



Police listen, then act on enforcement



LPD officer Jeff Mayers and his Harley-Davidson patrol motorcycle are busier than ever with LPD's new emphasis on stepped-up traffic enforcement.

Sharp rise in traffic stops, DUI arrests during past year

Loveland's residents don't hesitate when presented with opportunities to weigh in on the topic of traffic safety in the city.

The City's annual Quality of Life Survey seeks resident opinions about City-provided services and, for the sake of ease and convenience, requires check marks in boxes. However, a rising number of handwritten comments come back each year, and many of them zero in on traffic.

Here are just a few among them:

- "This town is a speeder's paradise. I'd like to see speed laws enforced."
- "People are driving VERY aggressively within city limits, running lights, etc. I'd call driving in Loveland a harrowing experience."
- "The increase in the amount of traffic and in numbers of drivers who, in my opinion, drive recklessly is a major concern."
- "Just driving across town is dangerous business. I would like to see an increased presence of the police department, especially on the busier streets."

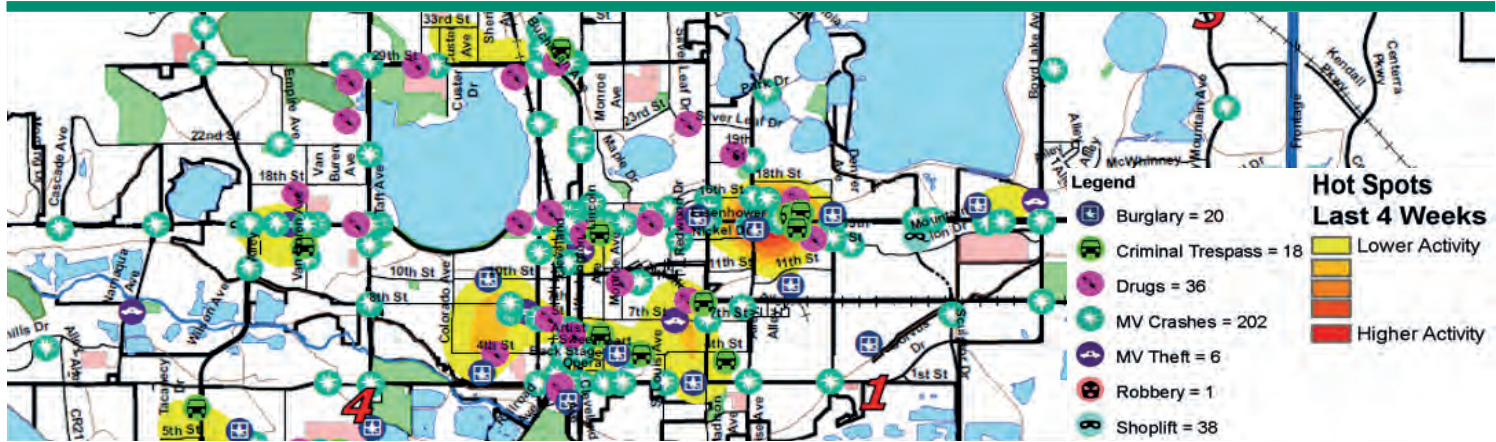
Those comments represent just a few tips of an iceberg that Loveland Police Chief Bob Ticer is well-

acquainted with, and he wants to let those who took the time to write know that their opinions matter.

"We are responding to the community," Ticer said. "They are demanding traffic enforcement. They're saying please cut down the speeding. Do something about the reckless driving. We're hearing that, and we are responding."

Evidence that backs up what the chief says fills LPD's monthly statistical reports. LPD's patrol officers are writing more tickets than ever, taking more alcohol- and drug-impaired drivers off the streets and, just by virtue of their more frequent contacts with the community, cutting into crime unrelated to traffic.

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The center section of a larger Loveland Police map showing crime-and-crash hot spots for four weeks in September depicts a string of motor vehicle accidents along East Eisenhower Boulevard.

From 2016, the year Ticer arrived in Loveland, to 2017 the number of officer-initiated traffic stops on Loveland streets rose 43 percent, from about 12,000 to slightly more than 17,000. And that's just the most obvious measure of how busy Loveland patrol officers have been recently.

Other indicators are more subtle, such as the count that links stepped-up traffic enforcement to a reduction in the number of crashes on city streets.

While crashes are slightly less frequent, dropping 4.4 percent last year, the fact that the number has dropped at all is significant, Ticer said.

"This marks the first time since 2014 that we've had a decline in crashes," Ticer said, adding that the dip comes even as the number of vehicles on city streets continues to rise sharply.

Loveland has added about 25,000 new residents in the 18 years since 2000, an increase of nearly half, while the city's transportation network has changed little.

Distracted drivers

What has changed in the city's driving environment is the level of distraction that officers see in drivers on a daily basis. Safety and mobility are both compromised when motorists are paying more attention to their phones than to their driving, Ticer said.

"That is something we're focusing on more and more," he said. "Our traffic officers are out

there, and when they see someone who is speeding, 10 miles over, and looking at their phone, they're going to be cited."

While LPD policies are targeting distracted drivers, they also turn their emphasis toward a traffic peril that can be even more dangerous. Aggressive enforcement of laws governing driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs also shows up in the year-over-year statistics.

The number of DUI and DUID (drug) arrests in Loveland climbed by 35 percent, with 490 arrests in 2017 compared to 364 the year prior.

"You're going to see that even more this year," Ticer said. "We're going to be up around 500."

The payoff for increased DUI enforcement comes with a reduction in the number of DUI accidents – always a trigger issue for residents of any community. The current-year trend would yield a 12 percent cut in DUI-related crashes compared to 2017.

Data-driven approach

The number-crunching that LPD has been heavily engaged in for the past couple of years is part of Ticer's emphasis on a crime-and-crash strategy called DDACTS – for Data-Driven Approach to Crime and Traffic Safety.

The system is a nationwide "best practice" that the U.S. Department of Justice encourages local law enforcement agencies to adopt. By counting, and mapping, incidents of

crime and crashes, police agencies can steer their resources to areas most in need.

The link is a reason that stepped-up traffic enforcement in Loveland also offers the benefit of reducing other crimes.

"We're coming into contact with more people involved in crime, just through the number of contacts we make," Ticer said. "Officers are making plenty of arrests out there on traffic-related stops."

Sense and civility

The practice of making LPD patrol officers more active in traffic enforcement, and more willing to confront offending motorists, does not mean that the department operates without common sense and civility.

Not every officer-initiated traffic stop results in a citation. In fact, only about half of them do.

"I want our officers to act on what they think will change driver behavior," Ticer said. "Will it be a citation or a warning? That's a call I want them to be able to make."

Of the approximately 17,000 traffic stops that Loveland Police made in 2017, slightly more than 9,000 – or about 53 percent – resulted in misdemeanor citations.

"We try to be human out there," Ticer said. "We talk to people, and we get positive comments."

I got a thank-you from a woman who had gotten a \$160 speeding ticket, just because of the way it was handled. She told me, 'Your officer was so nice about it.'

Loveland Public Library showcases N. Colorado area authors and ... the dead

Local Authors Showcase



To honor and recognize northern Colorado's many talented authors, and continue its strong advocacy for literacy and lifelong learning, the Loveland Public Library will hold its Fourth Annual Local Authors Showcase, Saturday, Nov. 10, at the library, 300 N. Adams Ave.

New and established area authors, small business owners, publishing companies, e-book authors, local writers groups, avid readers and book enthusiasts are invited to gather, network, hone their skills and sell their wares.

The morning workshops are for registered authors. Attendees will be able to participate in a number of expert panel presentations, make connections and network with

those in the publishing industry.

At 1:30 p.m. the event moves to the library's Galleria where it will open to the public.

This will be an opportunity for book lovers to personally meet and chat with 50 area authors who will be promoting their publications. Everyone is invited to come browse, discuss, shop and leave with a new book, personally signed by a talented NoCo author.

For more information go to www.lovelandpubliclibrary.org, email kathryn.jordan@cityofloveland.org or call 962-2594.

Día de los Muertos



The library once again invites Loveland residents to honor the dead at the Fourth Annual Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) celebration.

This historic, annual holiday is celebrated throughout Mexico and is borne out of a combination of Aztec and Catholic rituals.

Loveland's event kicks off on Thursday, Nov. 1 at the Loveland Museum with a presentation by Angel Vigil and his *Gifts of Our Ancestors*. Then at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, the Manabi Salsa Band will perform at the Rialto's Devereaux Room.

The festivities continue at the library at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4, with a talk about the meaning behind the festival with AIM's Dr. Mario Gonzales. That will be followed by performances by Mariachi singers, traditional Aztec dancers, and fun family activities including sugar skull decorating and face painting, plus a sampling of some traditional Mexican foods will be provided. A short film, *La Fuerza Interna*, by José Chalit, will wrap up the afternoon celebration.

For a full listing of events, activities and locations, go to www.lovelandpubliclibrary.org/dia.



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They show up at your doorstep asking for personal information or payment. LWP employees will never come to your house asking for personal information or payment of any kind.

Also be aware that some scammers have the ability to make a LWP number appear on your caller ID. Don't let that fool you.

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In the very rare event that the power goes out, especially in cold weather, **do you know what to do to keep your family comfortable and safe?** As with any unforeseen event, advance planning can make a world of difference in your safety and comfort, no matter how long the outage.

PREPARE FOR A POWER OUTAGE



OH NO, THE POWER IS OUT! WHAT NOW? STEPS TO PROPERLY REPORT A POWER OUTAGE

- Step 1:** Check to see if others are without power. If you are the only one without electricity, check your circuit breaker panel or fuse box.
- Step 2:** If others are without power, call Loveland Water and Power. We recommend that you post the number near your electrical panel.
- Step 3:** Once you have reported an outage, know that crews are working on restoring power. An occasional glitch could mean lights out for 30 seconds, three minutes, three hours or more.

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TO REPORT A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY DIAL 911

WHAT TO HAVE ON HAND...



LIGHT SOURCES
Several working flashlights and extra batteries (flashlights are much safer than candles and can even be handled by young children). Battery powered lanterns with extra batteries are useful.



COMMUNICATION
A battery-operated radio and a battery powered cell phone charger. If you have a land line remember cordless phones are useless during a power outages.



EMERGENCY FOOD
Foods that do not require cooking such as canned goods, cereals, crackers, cookies, shelf-safe milk (make sure you have a manual can opener) and bottled water for a variety of needs.



MEDICAL CONDITIONS
If you depend on electricity to power life support equipment, an outage can present a hardship. Consider buying a generator or make arrangements in advance to get to a facility that has backup generation. If you use oxygen, have full spare tanks or portable units with batteries.

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A PROLONGED OUTAGE...

01 STAY WARM
Dress the family in warm clothing when temperatures are cold.

02 MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
Make sure you have contingency plans for family members who rely on electric medical devices.

03 BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR
Check in on elderly neighbors to make sure they have what they need and are staying warm.

04 PROTECT THE PIPES
For a prolonged outage, if the temperature in the house is dropping, run a trickle of water from faucets to keep pipes from freezing.

POWER OUTAGE DO'S

- Turn off appliances that were running before the outage. This protects the motor and makes it easier for restoration.
- Unplug your major appliances and electronics such as computers, TVs and stereos to protect them from a power surge that could occur when power is restored.
- Turn off the AC during hot weather.
- Be aware that a fireplace may pull more warm air than it gives out.

POWER OUTAGE DONT'S

- Do not open your refrigerator or freezer door (perishable food will usually be OK for hours if the cold air stays trapped)
- Do not use kerosene heaters or BBQ's of any kind in the house or garage as they can generate carbon monoxide gas and cause illness
- Do not go near downed power lines. If you see one, **DO CALL 911**