

# WHAT IS EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT?

A feeling of commitment and enthusiasm for one's work that leads to a willingness to exert discretionary effort.

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Employees plan to stay and recommend the organization to others

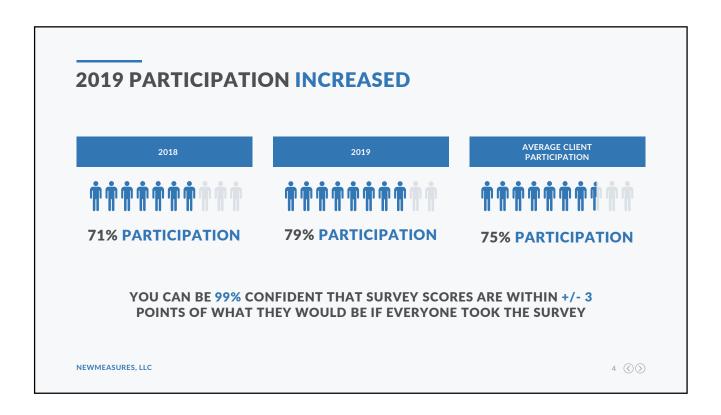
### PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE

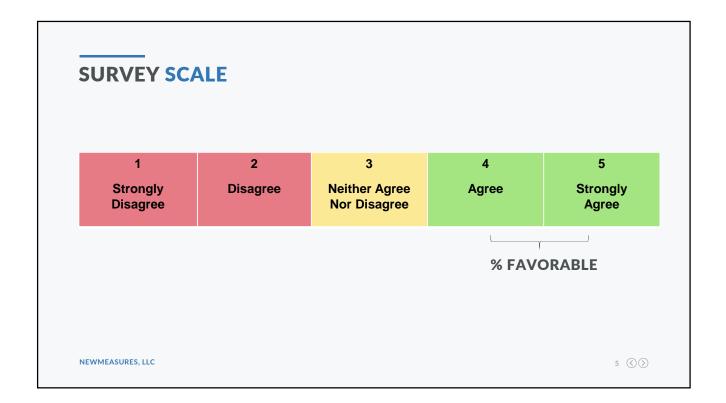
Employees feel valued and are enthusiastic about their work

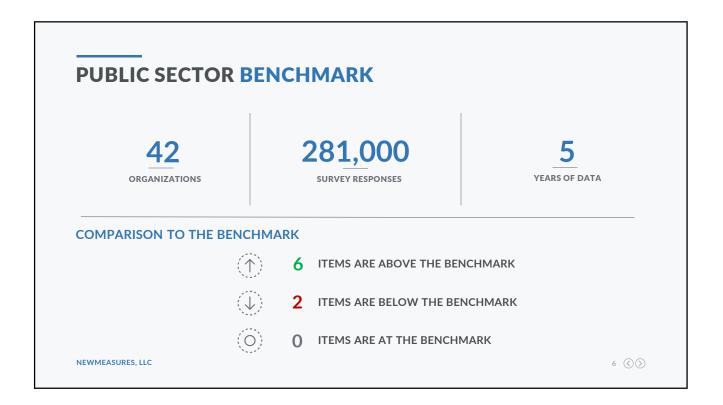
#### CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE

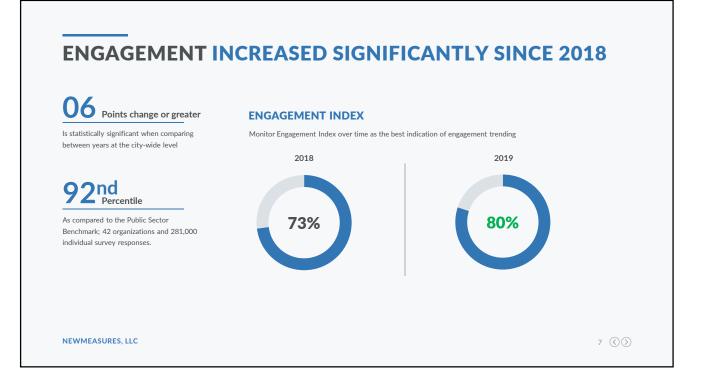
Employees believe in the future of the organization.

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#### **START WITH THE END IN MIND:** PUBLIC SECTOR BENCHMARK Represents 42 organizations and 281,000 **IMPROVE ENGAGEMENT OVER TIME** individual survey responses. The engagement index is the single best indicator of engagement. Engagement is strong and significantly higher relative to 2018. Employee feel like their roles have purpose and are significantly 68% favorable this may be a relative opportunity for the City. 2018 Benchmark Name Responses Distribution • Engagement Index 12% +7 I feel like my role here has a purpose. 402 +2 +5 I intend to stay at Sandy City for at least the next 12 87% 8% 402 +7 months.

more favorable regarding intent to stay and feeling valued. While confidence in achieving career goals increased significantly, at

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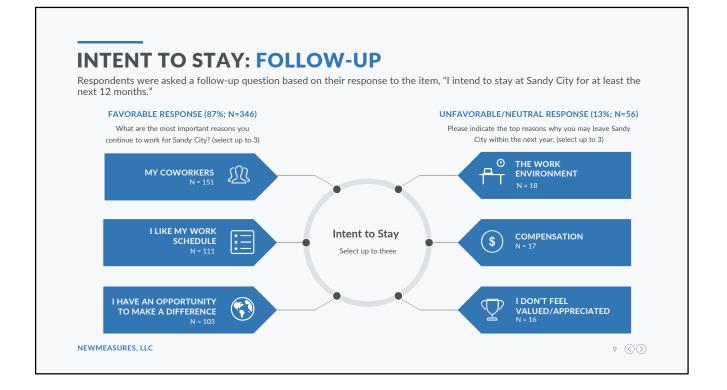
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I feel valued at work.

organization.

I am confident I can achieve my career goals at this



BIGGEST CHANGES SINCE 2018 Perceptions toward 15 items increased significantly since 2018. In particular, perceptions tow City and department leadership are significantly more favorable. As a likely result, employees more valued. While perceptions toward external pay equity improved significantly, only 57% their pay is competitive.	feel betw	, .	ficant when compa he city-wide level
QUESTION	2019	2018	NORM
City leadership contributes to a positive work culture.	76%	+16	
I feel my pay is competitive relative to those in similar positions at similar organizations.	57%	+15	
My department senior leadership is open and responsive to ideas from employees.	71%	+14	
The senior leadership of my department is effective.	75%	+14	
The leadership of the City supports employees to perform their jobs effectively.	79%	+14	
City leadership is open and responsive to ideas from employees.	64%	+13	
I have the opportunity to develop my skills at Sandy City.	77%	+11	+10
I feel valued at work.	77%	+10	+11

68%

72%

+10

+9

•Department Senior Leadership: your department head, assistant/deputy department head and division managers/command staff •City Leadership: is the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the City Manager (CAO), and Deputy City Manager (Deputy CAO)

My department senior leadership effectively communicates the information I need to know.

I feel valued and respected by the leadership of the City.

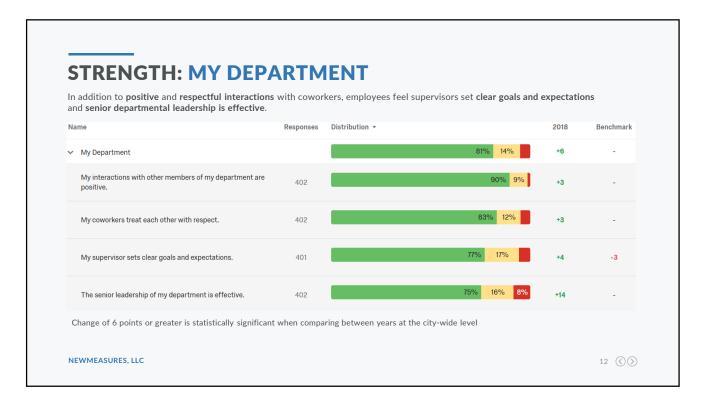
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### **HIGHEST SCORING ITEMS**

Similar to 2018, employees feel like their **work is challenging** and their **roles have purpose**. They also perceive **interactions with members of their departments as positive** and feel **coworkers treat each other with respect**. As a likely result, employees intend to stay at the City for at least 12 months. This assertion is supported by follow-up responses to "I intend to stay...." Coworkers and making a difference were among the top three reasons for staying.





### **COMMENT THEMES: WHAT DO YOU ENJOY THE MOST ABOUT WORKING FOR THE CITY?**

Themes and sample comments

#### COWORKERS, POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT

Sample comments "The people in that I work with in my department and our city administration is awesome"

"Being trusted and valued by both the administration and coworkers is a good feeling."

"The positivity of staff and leadership, as well as the respectful and professional attitudes of my fellow employees."



Sample comments

"Finally working for a city that it's management cares about its employees and actually shows it. Thanks mayor and your staff."

"Finally feeling valued by City Managers and the mayor for the first time in nearly 20 years. The new City Management has been exactly what this city has needed for YEARS."

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#### THE BENEFITS

Sample comments

Sample comments

"Sandy has amazing benefits and it is overall an environment of love."

"Having a job that is rewarding and fulfilling. To be able to look at things in the

city that make measurable differences in residents lives, and knowing I had a

"Health benefits are awesome! The PTO program is SO MUCH BETTER!"

#### WORK-LIFE BALANCE, FLEXIBILITY, SCHEDULE

**REWARDING & CHALLENGING WORK** 

part in making those things happen, is very rewarding"

Sample comments "Flexibility to handle family issues during work hours and the trust of supervisors to get my job done without micromanaging"

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### LOWEST SCORING ITEMS

While perceptions toward each of the following items are significantly more favorable compared to 2018, there is opportunity to improve **two-way communication with City and department leadership**. Additionally, there is opportunity to boost **confidence in achieving career goals.** Lastly, 23% of employees feel their **pay is not competitive** and 21% are neutral toward pay equity.

Items with large percentages of neutral (> 20%) represent areas of opportunity.

Question	Responses	Distribution 🔺	2018	Benchmark
I feel my pay is competitive relative to those in similar positions at similar organizations.	402	57% 21% 23%	+15	-
City leadership effectively communicates the information I need to know.	401	60% 32% <b>8%</b>	+7	-
City leadership is open and responsive to ideas from employees.	402	64% 29% <b>7%</b>	+13	-
My department senior leadership effectively communicates the information I need to know.	401	68% <mark>17% 15%</mark>	+10	-
l am confident l can achieve my career goals at this organization.	400	68% 22% <b>11%</b>	+8	-
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### **COMMENT THEMES: HOW CAN CITY LEADERSHIP HELP IMPROVE YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE?**

MORE OF THE SAME

Themes and sample comments

#### Sample comments

"Continue with communication, it has been a great step in the right direction."

"I think our city administration does a great job helping our department get what it needs to be successful. The fact that the mayor knows me by name, as well as my wife's, really makes me feel valued here."

"Him going out and doing days with different crews within the city is awesome and really shows the city leadership wants our departments to have great work experiences"

#### **IMPROVE TECHNOLOGY & TOOLS**

#### Sample comments

"The city is rapidly moving forward with advances in technology. It still takes me 25 minutes to log in to my computer."

"Continue to update equipment and technology, this will really make a difference. It has already.

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#### TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION

Sample comments

"The annual survey has been great, our Department head listened to employees and addressed most all concerns. Continue to invite feed back through surveys and employee groups."

"Be seen go out and visit the employees. Let them know you care about them and know their names.

"Continue to have open communication and try to consider all requests when making decisions.

#### CROSS DEPARTMENT COLLABORATION

#### Sample comments

"Departments need to be open and receptive to suggestions to improve all aspects of the city and not protecting their "turf" from outside departments' influence. We need to be more collaborative in decision making and less territorial."

"Help create a culture within the city that helps people feel included in what is going on and give employees opportunities to interact with people from other departments. 15 (())

### **COMMENT THEMES: WHAT ONE SPECIFIC SUGGESTION DO YOU HAVE TO IMPROVE YOUR WORK?**

(MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT, REDUCE PAIN POINTS, MAKE IT MORE ENJOYABLE, ETC.)?

#### Themes and sample comments TRAINING

#### Sample comments

"Make newly promoted managers and supervisors take some actual training off site by a third party instructor on how to manage."

"many people in the department feel we don't have the quality time to train or to get the mandatory training done because most of our time and departments emphasis is making sure we accomplish two of the departments other programs that are secondary to our career/jobs. building and fire hydrant inspections are important. we understand the importance of them. but many of us feel that our time is better spent getting good and efficient training(both in house and external)."

#### MORE FLEXIBLE WORK OPTIONS

#### Sample comments

"A 4/10 schedule would be hugely beneficial. I feel it would improve morale, more work could be done more efficiently, and less PTO would be used.'

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#### **IMPROVE TECHNOLOGY & TOOLS**

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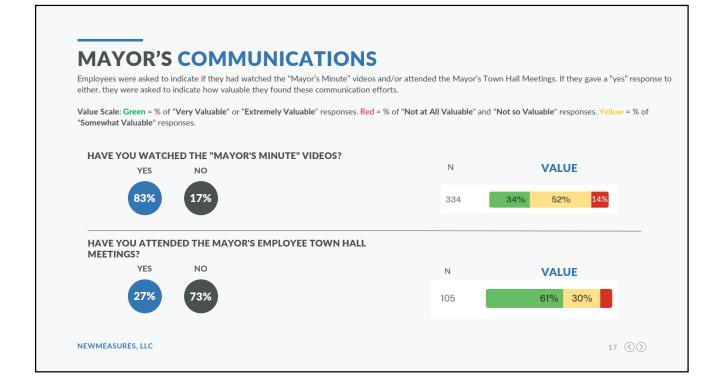
"Either remove the thin client system and go back to desktops, or find a way to allocate more memory and speed to the thin client system. It bogs down and locks up all to frequently, and having to data dump everything every three months is crazy. Just give us more memory. Some in my department run our larger programs on personal laptops because thin client can't handle the software and processing required."



"To keep hiring full time employees vs Seasonal employees To help with our workload you're around."

"The city has done a great job in improving our department this past year, but the thing we have, are, and need to continue to improve is our staffing. I don't have a job where low staffing will make my production slow, in our job low staffing gets people killed."

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### **COMMENT THEMES: WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION?**

Themes and sample comments

#### FACE-TIME, FOLLOW-UP/ACCOUNTABILITY

#### Sample comments

"The town hall meetings seem to go very well, after the meetings not sure what's going on with those ideas ? Not sure if once they look into it the realize its not really possible and then things don't happen or what."

"Communication has gotten better, the mayors videos are a decent resource for information. It would be nice to have the town halls with each department individually, like the brown bag lunch the mayor did a while back."

"The employee town hall meetings should be recorded and made available to all, similar to the Mayor's minute. Many of us can not make these meetings, but would still love to see the information."

"Actually walk through the departments and say hi and get to know the people in the city. Not just the fun departments that you can post on social media."

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#### **TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION**

Sample comments

"My direct leadership needs to actually listen to his crew and make decisions based on their suggestions. Most of the time he asks what are needs are then just does what he wants."

"Open communication and brainstorm friendly environments stem from taking ideas seriously, giving credit where credit is due, and helping each other fulfill ideas."

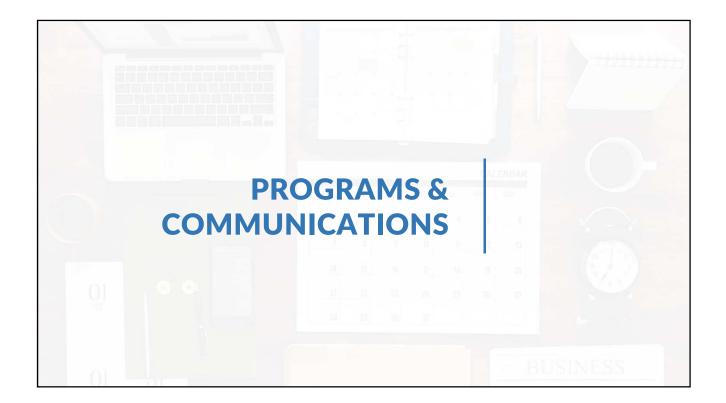
"In terms of communication in my department, if there is a change in procedure, even if we are not directly involved in it, it would still be helpful if that were communicated via email. We still need to know what is happening, especially if we are asked about it on the phone, in court, etc."



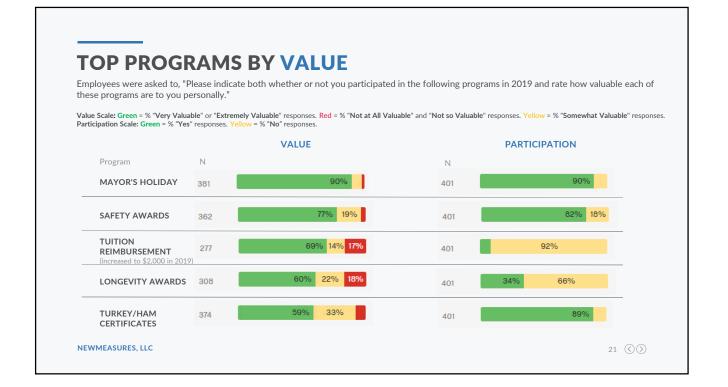
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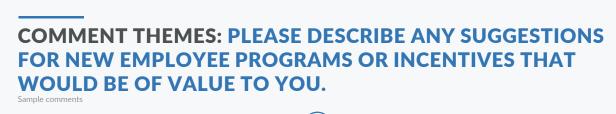
"I think we are really doing well in this department in comparison to last year and even before last year. I would just continue doing what you're doing and continue to refine these avenues of communication as changes or suggestions come along."

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Employees were asked to, these programs are to you		ooth whether or not you participate	l in the following progr	ams in 2019 and rate how valuable each of
Value Scale: Green = % "Very Val Participation Scale: Green = % "Y			uable" and "Not so Valuable"	responses. Yellow = % "Somewhat Valuable" response
		PARTICIPATION		VALUE
Program	Ν		Ν	
MAYOR'S HOLIDAY	401	90%	381	90%
TURKEY/HAM CERTIFICATES	401	89%	374	59% 33%
SAFETY AWARDS	401	82% 18%	362	77% 19%
EMPLOYEE LUNCHEONS	401	76% 24%	369	52% 35% <mark>13%</mark>
BRADBURN BUCKS	401	58% 42%	330	37% 41% 22%







#### WELLNESS PROGRAMS/INCENTIVES

Comment

"Provide better information about the wellness reimbursement programs. I feel that they are not familiar to everyone."

"Expand wellness activity reimbursements to \$25 per family member with no limit rather than capping it at \$75. It is more money but it makes more sense to incentivize wellness activities for all family members rather than just for three."



"For those at other City buildings, it makes it hard to participate in some of the events, such as Food Truck Friday, maybe the locations can rotate."

"Need to have more programs that are available to those who work shift work. Even if we are on duty we cannot access many of the programs because we need to stay in our area to protect the citizens."



#### BOWLING



"Bring back bowling, it was something I looked forward too every year"

"Bowling Program was taken away and I feel that was a great way to team build and meet others outside of the work platform."

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### **ENGAGEMENT BY DEPARTMENT**

Engagement varies widely by department.

Police and Fire engagement increased significantly relative to 2018. What changed for these departments since last year? Is there anything we can learn from them?

There may be an opportunity within: • Administrative Services

- Public Works
- Justice Court (increased since 2018)

Do these departments share commonalities? Challenges?

What are the highest scoring departments doing differently?

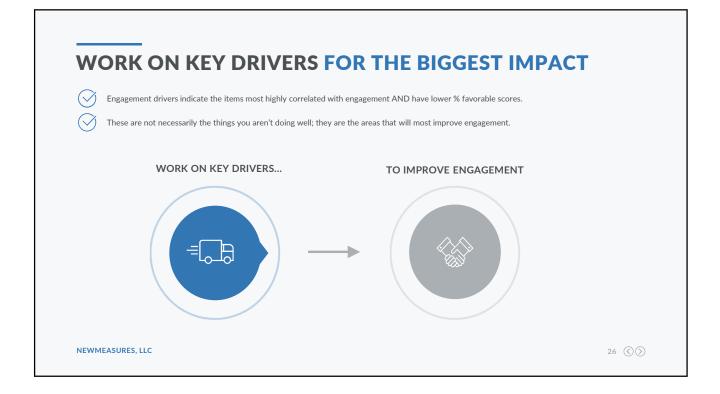
	Responses	2019	2018
City Overall	402	80%	73%
Community Development	27	92%	79%
Fire*	77	91%	71%
City Attorney	12	90%	83%
Administration	18	88%	84%
Parks and Recreation	35	85%	81%
Public Utilities	43	78%	84%
Police*	99	76%	62%
Administrative Services	43	75%	75%
Public Works	34	70%	74%
Justice Court	15	68%	60%

\* Indicates a statistically significant increase from 2018. Differences from Overall of 5 or more are highlighted in pink/green. Note: It is easier for smaller groups to get "extreme" scores

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### **ENGAGEMENT DRIVERS**

Driver rank order is based on an algorithm that incorporates % favorable and correlation with the Engagement Index. It is suggested that Sandy City focuses in these areas to have the biggest impact on engagement.

	Responses	Distribution	2018
My department senior leadership is open and responsive to ideas from employees.	401	71%	+14
My department senior leadership effectively communicates the information I need to know.	401	68%	+10
The senior leadership of my department is effective.	402	75%	+14
I have the opportunity to develop my skills at Sandy City.	402	77%	+11
My supervisor sets clear goals and expectations.	401	77%	+4
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### **DRIVER TOPIC TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION**

Improve two-way communication (encouraging ideas and sharing information) is likely to improve engagement. This is an opportunity for the City and especially within:

- Police
- Public Utilities
- Public Works
- Justice Court

What are the higher scoring departments doing differently? What can the lower scoring departments learn from them?

Do the lower scoring departments face similar challenges regarding two-way communication with department senior leadership?

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	Responses	My department senior leadership is open and responsive to ideas from employees.	My department senior leadership effectively communicates the information I need to know.
Sandy City Overall	402	71%	68%
Community Development	27	100%	100%
City Attorney	12	100%	83%
Fire	77	90%	94%
Administration	13	77%	69%
Administrative Services	43	70%	72%
Parks and Recreation	35	63%	71%
Police	99	63%	45%
Public Utilities	43	60%	51%
Justice Court	15	53%	67%
Public Works	34	53%	56%

### **DRIVER TOPIC SKILL DEVELOPMENT**

Skill development is likely to improve engagement. This is an opportunity for the City and especially within:

- Public Works
- Police

What are the higher scoring departments doing differently? What can the lower scoring departments learn from them?

Do the lower scoring departments face similar challenges regarding opportunities for skill development? What obstacles may exist (e.g., time, resources, support)

	Responses	I have the opportunity to develop my skills at Sandy City.
Sandy City Overall	402	77%
City Attorney	12	92%
Fire	77	87%
Public Utilities	43	84%
Parks and Recreation	35	83%
Justice Court	15	80%
Community Development	27	78%
Administration	13	77%
Administrative Services	43	77%
Police	99	70%
Public Works	34	50%

Differences from Overall of 10 or more are highlighted in pink/green. Note: It is easier for smaller groups to get "extreme" scores

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#### **CONDITIONS TO DO BEST WORK** Responses Distribution 2018 Name Benchmark Conditions to do Best Work 80% 13% **7%** +6 \_ 90% 8% My work is challenging and interesting. 399 +1 82% 9% 9% I am able to effectively manage my current workload. 400 +3 +23 I have the equipment and resources I need to do my current role. 13% 10% 77% +8 400 +27 18% I have the opportunity to develop my skills at Sandy City. 401 +11 +10 18% 8% +6 I receive the training I need to do my job well. 401 +18 NEWMEASURES, LLC 35 🔇 🕥

Name	Responses	Distribution		2018	Benchmark
<ul> <li>Two-Way Communication: Supervisor</li> </ul>			78% 13% <b>9%</b>	+3	-
My direct supervisor is open and responsive to ideas from employees.	401		79% 14% <b>7%</b>	+4	-1
My direct supervisor effectively communicates the information I need to know.	400		77% 12% <b>11%</b>	+1	-

Name	Responses	Distribution		2018	Benchmark
✓ City Leadership			76% 19%	+13	-
The leadership of the City supports employees to perform their jobs effectively.	401		79% 18%	+14	-
City leadership contributes to a positive work culture	. 399		76% 18%	+16	-
I feel valued and respected by the leadership of the C	ity. 401		72% 21% <mark>7%</mark>	+9	-

Name	Responses	Distribution			20	18 B	enchmark
<ul> <li>Two-Way Communication: Department Senior Leaders</li> </ul>	hip		69%	17%	4% +	12	-
My department senior leadership is open and responsi to ideas from employees.	ve 400		71%	16%	13% +	14	-
My department senior leadership effectively communicates the information I need to know.	400		68%	17% 1	6% +	10	-

## **TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION: CITY LEADERSHIP**



