



Crimes, crashes decline as LPD makes gains



LOVELAND POLICE SGT. Mike Halloran, left, and Officer Jeff Mayers take a break from patrol on Fifth Street in downtown Loveland, located in a zone that crime- and-crash data make a focal point for the department's enforcement work. A third motorcycle patrol officer is not pictured.

Data-driven strategy, two years in place, shows it is working

Loveland Police Chief Bob Ticer got an apology from a patrol officer a few weeks ago that he said made him smile.

The officer, whose preferred patrol vehicle is one of the Loveland Police Department's eight new Harley-Davidson motorcycles, had been racking up monthly traffic citation records for the better part of a year.

"He said, 'Chief, I'm sorry, but I'm way down this month. I'm off by a lot,'" Ticer recounted. "I told him that was great news. It means that what we're doing works."

The Data-Driven Approach to

Crime and Traffic Safety – DDACTS, for short – has been written and talked about plenty since Ticer launched the program in June 2017. The local media have been tracking its results, and "City Update" has featured articles that do the same.

But an annual report this year justifies another look at the ways DDACTS is making Loveland a safer community – job No. 1 for Ticer and his department.

More people, less crime

First, the bottom line: Serious crimes, the offense categories reported to the U.S. Justice Department for national comparisons, were down 12.5 percent in 2018 compared to the prior year. A year-over-year crime rate decline of that magnitude is a rarity – especially in a fast-growing city such as

Loveland.

Second, traffic crashes are also down. With rising traffic volumes, frequent construction and distractions such as cell phone use driving crash rates higher almost everywhere, Loveland recorded a 2 percent decrease.

The relationship between those two statistics – crime down, crashes down – is what DDACTS is all about. If police are out on the streets, visible and active in sectors where traffic crashes and crime reports are most frequent, both are likely to decline.

While that seems like the proverbial "no-brainer," it is a result that eludes police departments in other cities. Chief Ticer cites reports that show crime rates rising – not falling – in Colorado cities where DDACTS principles are not applied.

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“I don’t know why they’re not doing this,” he said. “It’s a choice. All I know is that we are, and it is working.”

At a recent Loveland City Council meeting, DDACTS results showed up during a presentation by Loveland Municipal Court Judge Geri Joneson.

Joneson’s visuals included a chart showing a steep increase in adult traffic citations referred to her court since 2016. Comparisons of the fourth quarter of each year indicated that the 2,132 tickets written to adult drivers in 2018 was 2 ½ times higher than the 866 for the same period two years earlier.

“That’s just that concerted effort of our law enforcement officers, with Chief Ticer tasking our Traffic Division and its patrol officers to write those tickets,” Joneson told City Council members.

Councilors put the brakes on Joneson’s presentation long enough for a more thorough discussion of LPD’s focus on enforcement, with Assistant Police Chief Tim Brown joining the judge to answer questions.

The Council conversation included more numbers showing that the number of citations Joneson highlighted represented just a fraction of the total number of traffic stops by LPD officers, the majority of which result in warnings rather than citations.

High-visibility work

“Our efforts are on high-visibility enforcement,” Brown told councilors. “Even though being contacted by officers, you still have a two out of three chance of being let go with some form of a warning as opposed to an actual citation.”



A RECENT DOWNTOWN Loveland stop by LPD Traffic Division Officer Katelen Croner was one of many thousands that Loveland Police will make this year, likely topping the 20,000-plus recorded in 2018.

DDACTS principles mean that the community safety score is not kept so much by the number of infractions cited as by the number of contacts made, and the visibility of police presence in geographic zones that the data say should be priorities, “where we can have the most impact with our resources,” Brown said.

Ward 2 City Council member Don Overcash said he bought the logic of visibility and presence having as great a role as enforcement in enhancing traffic safety.

“It’s not an effort to just increase tickets, but it’s an effort to improve safety within the community,” Overcash said. “They’re not about writing tickets. They’re about slowing people down.”

55-plus stops daily

In a written report summarizing some of the DDACTS results, Brown put numbers to his City Council

remarks. In 2018, LPD officers made 20,282 traffic stops. That means, on average, that red-and-blue lights were flashing on Loveland streets in more than 55 locations every day

When Ticer arrived to take the helm at LPD nearly three years ago, he said the DDACTS principles that call for greater traffic enforcement would bring the benefit of reducing overall crime – a result illustrated by the 12.5 percent dip highlighted above.

Brown tied traffic enforcement and crime reduction together in his report, citing community involvement as the knot that held it fast.

“With the cooperative efforts of our citizens reporting, our officers being more visible and available and focused on some of our higher crime areas, our city is significantly safer,” Brown wrote. “This is a unique circumstance when contrasted with most of the rest of the country.”

April is Fair Housing Month
 To discuss a fair housing complaint or possible housing discrimination, call the City’s Community Partnership Office at 962-2517.

Yard waste collection resumes week of April 1

A 95-gallon cart is provided for weekly collection of yard debris from April through November for \$8 per month.

The following can be placed in the green yard debris cart:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Flowers
- Garden trimmings
- Twigs, less than 1-inch diameter (must fit into cart)
- Sod (with restrictions)
- Shredded paper (with specifications)

Please do not include:

- Dirt
 - Pet Waste
 - Plastic bags
 - Trash, rocks or metal
 - Ashes (hot or cold)
 - Oversized logs, stumps or lumber
- To order a cart, call 962-2529, and for more information go to www.cityofloveland.org/solidwaste.



YARD DEBRIS CART
Service begins in April.

Loveland YAC members recognized at national conference for love of City

When two Loveland high school students decided to enter a video contest highlighting what they love about their City, they enthusiastically took up the challenge.

Annalina Scalise and Shannon Tyler, both sophomores at Loveland High School, answered the call to describe, on video, what they love about their home town. The result is a lively and colorful video showing the students in different parts of the city and featuring Loveland's art, nature, history and people. "I love the community spirit and the love I see in Loveland," said Scalise.

They presented their video,

"L-O-V-E land" at the annual National League of Cities (NLC) conference that took place in Washington D.C. in March.

Both girls were attendees



SCALISE (left) AND TYLER proudly hold up their award certificates for their video, L-O-V-E land.

at the conference through their membership on the Loveland Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) – a group of high school students who meet monthly to discuss topics of interest and importance to area youth, such as teen and drug alcohol use prevention, mental health, climate change, school safety and use of mass transit.

Their video, viewable on YouTube, <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=93ZZ2DRF6D8>, was right in step with NLC's 2019 theme – "Love My City."

Scalise and Tyler were recognized for their video, along with two other winners, in front of more than 2000 conference attendees.

Terabytes of info, guest authors and much more on tap this spring at the LPL

The library has lots in store for library patrons this spring. First up, veteran hiker and author Pete KJ will present *Prepping to Hike the Front Range* on May 15, where he'll share his tips on where to go and how to prepare. KJ will also discuss the history, geology, flora and fauna of each hike. Discover hikes for each season, get trail ratings, detailed driving instructions, plus recommendations for the best hikes for dogs, kids and teens.

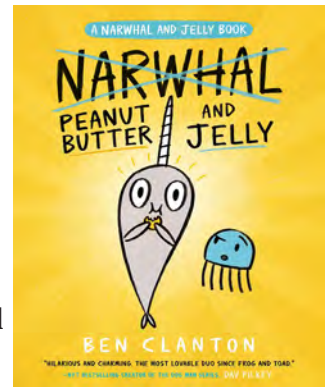
The library has added several new on-line resources, which can be accessed through the library's website, lovelandpubliclibrary.org.

Patrons can now stream *Acorn TV*, *Great Courses* and the newest offering – *Pongalo* – the largest Latino-focused destination on the Web that contains popular and beloved telenovelas and TV series – all in Spanish, on-demand and online.

Patrons are also invited to explore the library's newly expanded selection of audio books with RB Digital Audio Books – 14,000 titles and no waiting or daily limits. *Creativebug* provides unlimited access to over 1000 online art and craft classes. The *New York Times* online and the

popular *Consumer Reports* can also now be accessed online with just a library card.

And for some on-site fun, bring the whole family to meet Ben Clanton, author and illustrator of the



popular Narwhal and Jelly books at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.

With spring come code issues such as weeds, lawns and property maintenance

Noxious weeds such as Myrtle Spurge and Canada Thistle, emerge early and spread quickly.

Property owners are responsible for the removal of these and other noxious weeds, and removing them before they get a foothold in landscapes provides for better long-term results.

For a complete list of noxious weeds go to www.colorado.gov/ag/weeds and click on Noxious Weed Species I.D. For information on specific mitigation techniques,

click on the name of the plant and open the fact sheet.



REMOVAL OF CANADA Thistle, a noxious weed, is the responsibility of property owners.

Lawns must also be controlled in order to comply with City Code. Grass (and weeds, if present) must be at a maximum height of 8 inches.

In addition, property owners are responsible for removing all debris from their properties.

For questions about lawns, weeds, property maintenance or other code issues and requirements, contact the City's Code Administration Office:

- Code Enforcement: 962-2506
- Weed Enforcement: 962-2792.

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Renewable energy is derived from natural sources like solar, wind, geothermal, biomass generation or small hydroelectric systems.

Loveland receives some renewable energy from wind turbines. Loveland Water and Power purchases this clean energy from Platte River Power Authority, Loveland's wholesale energy provider, for the City's GreenSwitch program.

GreenSwitch empowers Loveland customers to purchase electricity generated from clean, renewable sources in 100 kilowatt-hours blocks for \$2.80 each. Residents, small businesses or large corporations can make the switch to clean, renewable energy by investing in GreenSwitch.

The 2018 and 2019 product content labels list the content mixes for Loveland's renewable electricity last year and the prospective content mix for this year.

To join GreenSwitch go to cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch or call 970-962-2111.



PRODUCT CONTENT LABEL¹

GreenSwitch is sold in blocks of 100 kilowatt-hours (kWh). This table provides the renewable resource mix in GreenSwitch in 2018 as well as the projected resource mix in 2019.

GREEN-E ENERGY ELIGIBLE NEW² RENEWABLES IN GREENSWITCH

	2018 - Historic		2019 - Prospective	
	%	Generation Location	%	Generation Location
Wind	100%	Colorado	100%	Colorado

1. Prospective 2019 figures reflect the renewables that we have contracted to provide. Actual figures may vary according to resource availability. We will annually report to you before August 1 of next year in the form of a Historic Product Content Label the actual resource mix of the electricity you purchased. Historic 2018 figures reflect the power delivered to GreenSwitch customers in 2018.
2. New Renewables come from generation facilities that first began commercial operation within the past 15 years.

For comparison, the current average mix of resources supplying Loveland Non-Renewable Subscribers includes: Coal (60.9%), Natural Gas (0.7%), Hydroelectric (18.8%), Renewables (9.8%), and Other (9.8%)*. This resource mix was provided to Loveland by Platte River Power Authority for the year 2018.

The average home in the United States uses 867 kWh per month. [Source: U.S. EIA, 2017]

For specific information about this electricity product, please contact Loveland Water and Power, 970-962-3000, cityofloveland.org/GreenSwitch.

*Other refers to unspecified purchases.



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HONORING THE LOVELAND LINEMAN LEGACY

Loveland Water and Power (LWP) merged the principles of art and engineering with a custom-built power structure overlooking Loveland's scenic downtown on the corner of Fourth Street and Railroad. Strong welding and engineering allows the structure to support a three-hundred pound, 400amp electrical panel originally requested by the Loveland Chamber of Commerce to provide a power source downtown for local events. The installation stands upon repurposed steel poles originally

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installed in the 1920s to power the Big Thompson Canyon area. The antique poles, weighing nearly 1000 pounds each, were the backbone of the original Loveland electrical system. This practical monument pays homage to the LWP lineman crew, who labored for more than two years in the Big Thompson Canyon area to replace nearly 20 miles of damaged electrical wiring and steel poles with modern electrical infrastructure. The rebuild required transporting materials by helicopter and on foot due up steep terrain in the Big Thompson Canyon.

Constructed from steel poles that supported Loveland's first electric system in the 1920s, this structure now provides power for our community events.

Title: "Legacy," Stainless Steel
Artist: Mark Leichliter, Designer: Jill Hood
Electric Panel Designer: Matt Sadar
Commissioned by the City of Loveland Art in Public Places Program, 2018.

Learn more about this project and see our latest video honoring lineman at cityofloveland.org/circuit911



Drinking Water Week | May 5-11, 2019

DRINKING WATER WEEK IS NOT JUST ABOUT STAYING HYDRATED...

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Water plays a vital role in all of our lives. Challenge yourself to learn about where your water comes from and what you can do to preserve it. Protecting water now ensures we have a sustainable drinking water supply for our future.

GET INVOLVED IN DRINKING WATER WEEK THIS YEAR BY:

- Learning about the quality and sources of your drinking water. Watch short videos about water sources and read about LWP's frequent water quality testing at cityofloveland.org/WaterQuality
- Consider a water-efficient garden kit (Garden in a Box), a sprinkler inspection, or water-efficient appliances. Learn more at cityofloveland.org/Saves
- Check out how you can conserve water with simple tips! DrinkTap.org/Water-Info/Water-Conservation
- Follow LWP on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube to get the latest updates on Loveland water!

2019 Fire Hydrant Flushing Schedule



Hydrant flushing keeps the interior of pipes clean, maintains excellent water quality, and ensures hydrants are operating properly. Flushing can cause brief water discoloration. Although it is not recommended to use for laundry due to possible staining of clothes, LWP water still meets or exceeds all state and federal standards of the Safe Drinking Water Act. **QUESTIONS? 970-962-3720**

Flushing will start on the west side of Loveland and work eastward.

April 15-21 Northwest section
North of Hwy. 34 and West of Colorado Ave.

April 29-May 5 Northeast section
North of Hwy. 34 and East of Colorado Avenue

April 22-28 Southwest section
South of Hwy.34 and West of Colorado Avenue

May 6-12 Southeast section
South of Hwy. 34 and east of Colorado Avenue

May 13-20 East section
Denver Avenue east to Centerra