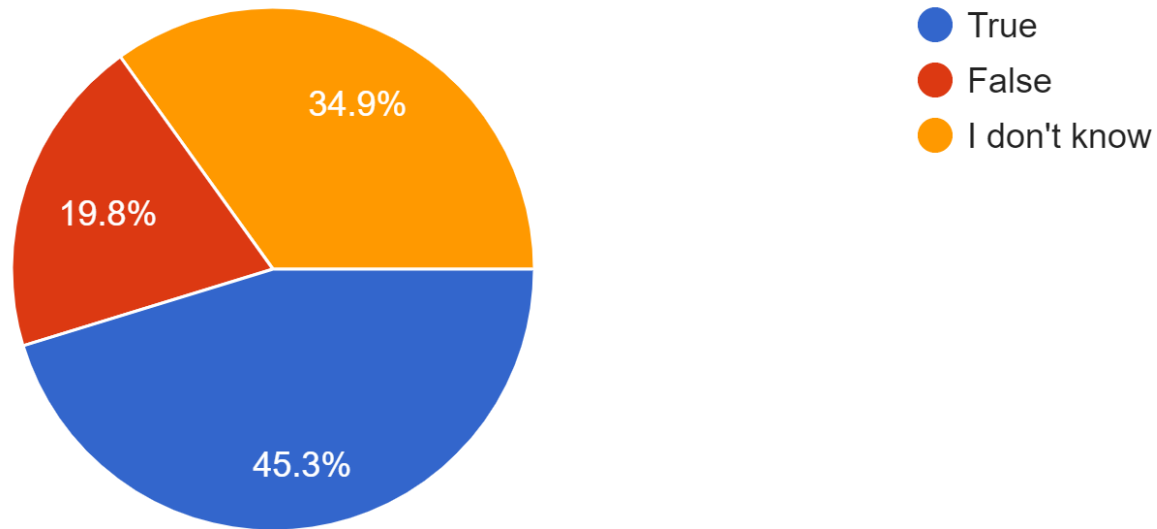
MY UNIT IS MOSTLY LED BY CADETS WITH VOLUNTEERS PRIMARILY PERFORMING ADMIN/SUPERVISORY ROLES



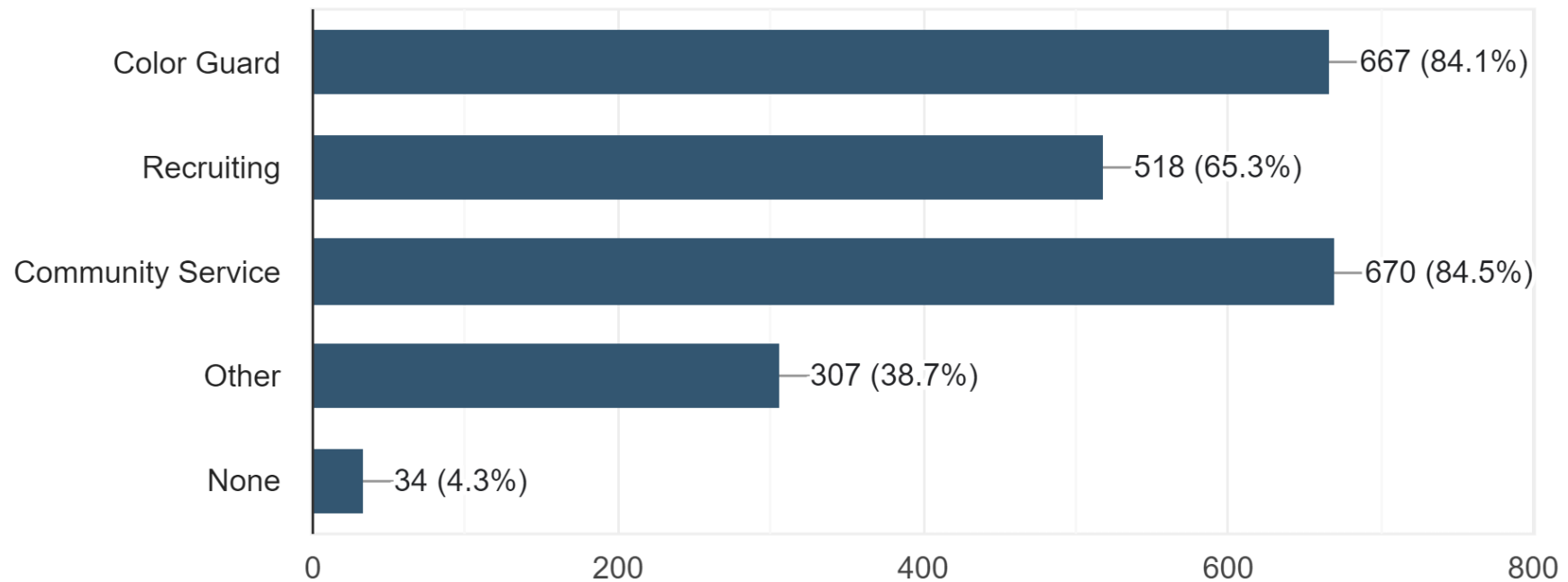
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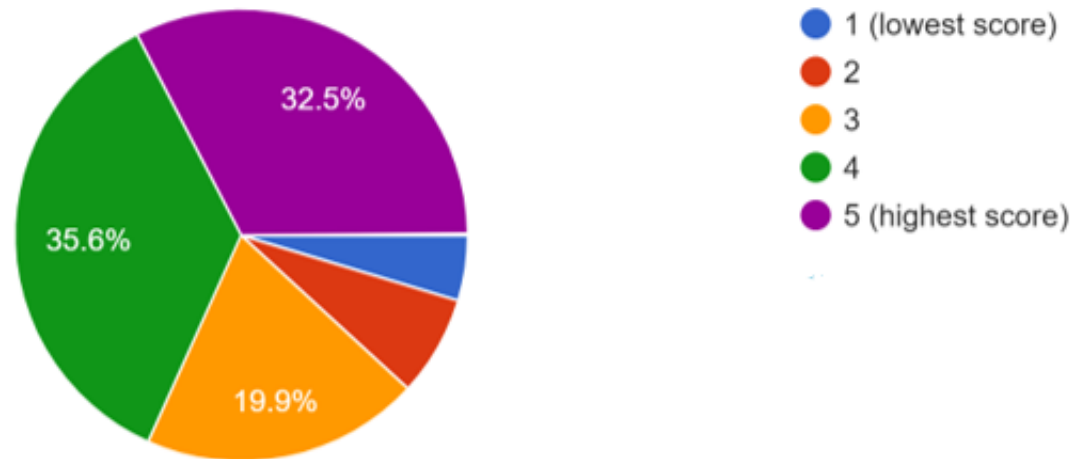
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MY UNIT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR CADETS TO LEAD, PLAN & PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING ROLES:



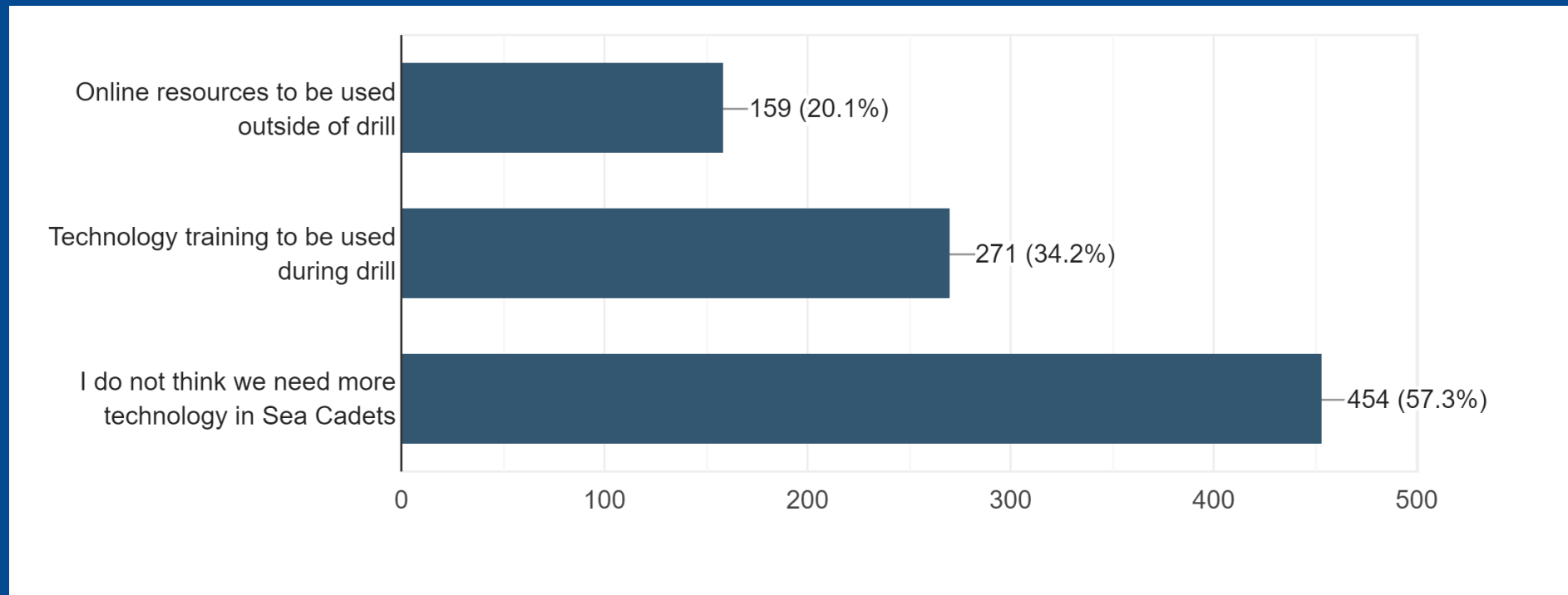
ON A SCALE FROM 1-5, DO YOU FEEL THAT YOUR UNIT PROVIDES AMPLE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING DRILLS?:



HOW TO IMPROVE LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

- Include cadets in leadership decisions
- Cadets need to be in charge, not adults! Adults do too much to control situations instead of letting us lead in many circumstances and they need to understand it is Sea Cadets not Sea adult!
- Give cadets leadership positions like corpsman, MAA or LPO
- Assign classroom or activity responsibilities to a cadet
- Less favoritism and bias for leadership roles
- Have older cadets mentor younger ones so they are prepared to lead when the time comes
- Give opportunities to lead in various situations

More technology OPPORTUNITIES?



Suggestions for incorporating technology:

Online games like Kahoot at drill

Seamanship, aviation, or military relates simulators

Having more access to computers at drill

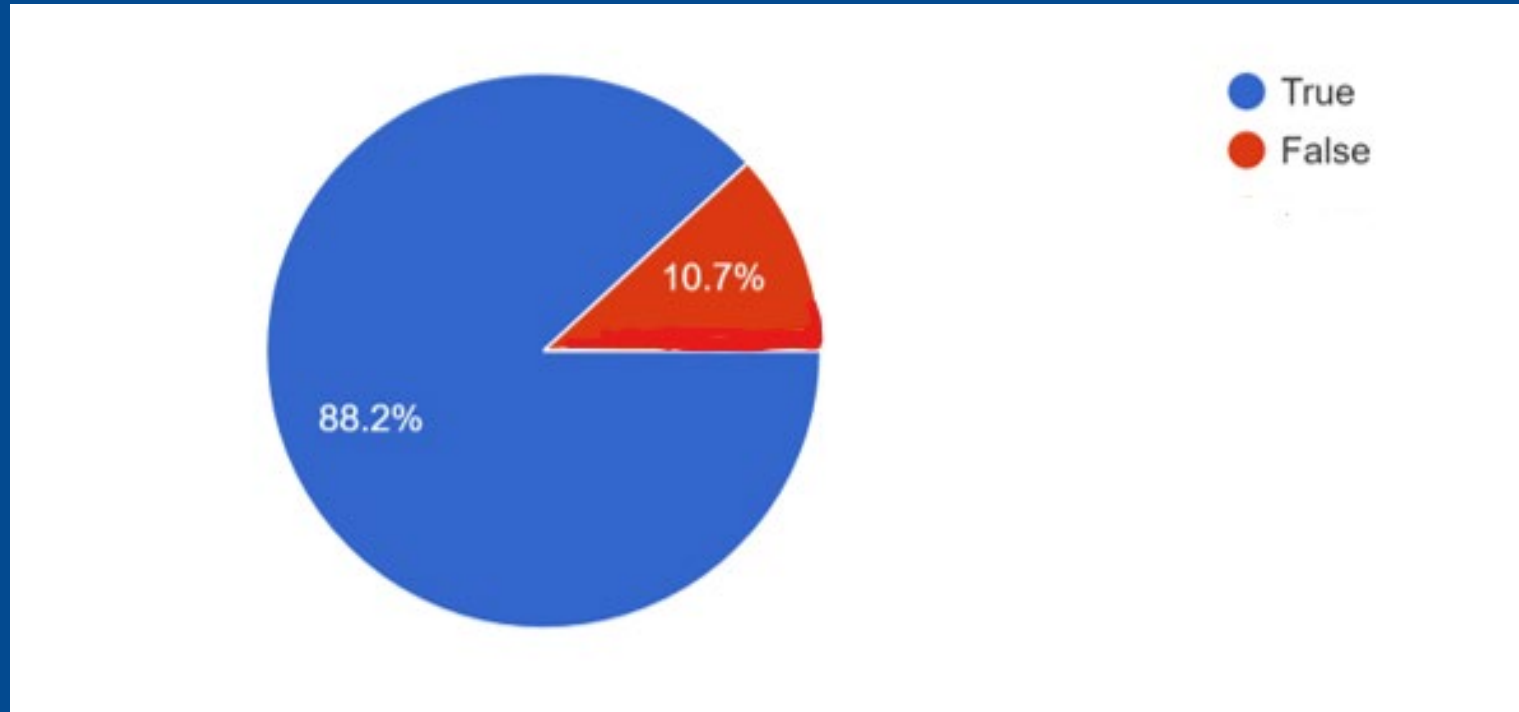
Videos

Laser rifle range

Having unit websites

Robotics

I would recommend sea cadets to my friends:



Why I would recommend sea cadets to my friends:

- It is an interesting experience and provides a lot of opportunities to learn and grow.
- I have gained lots of new leadership skills and have been able to learn a lot about the military.
- It has really helped me grow both as a person and as a leader, and I think that is an opportunity that should be offered to everyone.
- It gives you many opportunities in life and gives you experience in so many different fields with trainings.

How we could attract more Sea Cadets:

- Advertising
- Videos of what we do
- Put flyers up in schools
- Do different trainings
- Give cadets brochures they can take with them to school
- Have a day of activities and team building exercises
- Get out and about more often
- More military activities
- Make drill more interesting

What causes cadets to quit:

- Bad leadership (cadets and adults, especially adults)
- Parents made them join/didn't want to join
- Boring drills/repetitiveness/drills seem pointless
- Better things to do/other commitments
- Disorganization at drill
- They feel awkward or like they don't belong
- Perception of unfairness/favoritism
- Harassment/hazing/racism/mistreatment/getting yelled at
- Inability to pass the PRT
- Not prepared for the intensity of the program

How Sea Cadets can improve the program:

- Less yelling
- Be more strict/have more discipline
- More Navy training
- Focus more on preparing cadets to go to RT
- Adults could be less strict and biased
- Add more training locations/opportunities
- Better planned activities and lessons
- More social events
- More adventure activities and sea involvement
- Give cadets more control
- Chain of command should improve communication/coordination

Keep up the great work you do for the program thank you.

Thank you for your interest in helping Sea Cadets be better.

I love Sea Cadets and it has changed me for the better, I hope for more cadets to feel the same.

Thank you for creating this program.

So far, joining sea cadets has been one of the best things I have ever done!!!

I love being a Sea Cadet!