



**Loveland Police Department**

**2018 Public Safety Survey**

**Results Analysis & Presentation**



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# Introduction

## Purpose

The primary purpose for conducting the 2018 Loveland Police Department Public Safety Survey was to determine the perceptions of crime and personal safety of Loveland's citizens as they go about living and working in Loveland. As a department, we are committed to the community policing philosophy. The department's on-going mission is to provide an enhanced level of safety in our city, protect the rights guaranteed to all people by the constitution, and improve the quality of life of each person. It is therefore important that we make efforts to understand what people's perceptions are of their personal safety and crime, as well as what influences those perceptions.

*"Many would argue that the local government is as obligated to deal with the fear of crime as it is to deal with the actual incident; that it is important, whatever the basis for existing fears, that citizens feel secure in their home and on their streets."<sup>1</sup>*

We also wanted to learn what methods citizens use themselves to improve their sense of safety at home. In addition, we wanted to assess community opinions and desires regarding possible methods for improving public safety which they would like to see implemented by the Loveland Police Department in the future.

Improving the community's perception of public safety involves implementing and monitoring proactive policing strategies as well as maintaining an acceptable level of police visibility to promote public confidence. We work to protect those in harm's way, assist in the safe and free movement of people and traffic within the community, identify community problems and intervene as problem solvers using available resources. These and many other policing activities support our goals of education, improving traffic safety, reducing crime as well as the fear of crime in the community, and assuring the public safety of Loveland's citizens.

Surveys of citizen perceptions of public safety should serve to inform the public as well as the City Council and police administrators who make management decisions regarding priorities, budgets, staffing and general or operational planning. Information obtained from this survey may be used to help identify trends and gauge progress toward meeting the public safety needs of the community.

## Methodology

The Loveland Police Department 2018 Public Safety Survey utilized an online survey format. Using the Peak Democracy platform, marketing efforts were made using a variety of platforms to include: Open City Hall, Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter, and Constant Contact as well as an article in the Reporter-Herald. These platforms targeted city of Loveland residents. The estimated combined reach of these efforts was at least approximately 39,000 citizens. The survey was open for response from June 1st to June 30th, 2018.

The goal for the survey was to obtain enough responses to support a 95% confidence level with a  $\pm 5\%$  error window for statistical accuracy. Based on Loveland's estimated 2018 population of 77,262<sup>2</sup>, to meet this standard the survey needed to be "sent" to at least 3820 people (assuming a 10% response rate) and a minimum of 382 survey responses were needed. Given the reach of the marketing effort mentioned above, the 3820 amount was more than adequately met. Statistical formulas/survey tools<sup>3</sup> were used to calculate these numbers.

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<sup>1</sup> Goldstein, H. Policing A Free Society, Cambridge, MA: Ballinger Publishing Co, 1977.

<sup>2</sup> Population figures from City of Loveland Community and Strategic Planning Data Assumptions Report. Revised August 2018.  
<http://www.cityofloveland.org/home/showdocument?id=44674>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.custominsight.com/articles/random-sample-calculator.asp>

The number of valid responses recorded for the survey totaled 651. This surpassed the 382 minimum needed. Responses were compiled for analysis with no attempt made to identify respondents from the responses made on the surveys. The identity of those Loveland citizens who may have chosen to make themselves known will remain anonymous.

These results are statistically reliable within a 5% confidence interval at the 95% confidence level. What this means is, if this survey was repeated 100 times, that 95 times out of 100, the subsequent results would be within  $\pm 5\%$  of the initial survey results.

Another way to look at this is as follows: If 62% of the survey respondents "feel safe in their neighborhood", then 95 out of every 100 times one would expect the percentage of the entire population that "feel safe in their neighborhood" will fall between 57% and 67% ( $62\% \pm 5\%$ ).

### **Comparisons to 2015 survey**

Some results from this survey will be compared to the results from the 2015 survey. It should be noted that the 2015 survey was statistically valid at a 95% confidence level with a  $\pm 5\%$  confidence interval (error rate). In addition, the methodology for the 2015 survey was done via a random sampling from the Loveland utility billing database and was mailed out to 2,587 households versus being done online.

The information obtained from this survey may help evaluate citizen concerns and assist the Loveland Police Department in development of specific strategies for particular patrol districts in the City. The survey items/questions (dependent variables) considered in the analysis included:

1. Respondent's levels of concern about the occurrence of specific criminal activities in their neighborhood
2. Perceived personal safety in respondent's neighborhood and while using public transportation, bicycling on City streets or using the City's hike and bike paths
3. Respondent's general fear about crime in Loveland and how their level of fear may have changed during the past 12 months
4. Relative importance of various methods for improving public safety in the community.

### **Acknowledgements**

Being that this was the first time the Police Department Public Safety Survey was conducted using an online platform to gather citizen input, it represented a big change from previous surveys which were mailed out and survey takers had to mail back their response to us for subsequent data entry. Fortunately, I had amazing assistance from Lisa Schwartz from the City of Loveland PIO office. Her efforts in helping get this survey online with the Peak Democracy platform and marketed to the citizens were invaluable and immensely appreciated.

Most importantly, on behalf of the Loveland Police Department, I want to thank the citizens of Loveland who took the time to complete the survey and offer their thoughts, concerns, and ratings for analysis. All citizen responses and comments were noted and will be considered thoughtfully and carefully.

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## Executive summary

Significant findings of this survey include:

- Feelings of safety and security in their neighborhood have decreased since the 2015 survey. For 2018, 78.5% of respondents feel safe and secure in their neighborhood as compared to 91.8% in 2015, 92.8% in 2012, 92.1% in 2009.
- Respondents' fear of crime has also increased since the last survey as evidenced by the results in questions #10, #15, and #16. 47.4% indicated their fear of crime has increased over the last 12 months as compared to 38.2% who indicated that in the 2015 survey. 50.4% indicated their fear of crime stayed the same; this is down from 60.9% in 2015 and previous surveys (78.6% in 2012, 72.9% in 2009).
- Road rage at 58.1% (up from 41.2% in 2015) replaced identity theft as the number one criminal activity respondents had the most concern about with identity theft next at 48.3%. Although identity theft was the second highest, it was down significantly from 61.3% in the 2015 survey. The level of concern was up in all areas except identity theft and being a victim of computer crime (see pages 13-16).
- 36.3% of respondents were moderately to very concerned about illegal drugs being ***sold or used*** near their home and 36.1% indicated they were moderately to very concerned about illegal drugs being ***manufactured*** near their home. Both of these are up since the 2015 survey (26.2% and 28.6% respectively).
- 76.3% of respondents showed some level of concern about the safety of children at schools which is up significantly from 63.4% in 2015.
- 77.3% showed concern about safety in city parks which is up from 69.7% in 2015.
- 91.2% of respondents felt that budgeting, planning, training and preparing the Police Department for an active/mass shooter situation was moderately to very important which is up from 87.1% in 2015.
- Speeding cars and barking dogs again ranked the top two crimes/concerns in perceived frequency of occurrence for the seventh survey in a row. The top five were the same as the 2015 survey (see page 20).
- According to respondents, 50.8% believe that criminal gang activity never occurs in their neighborhood as compared to 60.9% in the 2015 survey. This appears to show that respondents experience or perceive gang activity is happening more than they indicated in previous surveys.
- The Top 5 ranked methods for improving public safety in the community included:
  - Police visibility
  - Better enforcement of drunk/drugged driving laws
  - Additional school resource officers in the schools
  - Police officer and staff training
  - Ability to share data/information with other law enforcement agencies

- Surprisingly few respondents use simple and inexpensive methods for improving their personal safety. Only 39.6% place dowels/rods in their patio door or window tracks. Only 30.9% utilize exterior motion lighting. 11.1% do not have dead bolt door locks.
- 49.8% of respondents have weapons for self-defense as compared to 45.4% in 2015, 39.1% in 2012, and 43.1% in 2009. This shows an increasing trend.
- 49.9% indicated they do **not** avoid any areas of Loveland during either the day or night. This is down significantly from 67.8% of respondents indicated as such in the 2015 survey and 74.0% in 2012, and 71.2% in 2009.
- This survey showed a significant increase in respondent support of red light/speed camera enforcement as an effective tool for improving public safety
- The most frequently mentioned concerns in the comments were traffic (road rage, bad driving behavior, speeding, and need for signals or infrastructure changes desired) and issues related to transients/homeless/vagrancy.

# Compilation of Survey Findings

Note: For categories displaying percentages, total percentages may not add up to 100% as not all who took the survey answered every question.

## 1. Demographics of the Survey Respondents

### Years Lived in Loveland

2018 Respondents that answered: **N = 651 (out of 651)**

Average (mean): **19.2 years**    Median: **16 years**    Mode: **10 years**    Range: **less than 1 year to 81 Years**

40.7% have lived in Loveland for more than 20 years and **69.6%** have lived in Loveland for 10 years or longer.

	<b>2018 survey</b>	<b>2015 survey</b>	<b>2012 survey</b>	<b>2009 survey</b>
50 years & above	<b>2.9% (n= 19)</b>	8.0% (n= 50)	5.4% (n= 21)	9.0% (n= 45)
20 to 49 years	<b>37.8% (n=246)</b>	48.5% (n=302)	32.4% (n=127)	43.0% (n=216)
10 to 19 years	<b>28.9% (n=188)</b>	21.0% (n=131)	22.1% (n= 87)	21.5% (n=108)
Less than 10 years	<b>30.4% (n=198)</b>	22.5% (n=140)	40.1% (n=157)	26.5% (n=133)

### Age Groups of Survey Respondents

2018 Respondents that answered: **N = 650 (out of 651)**

Respondents were assigned to one of seven age range groups (see the Demographic Data graph) for determination of age effects on survey responses. The 60-69 age group had the largest percentage at **28.6%**.

18 and under	<b>0.5% (n=3)</b>	0.2% (n=1)	0.0% (n=0)	0.0% (n=0)
19 – 30 years old	<b>8.4% (n=55)</b>	5.6% (n=35)	7.2% (n=29)	6.7% (n=34)
31 – 42 years old	<b>25.0% (n=163)</b>	11.7% (n=73)	13.4% (n=54)	12.5% (n=63)
43 – 54 years old	<b>21.8% (n=142)</b>	17.4% (n=108)	19.2% (n=77)	19.2% (n=97)
55 – 66 years old	<b>25.2% (n=164)</b>	28.1% (n=175)	25.4% (n=102)	29.4% (n=149)
67 years or older*			34.8% (n=140)	32.2% (n=163)
67 – 79 years old*	<b>17.1% (n=111)</b>	28.0% (n= 174)		
80 and above	<b>1.8% (n=12)</b>	9.0% (n= 56)		

\*Note: For 2015 the survey added an additional age group.

### Gender Demographics

2018 Respondents that answered: **N = 650 (out of 651)**

For 2018, Other was added as a response category for individuals who are gender non-binary. The percent of males and females who returned a completed survey was essentially the same as the 2012 survey.

Males	<b>31.8% (n=207)</b>	<b>40.2% (n=254)</b>	<b>42.0% (n=171)</b>	<b>43.7% (n=224)</b>
Females	<b>67.7% (n=441)</b>	<b>56.8% (n=359)</b>	<b>56.3% (n=229)</b>	<b>51.7% (n=264)</b>
Other	<b>0.2% (n=1)</b>			

### Respondents who currently have children between the ages of 5-18 who were attending schools in Loveland.

2018 Respondents that answered: **N = 636 (out of 651)**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>29.5% (n=192)</b>	14.6% (n=90)	19.2% (n=78)	15.3%(n= 77)
<b>No</b>	<b>68.2% (n=444)</b>	85.4% (n=528)	78.4% (n=319)	84.7% (n=427)

## Type of Housing

2018 Respondents that answered: N = 641 (out of 651)

	<b>2018 survey</b>	<b>2015 survey</b>	<b>2012 survey</b>	<b>2009 survey</b>
Single-family house	<b>83.7% (n=545)</b>	83.9% (n=521)	80.1% (n=322)	82.8% (n=419)
Mobile home	<b>0.6% (n=4)</b>	1.9% (n=12)	0.7% (n=3)	3.6% (n=18)
Duplex	<b>4.3% (n=28)</b>	6.3% (n=39)	5.2% (n=21)	5.7% (n=29)
Condo/townhouse	<b>4.9% (n=32)</b>	4.2% (n=26)	10.0% (n=40)	2.4% (n=12)
Apartment	<b>4.9% (n=32)</b>	3.7% (n=23)	4.0% (n=16)	5.5% (n=28)

## Type of Household:

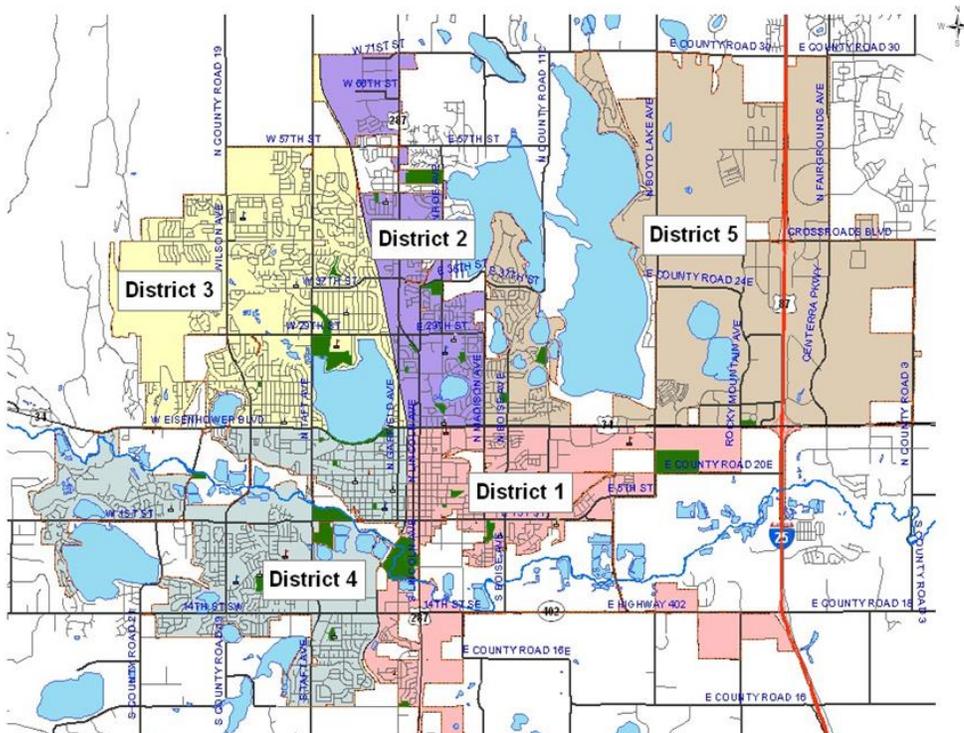
2018 Respondents that answered: N = 638 (out of 651)

Single adult <i>no children under age 18</i>	<b>12.7% (n=83)</b>	25.6% (n=158)	22.9% (n=92)	25.3% (n=128)
Two or more adults <i>no children under age 18</i>	<b>48.8% (n=318)</b>	54.5% (n=337)	53.7% (n=216)	50.7% (n=256)
Single adult with <i>children under age 18</i>	<b>4.5% (n=29)</b>	2.4% (n=15)	6.0% (n=24)	4.6% (n= 23)
Two or more adults with <i>children under age 18</i>	<b>32.0% (n=208)</b>	17.5% (n=108)	17.4% (n=70)	19.4% (n=98)

## District of Residency

2018 Respondents that answered: N = 650 (out of 651)

Patrol District 1 (Southeast)	<b>14.9% (n=97)</b>	10.4% (n=64)	15.3% (n=60)	17.3% (n=87)
Patrol District 2 (Northcentral)	<b>12.3% (n=80)</b>	17.5% (n=108)	14.8% (n=58)	20.7% (n=104)
Patrol District 3 (Northwest)	<b>34.4% (n=224)</b>	35.5% (n=219)	29.9% (n=117)	32.6% (n=164)
Patrol District 4 (Southwest)	<b>30.7% (n=200)</b>	30.9% (n=191)	29.2% (n=114)	23.7% (n=119)
Patrol District 5 (Northeast)	<b>5.1% (n=33)</b>	5.7% (n=35)	10.7% (n=42)	5.8% (n= 29)
Outside Loveland	<b>2.5% (n=16)</b>			



## Demographic Summary

69.6% of respondents have lived in Loveland for 10 years or more, down from the 77.5% in the 2015 survey.

44.1% of the respondents were 55 years-of-age or older compared to 65.1% in the 2015 survey, 60.2% in the 2012 survey and 61.6% in the 2009 survey. With the shift to an online survey format versus a paper mail format, the survey has engaged more citizens in the age brackets below 55.

31.8% of respondents were male, 67.7% were female, 0.2% listed other, and 0.3% did not indicate their gender. The number of female respondents has been above 50% and climbing each survey year since 2009.

Districts 3 and 4 had the highest response rates with 34.4% and 30.7% respectively, which is very similar to the 2015 survey. For 2018, the other districts were as follows: District 2 had (12.3%), District 1 (14.9%) and District 5 (5.1%).

61.5% of respondents had no children under the age of 18 residing in their home. This is a shift from the 2015 survey, where 80.1% of respondents had no children under the age of 18 residing in their home. 83.7% of respondents live in a single-family home, almost identical to the 2015 survey (83.9%).

## 2. Questions related to respondents perceptions of safety and security

### Question 8 – Safety & security in neighborhood

N = 644 A total of 78.5% of respondents indicated that they always or usually feel safe and secure in their Loveland neighborhood. This has shifted from previous surveys where the percentage has been above 90% and essentially unchanged (91.8% in 2015, 92.8% in 2012, and 92.1% in 2009). The primary reason for this shift is a larger percentage reporting they feel safe/secure only sometimes or usually feel unsafe and not secure than in previous surveys.

### Question 13 – Feeling safe when:

#### *Walking in own neighborhood during the day:*

N = 644 **95.5%** felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe. This is down slightly from 96.4% in the 2015 survey.

	Totals	
1 - Very safe	427	66.3%
2 - Fairly safe	188	29.2%
3 - Fairly unsafe	24	3.7%
4 - Very unsafe	5	0.8%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### *Walking in own neighborhood after dark:*

N = 638 **75.2%** felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe. This is down from 80.2% in the 2015 survey.

	Totals	
1 - Very safe	131	20.5%
2 - Fairly safe	349	54.7%
3 - Fairly unsafe	108	16.9%
4 - Very unsafe	50	7.8%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>100%</b>

Females (302, 68.5%) were less likely to feel safe walking in their own neighborhood after dark than males (176, 85.1%).

**Using parking areas in the area where you live:**

N = 611 89.2% felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe. This was down from 95.4% in the 2015 survey.

	Totals	
1 - Very safe	269	44.0%
2 - Fairly safe	276	45.2%
3 - Fairly unsafe	47	7.7%
4 - Very unsafe	19	3.1%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Crossing the street in the area where you live:**

N = 638 81.2% felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe.

	Totals	
1 - Very safe	294	46.1%
2 - Fairly safe	224	35.1%
3 - Fairly unsafe	65	10.2%
4 - Very unsafe	55	8.6%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Using public transportation:**

N = 312 Over half the respondents did not answer this question. This is likely due to them not using public transportation at all or enough to warrant a response. Of the 312 that did answer, 67.3% felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe (210 out of 312).

	Totals	
1 - Very safe	78	25.0%
2 - Fairly safe	132	42.3%
3 - Fairly unsafe	70	22.4%
4 - Very unsafe	32	10.3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Bicycling on City streets:**

N = 515 46.8% felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe. This is less than half and down significantly from 70.5% in the 2015 survey.

	Totals	
1 - Very safe	40	7.8%
2 - Fairly safe	201	39.0%
3 - Fairly unsafe	168	32.6%
4 - Very unsafe	106	20.6%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Using city's walking and biking paths:**

N = 604 **73.5%** felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe. This is down significantly from 90.5% in the 2015 survey.

	Totals	
1 - Very safe	145	24.0%
2 - Fairly safe	299	49.5%
3 - Fairly unsafe	110	18.2%
4 - Very unsafe	50	8.3%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 15 – Fearful about Crime in Loveland**

N = 645 **48.3%** felt very fearful or somewhat fearful about crime in Loveland. This is up from 37.3% who responded similarly in the 2015 survey.

	Totals	
1 - Very fearful	32	5.0%
2 - Somewhat fearful	279	43.3%
3 - Not very fearful	273	42.3%
4 - Not at all fearful	61	9.5%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 16 – Level of Fear of Crime in Loveland, last 12 months**

N = 639 47.4% of respondents indicated an increase in their level of fear of crime (this is up from 38.3% in the 2015 survey). 2.2% of respondents indicated their level of fear decreased and 50.4% indicated it had stayed the same.

	Totals	
1 - Increased	303	47.4%
2 - Decreased	14	2.2%
3 - Stayed the same	322	50.4%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 16 - by district**

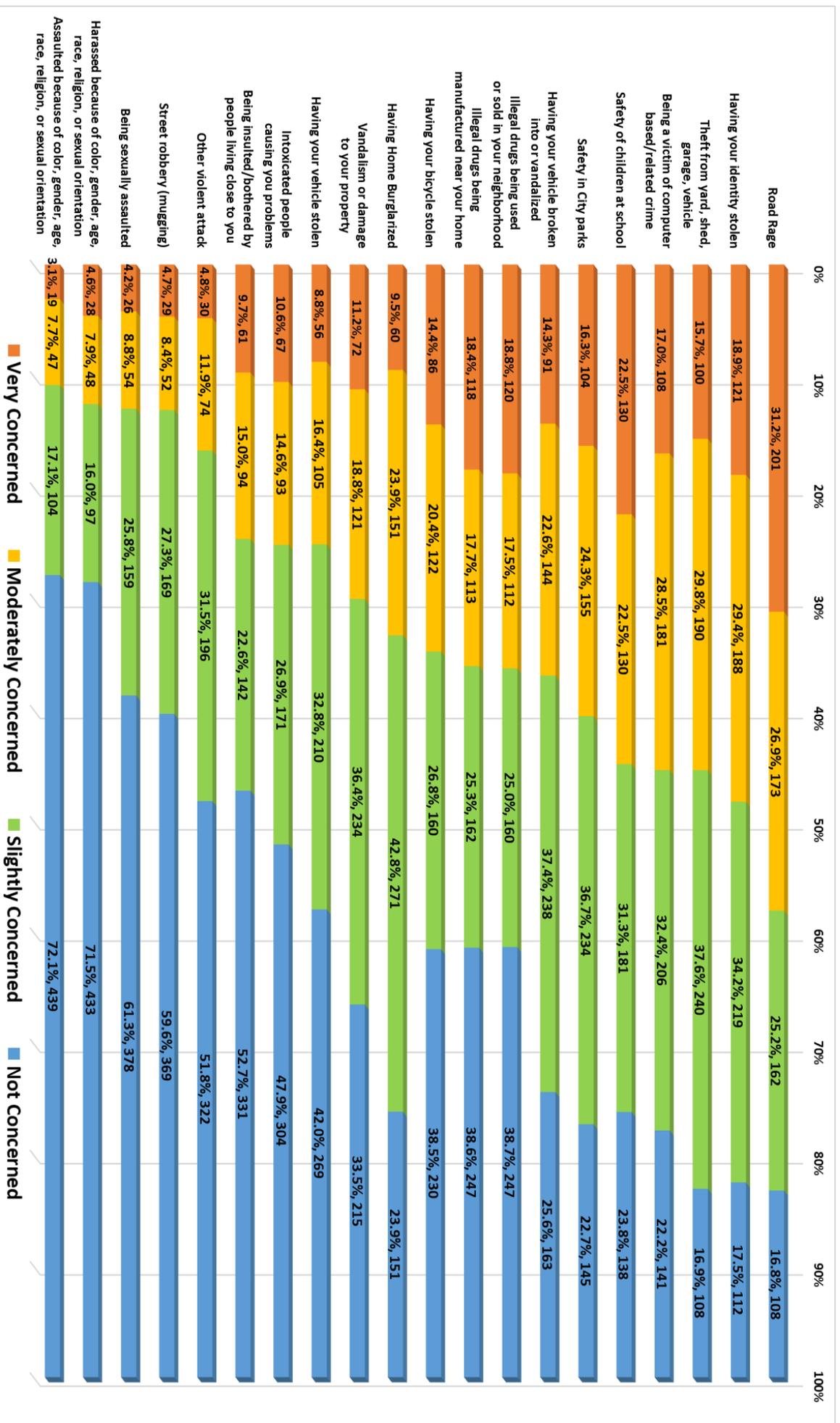
	District 1		District 2		District 3		District 4		District 5		Totals	
1 - Increased	54	56.8%	39	50.0%	98	44.3%	90	45.9%	16	48.5%	297	47.7%
2 - Decreased	4	4.2%	1	1.3%	4	1.8%	4	2.0%	0	0.0%	13	2.1%
3 - Stayed the same	37	38.9%	38	48.7%	119	53.8%	102	52.0%	17	51.5%	313	50.2%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 16 - by Gender**

	Male		Female		Other		Totals	
1 - Increased	76	36.9%	226	52.6%	1	100.0%	303	47.6%
2 - Decreased	9	4.4%	5	1.2%	0	0.0%	14	2.2%
3 - Stayed the	121	58.7%	199	46.3%	0	0.0%	320	50.2%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Question 10 - Level of concern of various criminal activities possibly happening in neighborhood**

The chart on the following page summarizes the level of concern that respondents reported about various criminal activities possibly happening in their neighborhood or to them in Loveland.



A heightened level of concern about the possible occurrence of a crime likely helps to reduce actual occurrence of the crime due to citizen implementation of procedures or behaviors that prevent or reduce the likelihood of criminal activity. Examples include avoiding certain places at night, installing home security devices, and protecting their personal identity.

Likewise, lack of implementation of safety procedures or behavior that would prevent or reduce the likelihood of crime can increase the chances of actual occurrence. Examples include leaving garage doors open overnight or for long amounts of time during the day, not locking vehicles parked outside a residence (even more likely when valuables are left in plain sight inside unlocked vehicles) or not utilizing basic home security measures/devices.

## **Question 10 – Concern about possible occurrence of various crimes/activities (continued...)**

### ***Road Rage***

N = 644

Road rage was the top concern for survey respondents. 58.1% reported being moderately or very concerned about road rage. This is up from 41.2% in the 2015 survey. When broken down by district, respondents in District 5 showed the highest level at 63.6% (n=21) of respondents being moderately or very concerned, followed by District 1 respondents at 60.0% (n=57). The remaining districts in descending order are: District 3 (59.1%, n=130), District 4 (57.5%, n=115), and District 2 (53.8%, n=43).

### ***Identity theft***

N = 640

Identity theft was the second highest crime of concern for survey respondents. 48.3% of respondents were moderately or very concerned about identity theft. This is actually down from 61.3% in the 2015 survey. It is quite possible that the increase over the last several years in educational campaigns and information on identity theft protection as well as the rise in companies providing services to protect or prevent such happenings have helped the general populace to be more aware and take appropriate precautions to protect themselves and thus reduce their fear of this crime.

Respondents who were 55 and older showed higher levels of concern than those younger than 55. All three age groups from 55 and older indicated at 50% or greater that they were moderately or very concerned with being a victim of identity theft. The lowest rate of concern was the 19 to 30 age group, with just 29.6% indicating they were moderately or very concerned.

### ***Theft from shed, yard, garage, vehicle***

N = 638

45.5% of respondents indicated they were very concerned or moderately concerned. This is up from 34.3% in the 2015 survey. When broken down by district of residency and type of residence, both showed widely varying differences in reported levels of concern (very concerned and moderately concerned) regarding the possibility of theft from a shed, yard, garage, or vehicle. In descending order for each:

#### **District (N = 623)**

District 1	57.6% (53 of 92 respondents)
District 2	50.0% (39 of 78 respondents)
District 5	46.9% (15 of 32 respondents)
District 3	42.3% (94 of 222 respondents)
District 4	42.2% (84 of 199 respondents)

#### **Type of Residence (N = 629)**

Mobile Home	75.0% (3 of 4 respondents)
Duplex	50.0% (14 of 28 respondents)
Apartment	48.4% (15 of 31 respondents)
Single Family Home	45.0% (241 of 535 respondents)
Condo/Townhouse	29.0% (9 of 31 respondents)

### ***Being victim of computer crime***

N = 636

45.5% of respondents were moderately or very concerned about being a victim of computer based/related crime. This is down from 50.9% in the 2015 survey. Again, respondents in the 55 and higher age groups were much more concerned about this type of crime than were respondents under 55, 56.8% versus 36.7% respectively.

### ***Safety of children at school***

N= 579

45% of respondents who answered this question indicated they are moderately or very concerned about the safety of children at school. This is up from 26.4% in the 2015 survey. It is likely that various mass shooter incidents that have occurred, especially at schools, has contributed to this substantial increase.

### ***Safety in city parks***

N = 638

40.6% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned about their safety in city parks. This is up from 23.3% in the 2015 survey.

### ***Having vehicle broken into or vandalized***

N = 636

36.9% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned with having their vehicle broken into or vandalized. This is up from 24.9% in the 2015 survey.

### ***Illegal drugs being used or sold near your home***

N = 639

36.3% of respondents indicated they were very concerned or moderately concerned about illegal drugs being used or sold near their homes. This is up from 26.2% in the 2015 survey. When broken down by district and residence type, varying levels of concern are observed.

#### **Districts**

District 1	53.1% (51 of 96 respondents)
District 2	35.4% (28 of 79 respondents)
District 3	28.3% (62 of 219 respondents)
District 4	36.7% (73 of 199 respondents)
District 5	38.7% (12 of 31 respondents)
Outside City	40.0% (6 of 15 respondents)

#### **Type of Residence**

Mobile Home	75.0% (3 of 4 respondents)
Duplex	50.0% (14 of 28 respondents)
Apartment	59.4% (19 of 32 respondents)
Single Family Home	34.2% (184 of 538 respondents)
Condo/Townhouse	24.1% (7 of 29 respondents)

### ***Illegal drugs being manufactured near your home***

N = 640

36.1% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 28.6% in 2015. Respondents from District 3 were much lower in their concern (21.9%, n=215) than the other districts whose concern level ranged from 28.6% to 34.2%. Again when broken down by residence type, there was widely varying levels of concern.

#### **Districts**

District 1	47.3% (44 of 93 respondents)
District 2	34.2% (27 of 79 respondents)
District 3	33.3% (74 of 222 respondents)
District 4	36.2% (72 of 199 respondents)
District 5	28.1% (9 of 32 respondents)
Outside City	33.3% (5 of 15 respondents)

#### **Type of Residence**

Mobile Home	75.0% (3 of 4 respondents)
Duplex	39.3% (11 of 28 respondents)
Apartment	41.9% (13 of 31 respondents)
Single Family Home	35.9% (193 of 538 respondents)
Condo/Townhouse	19.4% (6 of 31 respondents)

***Having bicycle stolen***

N = 598

34.8% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 19.4% in the 2015 survey.

***Home being burglarized***

N = 633

33.3% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 25.9% in the 2015 survey.

***Vandalism or damage to property***

N = 642

30.1% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 21.2% in the 2015 survey.

***Vehicle being stolen***

N = 640

25.2% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 14.9% in the 2015 survey.

***Intoxicated people causing you problems***

N = 635

25.2% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 14.7% in the 2015 survey.

***Being insulted/bothered by people living close to you***

N = 628

24.7% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 14.1% in the 2015 survey.

***Other violent attack***

N = 622

16.7% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 8.8% in the 2015 survey.

***Street robbery (mugging)***

N = 619

13.1% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 10.2% in the 2015 survey.

***Being sexually assaulted***

N = 617

13.0% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 6.1% in the 2015 survey.

***Harassed because of color, gender, age, race, religion or sexual orientation***

N = 606

12.5% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 4.9% in the 2015 survey.

***Assaulted because of color, gender, age, race, religion or sexual orientation***

N = 609

10.8% of respondents indicated they were moderately or very concerned. This is up from 5.4% in the 2015 survey.

### 3. Measures Taken to Increase Personal Safety

#### Question 9 – Home Security Measures

The percent of respondents who indicated that they had any of the following security measures in their home was as follows:

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2009</b>
Dead bolt door locks	<b>88.9%</b> (n=651)	<b>89.2%</b> (n=539)	<b>87.5%</b> (n=356)	<b>77.6%</b> (n=398)
Exterior motion activated lighting	<b>30.9%</b> (n=201)	<b>35.1%</b> (n=212)	<b>28.3%</b> (n=115)	<b>39.0%</b> (n=200)
Weapons for self defense	<b>49.8%</b> (n=324)	<b>45.4%</b> (n=274)	<b>39.1%</b> (n=159)	<b>43.1%</b> (n=221)
Broom sticks in patio door/window tracks	<b>39.6%</b> (n=258)	<b>36.3%</b> (n=219)	<b>44.0%</b> (n=179)	<b>33.5%</b> (n=172)
Exterior flood lights	<b>28.3%</b> (n=184)	<b>25.2%</b> (n=152)	<b>27.3%</b> (n=111)	<b>28.5%</b> (n=146)
SmartHome Functions**/Timers interior lights	<b>14.3%</b> (n= 93)	<b>19.9%</b> (n=120)	<b>24.6%</b> (n=100)	<b>18.1%</b> (n= 93)
Guard dogs	<b>25.5%</b> (n=166)	<b>17.9%</b> (n=108)	<b>3.7%</b> (n= 15)	<b>17.9%</b> (n= 92)
Key locks on window tracks*	<b>14.0%</b> (n= 91)	<b>11.9%</b> (n= 72)		
Security system/alarm	<b>18.9%</b> (n=123)	<b>7.9%</b> (n= 48)	<b>9.8%</b> (n=40)	<b>6.2%</b> (n= 28)

\*not available from previous surveys

\*\* SmartHome functions was added for the 2018 survey as an "and/or" choice

Only 39.6% of respondents place sticks/dowels in their patio door or window tracks. Approximately 70% of respondents do not have either external motion or flood lighting installed. And , 80.1% do not have timers on interior lights and 11.1% do **not** have deadbolt door locks. These are all simple and inexpensive methods of increasing personal and property safety. The Loveland Police Department provides Community Education resources on the Police page of the city website with a variety of tips and resources for preventing various property and persons crimes as well as securing homes and property. Continued educational programs by the Loveland Police Department regarding these and other methods for improving personal safety are also ranked in the top 10 of important programs as seen in the next section of this survey.

As the technology, accessibility, and affordability of various home automation/security systems continues to improve, it will be interesting to track the adoption of these methods for increasing personal safety as well as how this affects other security practices and citizen perception of possible crime versus actual experienced occurrence of crime over time.

## 4. Methods of Improving Public Safety

Respondents were asked to rank the effectiveness of 19 different methods for improving public safety in Loveland from 1 to 19, with 1 being most important/effective and 19 being the least effective/important. The table below orders the methods on the basis of the overall survey average rank value given by respondents (average = mean) from most effective (lowest average rank) to least effective (highest average rank).

### Question 11 - Respondent ranking of methods for improving public safety

Method	Avg. Rank
1 Police visibility	3.32
2 Better enforcement of drunk/drug driving laws	5.61
3 Additional school resource officers in the schools	5.62
4 Police officer and staff training	5.74
5 Ability for local law enforcement agencies to share data and information	5.78
6 Neighborhood watch programs	5.82
7 Clean up trashy areas of the City	5.98
7 Crime prevention programs	5.98
9 More parental control	6.99
10 Speed and/or red light enforcement through cameras	7.57
11 Northern Colorado regional crime lab	7.68
12 Improve driver education	8.05
13 Police Department use of Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc) to inform the community	8.33
14 Carry personal alarms/self defense	8.47
15 Reduce overgrown shrubs and trees	9.26
16 More bicycle lanes	11.04
17 Lower speed limits	11.38
18 Less on-street parking	12.71
19 Mark household valuables with identification tags	14.79

**Police visibility** garnered the top average ranking as the most effective method for improving public safety according to respondents. This was due to 149 of the 430 (34.7%) respondents who ranked this category giving it a number 1 for priority. **Better enforcement of drunk/drugged driving laws** ranked as the second most effective method overall followed closely in third place by **additional school resource officers in schools**.

An interesting change from the 2015 survey was support for Speed/Red light enforcement through the use of cameras. This method increased significantly going from 11.98 average rank in 2015 to 7.57 in 2018. Also, although Crime Prevention programs maintained its spot at 7 from the 2015 survey, its average ranking jumped from 8.47 in 2015 to 5.98 in 2018, indicating respondents see it as more effective than they did in 2015.

Although respondents ranked the items towards the bottom of the list as less effective, many of these methods would rely on involving other City departments to help improve public safety by working with the citizens and acting on some of these suggestions. For example: cleaning up trashy areas in the City, reducing overgrown shrubs and trees, and providing more/better bicycle lanes all would involve cooperative efforts among several City departments.

## Question 12 - Importance of departmental planning, budgeting, training, preparing for major situations

Respondents were asked to indicate the importance of budgeting, planning, training and preparing the Police Department for dealing with large-scale natural disasters, terrorist activity, pandemic medical illnesses and active/mass shooter incidents. The tables below show how respondents rated these items.

<b>Active/Mass Shooter incidents (school, movie theater, etc)</b>			
	<b>Totals</b>		
<b>Very Important</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>66.0%</b>	<b>91.2%</b>
<b>Moderately Important</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>25.2%</b>	
Slightly Important	49	7.6%	
Not Important	8	1.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

<b>Natural Disasters</b>			
	<b>Totals</b>		
<b>Very Important</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	<b>84.0%</b>
<b>Moderately Important</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>39.6%</b>	
Slightly Important	96	15.0%	
Not Important	7	1.1%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

<b>Terrorist Activity</b>			
	<b>Totals</b>		
<b>Very Important</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>53.7%</b>
<b>Moderately Important</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>31.3%</b>	
Slightly Important	226	35.6%	
Not Important	68	10.7%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

<b>Pandemic Illness</b>			
	<b>Totals</b>		
<b>Very Important</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>12.4%</b>	<b>39.0%</b>
<b>Moderately Important</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>26.6%</b>	
Slightly Important	282	44.2%	
Not Important	107	16.8%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

Active/Mass Shooter and Natural Disaster were by far the two highest categories. This is not surprising given both the recent flooding as well as various shooting incidents (locally and nationwide) that have occurred since both the 2012 and 2015 survey. However, only the Active/Mass Shooter incident category showed an increase in being rated very or moderately important since the 2015 survey when it was 87.1%. Natural Disasters decreased from 91.9%, Terrorist Activity decreased from 68.1%, and Pandemic Illness decreased from 52.9% in the 2015 survey.

## 5. Neighborhood Criminal Activities

### Question 17 - Occurrence of various crimes/activities in neighborhood

Respondents were asked to record how often particular crimes occurred in their Loveland neighborhoods on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 = “never occurs” and 5 = “constantly occurs”). The following table ranks the perceived frequency of criminal activity from most often at the top to most infrequent at the bottom of the table.

Rank	Concern/Crime	Mean Value	Number of Responses
1	Speeding cars	3.69	637
2	Barking dog	3.17	611
3	Unsupervised juvenile/youth	2.92	612
4	Dogs running loose	2.50	602
5	Illegal drug activity	2.48	509
6	Thefts from automobiles	2.39	538
7	Other thefts	2.37	517
8	Graffiti	2.35	537
9	Violence in schools	2.31	363
10	Vagrancy/Loitering	2.30	597
11	Loud parties or noise	2.29	597
12	Vandalism	2.28	583
13	Domestic violence	2.24	437
14	Public intoxication	2.15	581
15	Abandoned or junk cars	2.12	602
16	Burglary	2.04	489
17	Auto theft	1.96	470
18	Personal assault	1.82	478
19	Gang criminal activity	1.72	445
20	Sexual assault or rape	1.69	397

Respondents indicated that speeding cars and barking dogs were the most frequently occurring concern or criminal activity in their neighborhoods. This is consistent with the past 6 surveys. The perceived frequency of theft from automobiles increased from the previous survey (#7) up to #6 for 2018. Abandoned or junk cars decreased from the 2015 survey (#8) down to #15 this year.

### Question 14 - Areas of Loveland which citizens avoid

Respondents were asked whether or not they avoided particular areas in Loveland for fear of crime and, if so, to indicate the location. A total of 49.9% of respondents indicated that they did not avoid any area of Loveland for fear of crime either during the day or at night as compared to 67.8% in the 2015 survey, 74.0% in the 2012 survey, and 71.2% in 2009.

81 respondents (12.4%) indicated they avoid certain areas during the daytime. 254 respondents (39%) indicated they avoid certain areas specifically on Friday/Saturday nights. 176 respondents (27%) reported they avoid certain areas at night the rest of the week (Sunday-Thursday). The most frequently mentioned areas, regardless of day or night or part of the week, were: Downtown, city parks, areas where transients hang out, and the bike paths.

## 6. Question 18 - Comments from Survey

The following comments from respondents are included in their un-edited form as submitted. Spelling, typos, grammar, etc. were not changed or corrected.

1. My cars were both broken into twice within 6 months. I have filed police reports on both of them and I know they will not be investigated but it is unsettling that it is so common in my neighborhood for someone to walk up and down the street checking car doors to see if they can rifle through for valuables. I have a 1 car garage and park one car on the street, but even the car in my driveway has been broken into.
2. Two concerns: 1. On street parking by Ford dealer employees on 16th Street and Redwood Drive. Extremely congested and tight on busy Redwood, very tight on 16th at busy 4 way stop and hard to see vehicles entering Redwood Drive from Ford dealer because of big pickups parked on street at east entrance.  
  
2. There are two 20 mph speed signs, one in each direction, for Maple Ave between 23rd and Madrone. Need more and better placement for visibility (on curve near park) as this is a busy shortcut on a street with daycare, wildlife, retirement apts. and the cemetery.
3. Two years in a row the Lakeshore at Centerra Complex has been burglarized. Both times it happened in June. Can you please up the police presence in this area? I never see any cops in the development I only ever see them drive past it.
4. This survey was difficult to access. Had to dig down several layers to get to it. If you want to get people to take a survey it should start on the next page after the cover letter.

Also, registering asks for entirely too much information. Make it less intrusive and I'll register.

5. I live in a retirement mobile home community, so feel very safe, one way in, same way out. Also have 2 pet dogs, who bark when someone goes by on foot or comes around between houses. I would be scared to death to cross US 34 even with the light; good thing there's an underpass by Boise. Not real familiar with what goes on outside of the Sunset MHP area. Do not drive at night.
6. Am I missing things going on? Do you have a Loveland area map that pinpoints crime daily to see what is going on? That was helpful in the last major city we lived in.
7. Loveland is, generally, a safe place, but incidents of theft, auto theft, violence seem to be increasing.
8. I live in Mariana Butte. I feel very safe. I love that some officers and a sheriff live here, too. Thank you for your service and for parking your police car at your home sometimes.
9. Above answers are for the area of Mariana Butte.
10. Good overall balance of policing activity. Recommend to improve transparency on recent police shootings in the areas. We enjoy going out in the evening downtown and are very much looking forward to the new development.
11. I feel very safe in my neighborhood but, in general, do not go out after dark (on rare occasions) unless driving and know where I'm going. I have only heard rumors about attempted thefts in the parking lot(s) in my neighborhood. I have had no other problems with crime or theft.
12. I went to a 4pm movie this week. A 20ish male was allowed to bring a large back pack into the theater. I felt very unsafe and ready to leave the movie.
13. n/a
14. My biggest fear is being hit in my car by someone running a red light behind me when I stop for the yellow light. Left hand turns are also very scary because very often two or three cars continue to run a light after it has turned red. I believe traffic enforcement in Loveland is abysmal.
15. Biggest public safety concern is the really horrible driving behavior. Constant speeding, very aggressive tail-gating, inattentive driving, lane changes with no signals. None of this will get better until you start enforcing the traffic laws. The lack of enforcement is breath-taking. You could do a lot with cameras, drones, etc. Best places to start in this district? City limits to Wilson on Eisenhower. That's a regular race track 60 mph + in 45 mph zone. Also Wilson itself anywhere. Please start enforcing the traffic laws. Our well-being and lives are threatened by really bad drivers each time we are on the city streets.

16. The company that is near the new building on Gorum has Semi Trucks traffic and lots of vehicle traffic. 11th Avenue was supposed to be finished through to Madison but now its an eyesore with rusty old storm drains and old cones, damaged construction machinery left out. The 11th avenue road needs to be completed so that people can get to the HONS without going up Monroe to Eisenhower. It also needs to redirect the large semis towards Madison. When I walk through the neighborhood I see discarded hypodermic needles, vodka, whiskey, rum bottles and prescription bottles in the street gutters, old ditch, and in the alley's Of Monroe, Washington, Adams Avenue. Cars are often speeding down Monroe Ave including cars going to the court house.
17. Generally I feel safe in Loveland, but uncomfortable at times. We had lunch with guests at The Sports Station when a very drunk middle-aged man who had wet his pants created a scene. Walking around downtown we are not at ease due to vagrants. We appreciate seeing police because seeing them adds a measure of security.
18. I'd like to see the police be more proactive instead of reactive. On numerous occasions I've seen flagrant disregard for traffic laws by a driver right in eyeshot of a police car, and nothing at all is done. It's as if they need to receive a complaint before action is taken.
19. I hate to say it because I know there are a million reasons why but homeless transients downtown. I don't know what the answer is but they're bad. It has gotten worse over the past couple years.
20. One of the reasons I selected Loveland to move to, was it didn't have the areas that typically have higher crime rates (you know what those type areas are without me having to name them). And Loveland has lived up to my expectations. I admire the job that Law Enforcement has to do, and my hat is off to them. It isn't an easy job. I support them in any way I can. I also feel the City of Loveland does an excellent job of utilizing my tax \$'s. I wish all government decisions were as good as the city does.
21. Most issues I personally know of, have been problems created by renters in my neighborhood. And those I have read about on neighborhood social media.
22. The police have a thankless job and I appreciate them very much. They do an amazing job.
23. I know I have contrary views compared to most community members who are in constant fear usually for reasons unsupported by statistics or facts. Unfortunately the mindset of upper/middle class, white America is obsessed with fear of others and fear of losing whatever security they feel they have. I am a middle class white women who most people assume has the same constant fears. However, I strongly believe we need less policing (the safest neighborhoods in our country have minimal police presence, of course they are also wealthy areas. Perhaps we need to address poverty and why we treat poor people like they are dangerous animals). We are so far down the rabbit hole of worshipping authority and police officers, that the thought of actual peace officers is met with derision and scorn. We need qualified social workers and therapists working in our schools and in our neighborhoods along with actual peace officers whose purpose is to reinforce peace, civility and access to mental health support. In my opinion this is accomplished through mutual respect, empathy and thorough interpersonal training. I realize the constructs of fear and authority are not going to change anytime soon, just want to speak up and let my local government know there are other perspectives in our town.
24. I am most afraid of my kids being shot at school, and I'm not sure there's much a police department can do to change that. Second comes the terrible drivers here; having so many people from so many other places is a recipe for disaster on the roads. I'm almost sideswiped more than once a week, and I used to live in a major city where that literally never happened. Everyone is in a hurry and nobody is paying attention.
25. As someone with a masters in Sociology, I think having more than 10 choices to rank is too many.
26. We have been subjected to racism by mexican american woman police officer. Not real sure how to feel or think about law enforcement in our community. It seems they are committing traffic offenses that they have no trouble writing tickets for.
27. The speeding vehicles and people not following traffic laws is bad. Very few people will stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks. When you cross at the intersection of Taft and 50th you can count on almost getting hit from a vehicle every time.

28. Appreciate that you care enough to survey an average citizen. I would like to see neighborhood watch programs promoted—encouraged. The Facebook Loveland watch group is silly and useless. If residents felt encouraged to be the eyes and ears of their neighborhoods, a lot less crime would happen.
29. Connie and her staff of Senior Auxiliary Police Volunteers provide a very valuable home watch service. We appreciate this service and the volunteers who provide it.
30. My feelings of being unsafe in Loveland come from being a young woman who is typically unaccompanied when outside of my apartment. It is the world we live in, and no one is completely safe. There are frequent police patrols in my neighborhood and where I work; these offer an increased sense of safety for myself and my family. We know that there is an effort being made by the police to keep everyone safe--you just never know when you'll be in the wrong place at the wrong time.
31. Seriously, crack down on texting and driving. People who think they are slick enough to text and drive safely probably think they are entitled to break other laws too. That's where you get drugs off the streets and chances to educate middle aged people that just because they've been driving for 20-30 years doesn't mean they aren't drifting over lines every time they need to check Facebook. Our traffic is terrible in Loveland. I believe that this is a factor that will help that. When someone goes below the speed limit because they are texting, they are holding up people behind them, causing road rage, making the roads even more dangerous by extension. I daresay, even the elderly must not get a pass here. I hereby propose that drivers license tests must be completed more often for all persons especially those 65 and older. If driving is a privilege and not a right, then it needs to be kept to those who are safe and attentive on the road. More driving tests more often=more jobs.
32. I put N/A because I'm not sure on those items. Increase in traffic and speeding is by far my biggest concern.
33. My condominium area has had many car thefts and break-ins.
34. I moved to Loveland 6 mos. ago. I prefer to explore my new city on foot and by bike. Many times I have set out on foot on a sidewalk, only to have the sidewalk end abruptly with no place to walk except in the street. One example of this is S/B Taft between 8th and 1st. The bike lanes are fine in some areas and in others are so narrow that I am inches away from high speed traffic. One example this is at 29th & Taft.
35. We need more of a police presence in residential areas near downtown, like S. Arthur/34 the cops never patrol that area. When they're called, issue more than just a warning and communicate the outcome to those impacted, please.
36. People moving here obviously are in a big hurry like they have more important things..and have to drive fast and recklessly. They stop way past the crosswalks...turn from the middle lanes....and no text as they drive. No appreciation for other drivers....it just keeps getting worse.
37. I miss the mounted patrol! Primarily because it was such a great out-reach to kids as they interacted with officers...a truly "gentle" introduction to "THE COPS"!

Primarily, I wish there was more coverage of events at Thunder Mountain. I live adjacent to a round-a-bout on Hahns Peak Dr. I dread this weekend because I know my sleep will be "gone" in the early hours with all those who have overly- imbibed racing around and around and around (and sometimes over) outside my bedroom window. ..then gearing up/down and racing down McWhinney to

34. Happens will all of their events. I've called them; they claim no responsibility to control actions of their "guests".
38. The police treat everyone who lives around here like they're all the same, worthless, good-for-nothing trash, so when the people who really need help get shut down because they happen to live here, there's no place for us to go to get the help we need. Maybe a little sensitivity training in place of the other things that aren't so relevant to our location would go a long way with the good people of the community.
39. Loveland has shown its interest and willingness in improving our city.
40. Please clean up our parks and get rid of the homeless problem at railroad (fairgrounds park) we used to live going there, but the homeless have taken it over, it's no longer safe for myself, or my children!

41. The level of transients out by the lake and on the rec trail is increasing, it doesn't feel safe. I would like to see a greater on foot or bike police presence in our community. I am not talking about arresting everyone but it makes people feel better to know that the police are around if needed. Neighborhood policing and getting to know the citizens.
42. Overall, I think we are truly blessed to live here! We have an excellent, trusted police force! Recently we had a lock box installed at our house that increases our feeling of serenity. Traffic is our main concern, and drivers who don't know they have to stop before turning right at stop signs and red lights, as well as the road rage of people tailgating. This is not necessarily just a police problem! It is a traffic problem that can only be alleviated by having more through streets to get east and west, as well as north and south.
43. With the increase in automobile traffic in Loveland in recent years, I believe that we need to implement more traffic control measures: a greater police presence, more traffic control radar with higher penalties for scofflaws, and possibly traffic light cameras. Penalties for using a cell phone while driving need to be enforced. As an avid bicyclist I fear people coming up behind me while using their cell phone. I would like to see cell phones and other electronic devices disabled as soon as the automobile ignition is turned on.
44. I don't think the residents living in areas some might frame as dangerous or unsightly are going to answer this survey. Missing thus far are community perceptions and experiences with the police that may not be positive, e.g. walking, driving, living as colored. Two of my experiences in Loveland with the police were demeaning, not respectful. Don't see any feedback items in this survey about that.
45. We've lived here for 14 years and have had no bad/scary experiences. We used to walk every day when we had two big dogs. Always felt safe. When driving I feel that other drivers are careful and courteous.
46. Neighbors have called police repeatedly about us, their complaints have been proven false each time we have been visited by LPD, in fact their swearing and destruction of our property and window peeping should have at least gotten the wife arrested per CRS 18-9-111 for harassment and stalking, instead we have been told we will be given a ticket while she is yelling obscenities and we are in our own fenced area not engaging. Also per CRA 1204.2 (a) and 1204.7 a ticket should have been issued. And police officers should know the law instead of homeowners having to print off the laws and giving them to the responding officer. Also CRS 7.26.130 (a) tickets should be given. But Officer Zach Merson who refuses to ticket someone who has actually broken the law and who actually came back and said he almost had to arrest neighbor because she was so out of control- if a police officer felt that threatened how do you think regular citizens feel? and officer Cruz both threatened us with tickets and arrest. When did LPD start threatening the victims of crime? We were in our own house. Neighbors daughter called because her mother was out of control. So should we trust the LPD? Used to, not sure at this point if victims are threatened not only by a mentally impaired neighbor who is abusing us and vandalizing our property continually but by police officers who respond.
47. There are many unsupervised youth in our area/neighborhood and I am often suspicious of their activities in our natural area, which is potentially dangerous because of snakes/wildlife (it's a swampy area they have no business being in). They often litter and loiter there and I'd rather they not. (Blackbird Knolls area between the two neighborhoods)
48. Drivers frequently turn after traffic light is red at Eisenhower and Wilson. Speed limits are seldom enforced in 30 MPH zones.
49. Drivers frequently turn after traffic light is red at Eisenhower and Wilson. Speed limits are seldom enforced in 30 MPH zones.
50. I think Loveland is a wonderful place to live and raise a family. Considering the growth, the police department had done a phenomenal job keeping the city safe. My biggest worry for my children are that they are hit by a speeding car. Drivers, even when schools, are entitled and do not watch for others.
51. Stop focusing on traffic. Start focusing on crime and community relations.
52. Taft Ave between 8th and 1st seems to be a favorite spot for motorists to showcase their engines. The sound of over-revved diesel trucks and motorcycles becomes a constant nuisance when the weather is nice.

53. So many speeders on 18th from Taft to Wilson and NOTHING get done. I have called multiple times and have been ignored. There is also a drug house in the 1600 block of James Dr that seems to be ignored as well. I would be shocked if I ever saw a cop in District 3 doing anything proactive. I can see graffiti from my front window even. What a shame for such a great neighborhood by the lake to be ignored.
54. I wish the cops spent more resources working on criminal events rather than pulling over people for speeding 10-15 miles over the speed limit. I feel unsafe mostly around fairgrounds park and along the bike trail there as there are mentally ill homeless men there. Vagrants are also using the grills and bathrooms, which make me feel unsafe. More police presence could be there.
55. We need to drive the homeless out. They have taken over the bike path and the water park along with the heroin addicts.
56. I would like to see the city be more proactive when it comes to the homeless and illegal drugs. Loveland used to be a very safe place but it has changed. Focus on eliminating illegal drugs from this city. Adults and kids especially shouldn't have to be scared of stepping on a used needle when trying to walk trails. Love the LPD, LFD and Larimer county sheriff's office, they have always been nice and respectful.
57. In the past couple years there seems to be an increasing number of drug users (needles in parks, ppl tweeking in public etc), homeless, panhandlers, theft (bikes and such), and general loitering of suspicious ppl in areas that used to feel safe to take my kids. Now I'm concerned my kids will step on needles, be approached by strangers who are under the influence of hard drugs, and I dare not leave my car unlocked accidentally. It's disheartening. I've stayed in this town bc it was a nice place for families. Lately I'm not so sure.
58. I had no answer on a few because I don't have knowledge of what is going on in the city. Hear lots of sirens in the evening and at night but there is no news of what is happening outside of the Denver metro area. The paper only seems to list traffic stops and shoplifting.
59. I've lived in Loveland all of my life and feel over the last 10-15 years the places I used to value for alone time in nature have been invaded. I thought when I moved into my neighborhood it was not a great neighborhood but I wasn't prepared for some of the occasional occurrences that made me feel unsafe. I've had to buy back items that were stolen from my garage from pawn shops, clean up graffiti from a utility box to the side of my home and tell someone who broke into my yard to retrieve his dog I'd picked up as a stray that he needs to come to the door and knock next time. I never remember feeling this unsafe in my home before. It's very uncomfortable. I'm worried as I live close to an area frequented by homeless individuals, some of which who use drugs such as heroin. I've tried to be kind to my neighbors but I still find I don't know many of them. I wish I lived in a nicer neighborhood.
60. To address drug use, we need more funding for substance abuse centers
61. Incidents of dogs running loose that have not simply made the occasional escape from their secured environment is increasing significantly. We will not walk our dog because we have had dogs loose in the neighborhood attempting to gain access to homes and the dogs inside. Needless to say we fear for the safety of our dog, and will not even leave it unattended in its own yard.
62. Cats are currently a problem too.
63. People don't speed when they see a police car. And every one speeds on Taft from 34 to 8th
64. I have had the pleasure of living in Loveland for 8 years. I'm happy with most services, but displeased with the unnecessary "over" Policing driven by excessive Budget allocation. We have allowed the budget to rise from \$15.5m to \$28m (+80%) since I moved here in 2010 (Population and Inflation has only grown 40%). In that time I have witnessed a growing bias by the Police for our voting Retirees (they allow the excessive funding). I believe all Loveland residents should be treated equally, regardless of Age, Gender, Color, etc.
65. I would appreciate more of a police presence along the trails, maybe on bikes? I don't feel comfortable using them when I'm alone.
66. I do notice certain households leave their garage doors open all the time...day and night and I don't understand why people do that. It seems an open invitation to theft.

67. Our community is changing and becoming more like a big city. I avoid big cities because I do not feel safe. I am uncomfortable with panhandlers or people staring at me or making comments about me. We seem to have a lot of panhandlers downtown and at every intersection. If I'm in my car, it's ok. But when I'm walking, it's intimidating. I do not want to be in a position where I have to defend myself from an aggressive drunk, a situation I've encountered several times downtown after 9pm. I do not like having to walk several blocks to get to my car at night. I am not sure if the new theater and complex will help make downtown safer or not. I hope so!
68. vandalism occurs occasionally at business, not ever had the problem at home.
69. Can we please address the mentally ill and/or addicts wandering the streets downtown? We're all tired of being harassed/yelled at/intimidated by the same cast of people.
70. Due to the mayor's and leaders of Loveland being more I in rapidly growing Loveland than with taking care of current residents we are having a ridiculous increase in traffic and it is becoming so much more dangerous to be out on the roads. Shame on you for not taking care of your residents and constituents! Stop growing so fast and get the Infrastructure up to speed with the population. Also less apts/condos and miss neighborhoods! Replace the "continuous flow" back to a regular intersection or a giant roundabout! It is a terrible Intersection. Thanks for asking my opinion! I appreciate the chance to speak.
71. 1.) My main concern is the alarming increased militarization of police departments.
- 2.) I also think that the planned substation at The Foundry is not a justified expense. It also appears like the privatization of police services.
- 3.) The privatization of the sidewalks at The Foundry concerns many of citizens I know; they fear some citizens using these sidewalks may be harassed by the police.
72. More speed enforcement needed on Wilson south of 1st, north of 402.
73. We back up to an alley between Madison and Redwood on the Borg side of 34. There is a ton of littering, some drunkenness, and loitering. We haven't had much trouble except with littering of alcohol bottles and some graffiti. But there have been a couple police incidents that I can't get info for. Being one such incident happened in an unfenced area of my property, I would have appreciated some kind of notice or follow up.
74. My next door neighbor has drug activity and domestic violence often. Have talked to narc task force with no help. She ruins our neighborhood
75. The vagrancy problems are out of control Downtown, where I both work and live. The police foot patrols are a welcome start, but they are spotty and inadequate.
76. Seems like i see more homeless people thru out the city now.
77. Intersection - Scenic Dr & Mariana Butte
78. The barking dog issue is really annoying...it would be nice to know what to do about that. The neighbors with dogs seem to be oblivious.
79. Panhandling is a concern that I would like addressed. We have had homeless people between our houses, by our garage, in the alley by our shop. Not a huge issue except for the trash and the needles that they leave behind for us to clean up.
80. We also have had small children, 6-8 years old riding small gasoline motorcycles on the street and sidewalks.
81. If loveland doesnt step up and adress some of these constant issues it is going to get out of hand real soon.
82. Traffic signals should be able to detect when no traffic coming: such as onMadison & 34; Boise & 1st; amongst many pthers:smirk:
83. We need a public forum with students, teachers, parents, school board, citizens with the police to discuss ideas and actions necessary to keep our school children safe and feel protected. They are too vulnerable at the current time. I would hate to have a child's life terminated when we could have done something but we failed to act as a community.

84. We have a very real problem with poor driving etiquette, and habits in Loveland and Colorado. It was especially embarrassing to me considering that my sister, a retired officer of the LAPD, was in town and took notice of it. I really think the problem is the lack of consistent enforcement. She, and I, noticed several instances of infractions being ignored by police in cars. We realize the city is attempting to step up visibility by having off-duty officers take home patrol cars, but if they aren't going to take action, it just sets a tone that they don't care enough to do anything.
85. I am concerned about safety at the Orchards Shopping Center where I rent space - a lot of homeless people lately.
86. I walk on the Trails a lot and unfortunately there are quite a few Homeless camps hidden. However I never feel unsafe just sad.
87. Red light runners are a constant in this community. I see It EVERY time I'm out driving the streets of Loveland. It also occurs in front of law enforcement who do nothing about it. Laws are only as good as their enforcement.
88. Homelessness and loitering in the downtown area is a constant problem but is always much worse in Spring and Summer. It seems like homeless people are dumped here.
89. The speeding and road rage on 37th Street between Taft and Lincoln needs to be brought to an end.
90. Lots of speeding all over town and increased reckless driving.
91. The drug and alcohol problem is unreal around 1st street and Lincoln it isn't even safe for me and my kids to walk from our front door to our car without finding a needle or a baggie. It is disgraceful when you call the police for help about needles in your yard and nothing is done about it. So much for protect and serve.
92. I live in what is likely the least safe area of Loveland. Over the 16+ years I've lived at the corner of 13th and Washington, there have been countless police situations and several SWAT interventions in the immediate vicinity. In the earlier years after I bought my house, I used to (somewhat) jokingly tell people that I lived at the corner of "Crack and SWAT". It's unnerving to live in an area where you see police lights outside your bedroom window in the middle of the night and see a SWAT member standing behind your truck at 2am with an AR-15 type weapon.

To some extent, the neighborhood has gotten better for the following reasons:

- 1) The active gang member is no longer living a few houses north on Washington.
- 2) The "drug house" on 13th a few houses east of Monroe was eventually sold after regular police activity.
- 3) It's been over 10 years since someone broke into my vehicle with the intent to steal it (according to the responding LPD officer).
- 4) It's been several years since the guy going door to door offering roofing estimates exposed himself to me in broad daylight.

On the other hand, there are a significant number of factors that potentially result in a less safe environment in this area:

- 1) Constant panhandling around intersections of Eisenhower and Cleveland/Lincoln.
- 2) Several registered sex offenders in close vicinity.
- 3) Oriental erotic "massage" parlors
- 4) Significant increase in street people/transients and drugs in the area.
- 5) Vehicle speeds on Washington.

It's disappointing to see what used to be a nice city overrun by drugs and vagrancy.

I want to be very clear that when I reference "vagrants, street people, or transients", I am NOT talking about the economy-driven homeless who have found themselves in dire need of help because of illness or loss of a job. I am talking about the lifestyle/addiction-driven street solicitors who choose to meet their needs by scamming people in the name of charity.

I'm hoping this survey means the Loveland city officials are actually planning to address and take action on the serious issue of public safety.

93. We live near a middle school so "unsupervised juveniles" are normal before and after school but that doesn't mean they are a problem.  
I haven't noticed public intoxication in our residential neighborhood but have in the commercial areas nearby.
94. Home in our neighborhood that had a sewer? issue a couple of years ago and huge hole and small mountain of dirt still in yard.
95. 43rd Street between Glen Isle and Wilson is a straightaway and many cars and motorcycles race through this area. Increased patrol would be appreciated.
96. I would like to see more police in and around downtown, particularly 4th Street area.
97. I live on 1st Street between Madison and St. Louis. this area has some pretty shady characters, day and night. We have seen police activity, including SWAT teams a couple of times in the last year. A murder in the last 5 years, and I do worry for my personal safety and that of my home and pets. My business was broken into last summer and we knew who did it and how but could not get an arrest warrant do to mishandled evidence. Where my business is located we have had several instances of police activity including the SWAT team. I appreciate the work our first responders are doing. It is unfortunate that with growth comes added instances of crime. thanks for listening.
98. Loveland PD needs to teach Officers the difference between a Criminal No Contact Order, a Civil No Contact Order, and a 13-14-106 No Contact Order. You've failed at this, miserably.
99. I would like to see more police presence in Crow Park. I have seen people having sex in their vehicles, under trees and on the tables next to the bathrooms. There are dogs running loose and this seems to be a dog park and not a people park. People bring their dogs there to do there bathroom breaks. It is not healthy for the young people who play soccer and other sports where they would be on the ground.  
Please get these people out of there that are questionable who look like they are making drug deals and other horrible activities. This is a family neighborhood.
100. Our car was vandalized in front of our house, we believe that someone had attempted to steal it but was unsuccessful, they probably didn't know how to drive a standard car.  
I have also been followed home from Centerra to the west side of Loveland near Taft. I knew they were following me so I pulled in front of a house where a man and his son were working on their cars. The car that was following me then left the area. But had I not been paying attention the outcome could have been much worse.  
On FACEBOOK the neighborhood watch group is constantly talking about cars being stolen or broken into. Do you monitor these groups to see what the complaints are?  
Downtown Loveland, the homeless population. Ride the MAX bus i'm sure wanted fugitives are on there along with the homeless harassing people.  
On Duffield near Woodland Park, drug buys happen.  
I have been tailgated on Duffield, on Taft to the point of almost being hit and I was driving 5 over the speed limit. I was screamed/cussed at for running a yellow light to avoid an accident  
It is just getting worse for this city.
101. It's time to work for the police to protect and serve, not pursue and prosecute. I can't name one police officer on the force anymore and I used to be able to. It needs to be us and not us and them. The police need to stop being a para military insurgency and start being servants.
102. My neighborhood is fairly quiet and calm although I think there is a large marijuana operation very near my home, which brings in possible unwanted traffic and people. Also wanted to say I was at East side park recently (don't know it's new name). Glad I was with friends we were taking a walk. Witnessed drug use and deals and homeless young people. Too bad this beautiful redone Park is spoiled by that.
103. I live on Mulberry Drive and the whole street and also Butternut is so loaded with cars I have trouble finding where to put my trash on the street. It's not fair that all these people have so many junk cars they don't fit into the garage or driveway
104. Even though it is unpopular to voice, and I do support being kind to homeless, providing food and services to chronic homeless in areas where you don't want them is counter productive. Stop attracting the homeless downtown and pass ordinances that prevent begging on medians and busy intersections. It is unsafe for all.

105. I had a business downtown and theft, inappropriate touching, and many other kinds of disturbances by transients were some of the reasons I closed my business. I still fear being accosted, touched, or assaulted by transients when I'm downtown.
106. Young adults riding skateboards and smoking pot pipes
107. I want to know ever officer is caring a real gun. A taser is fine, but he still NEEDS a real gun with bullets for his safety and mine.  
I also like K9 units. I like officers to Not be Alone, either another office or a K9, especially at night.
108. There's a serious drug issue, mostly cause of the transients that have flooded the area. They need to be moved along. I can't walk my dog without being asked for money or harassed and even threatened.
109. We have found dispatch and LPD patrol officers extremely responsive to calls for service when we report suspicious vehicles or persons at Seven Lakes Park. Thank you for the great job of doing more with less. We love our Loveland cops.
110. Our neighborhood seems to be very safe. Once in a while there are vehicles that race down the street but not often. It is usually a very quiet place to live.
111. For many that I have marked with no answer o minimal and some 'never' answers are just opinion since I don't really know.
112. The traffic enforcement in this town is abysmal. I haven't had much problem with neighborhood crime since the lousy tenant next door moved. The thing that really concerns me is that Loveland Police seem to be totally focused on REACTING to a crime rather than PREVENTING a crime. When driving around doing errands I rarely see a cop. I rarely see a cop, except at shift change, even though I live on a major arterial street 2 blocks from the cop shop. I've gone to the station to report crimes and have had to wait over 45 minutes for a cop to show up and take my report, only to be called back an hour later and told I and my witness were lying. It seems the best place to commit a crime in this city is at the police station. Harken on that you craigslist posters, don't arrange to meet at the City of Loveland's police station. There are no cops there to assist you.
113. The transients need to be dealt with. No more making them comfortable or wanted. This was once a great community being now being destroyed by these transients and professional "do gooders" who attract them. Enough! I have tried to hire a few in the past. The end result is always the same. Either they don't show up or show up under the influence. No longer remotely interested in helping people who are COMPLETELY unwilling to help themselves.
114. Speeding has become the norm, when is the police department going to enforce the speed limits and ticket the speeders?
115. Dog owners not picking up poop from their dogs  
People unaware of city ordinance
116. Too many transients sleeping in the parks
117. I feel safe in Loveland, and other places, due too my back ground in the military and law enforcement. Most of my concerns arise from the possibility of having to use my abilities and for those who can't protect them selves in the absence of trained professionals. My reasent rise in concern stems from the amount of bums, panhandlers and other degenerates and loiterers that have inundated our streets, corners and neighborhoods. They need to be sent packing: either back to their home (most are only lazy, not homeless), to a work force center or out of town. Please don't let Loveland become as strewn with vagrants, used needles and hostile hobos as Fort Collins and Boulder - two cities I don't even enjoy going to anymore.
118. "Choose N/A on items for which you have no knowledge or opinion." = I don't know first- or second-hand occurrences of Sexual Assault or Domestic Violence in my neighborhood, but my "opinion" based on statistics is that there likely are occurrences whether I'm aware or not.

Just as my age and sex (31-42, Male) play into my perception of safety on things like walking around in my neighborhood after dark, it seems like it might also be useful to collect race/ethnicity information. I believe that being White/Caucasian could influence how I prioritize, for example, "Increased Police Visibility" or "Neighborhood Watch Programs" compared to someone with other identities.

119. know about but aren't being told? Transparency, PLEASE!!

120. Perhaps Loveland is just growing so fast that it's hard to keep up with. I lived in Detroit in my younger years and we aren't there, yet. I don't know if the pot laws brought in some interesting folks or just the change in our country's overall mentality over the last several years. But I never used to run across people at orchards King soopers wearing pajamas in the afternoon with most of the stuff hanging out that should not be, if you get my drift. I've raised three young men who were taught to respect people, there's still plenty of respectful young people out there as well. It just seems to be getting a little harder to find them behind their phones sometimes. In 22 years in my neighborhood it's only the last 3 or 4 that I've seen transients, not to say they didn't wander through before, it's just noticeable now.
121. Most neighbors smoke weed on their patios at night. Stinks.
122. Texting while driving is the biggest problem and concern in Loveland. It is proven to be far worse than drinking and driving yet continues to be ignored.
123. I would like to see another community center (like Chilson) in West Loveland.
124. We have been kept homeless for (4+) years and it's getting old. We want a place to live have the income but it's starting to become abusive and out of control but outside sources. Using titles to keep people homeless is a crime.
125. I feel fortunate to live in a community where I not only feel safe, but I also have respect for the police officers that serve our town. I think they have a difficult job and they do it well.
126. We would love for a way to get speed bumps put in behind our house along Kincaid Dr. Several of us have complained multiple times but nothing has happened. So many people speed 50mph+ along this section!
127. I work downtown. I no longer go any place downtown by myself. I have been approached at the Foote Lagoon, Safeway (downtown), King Soopers (thompson town center), parks, etc. . . I refuse to walk on the bike path. Fairgrounds park and others are unsafe. There is drug paraphernalia there, homeless asking for money, etc . . . just makes me very uncomfortable. It is sad to feel unsafe in a place that I have lived for many years. It has to be stopped.
128. Recommend some other categories regarding safety survey. For example: training/education regarding effect of biases on officers and community. A good beginning was the City presentation regarding gender issues at the Rialto. Unconscious stereotyping and bias impact what all people do, whether community, City Council, City Staff. Even City Council members seem unaware that they carry unconscious assumptions about Loveland (e.g., candidate comments at an election forum that affirmation of supporting diversity is not needed). Creating an authentic community takes on-going exploration of both policies, implementation, and personal beliefs. As we learn together, it is a process of on-going training, education, and practice, particularly right now regarding the U.S. Constitution (e.g., separation of church and state; voting rights; non-discrimination; health care rights).
129. We have young kids, so we are rarely out past dark. During the day I would say I feel fairly safe having them with me in town and such.
130. On a daily basis there is speeding/racing on W. 37th Street. I have seen children just recently at the corner of Duffield/w. 37th almost get hit by a truck. The children were following the crosswalk rules but the distracted driver turned right as soon as the light turned green which was clearly the pedestrians (children) right of way with the white walk signal clearly blinking. If it weren't for the quick response of the child who stepped onto the street, this could have been another senseless fatality. More police presence is needed on this street. I witnessed a dog being run over on this street and the driver never stopped. Driver carelessness is out of control!
131. Police need to be visible, period! Be seen patrolling the city, all areas. With the recent road rage events in Westminster, the incident in Loveland was not reported publicly until a week after it happened. That's unacceptable! Provide information sooner. The public needs to know this stuff is happening. That's how criminals get caught, people see things. Seems everything is a big SECRET. Be seen as the authority not a squishy survey gatherer.
132. The transients that hang out at the public library are a concern for me since my daughter and her friends(age 12-13) walk there after school. I will not allow my kids to ride on the bike path without me due to the homeless/transient camps along the path.
133. I am more concerned with driving related issues than anything else. A lot of road rage. People running red light constantly. Speeding. Jay walkers. Texting and driving.

134. The world is going crazy. I moved to Loveland and felt very safe. But the crazier it gets, the less safe I feel anywhere. Overall, I still feel safer in Loveland than other places nearby. School safety is my utmost concern as I have children in the school system. A shooting is every parents worst fear these days. I want more security at schools and procedures to keep our kids safe until Washington can figure out a federal policy to protect our children.
135. A sidewalk should be installed along the West side of Wilson Avenue from The enchantment Ridge area north of 43 south to Tabernash Drive to provide saftery to pedestrians and lower the risk of injury to persons traveling along the side of Wilson. Speeds of drivers should be monitored more frequently at all times- people drive way too fast on Wilson at all times of the day and throughout the year.
136. Unsupervised youth darting in front of cars on purpose, throwing objects at cars, throwing objects at pets, cussing at drivers/neighbors
137. My daughter was assaulted while walking home from.a school dance at Erwin Middle school. The Loveland police departments response was a joke! There needs to be more resource officers and chaperones at these functions that STAY UNTIL ALL KIDS ARE GONE!!!
138. Over the last couple months we have had attempted break-ins to homes and at least one instance of multiple cars being broken into and items taken.
139. The overall small town feel in LOVELAND is completely gone now. It seems the city is over run with the homeless, and transient people. Too much pan handling, too many aggressive, dangerous people here now.  
Driving around the city is now a joke with so much traffic and distracted drivers.
140. Generally speaking, Loveland is wonderful. With the influx of growth, traffic has gotten worse and many transplants drive like they are in Denver or any other metro area (speeding, aggressive lane changes, passing on the right, no turn signals, etc.) I'm a fan of LPD but I would like to see more aggressive traffic enforcement
141. Please consider a sidewalk aling Wilson from hunters run to 43rd!
142. Please complete the sidewalk and install street lights on the west side of Wilson from 43rd to 35th so that our children can safely leave our NW neighborhoods to go to Mehaffey park and sounding neighborhoods, without having to cross Wilson to have access to sidewalk, where vehicles are often speeding and running red lights.
143. I am unaware of many things listed and put NA.
144. I am growing increasingly concerned about the number of homeless and drug abusers in our town. I've heard that heroin needles are being left at public parks and this is concerning. I have 2 young daughters who visit parks regularly and I don't want them to come across anything or anyone that could harm them while they play. I also see a lot of homeless near the Walmart on 34, which is near my home, and I'm concerned about burglary and assault on my family. I've seen violent crime come from this group of people in northern Colorado and it's diffuclt to trust them. Thank you for your time, I truly appreciate everything the Loveland Police Department does for our community. My family and I pray for you and support you!
145. Please add lighting and complete sidewalk on Wilson and 43rd.
146. Horrible crosswalks and lighting along Wilson north of 29th. Children ride bikes and walk to school along this very busy fast road... needs immediate attention. Reduced speeds! Lights for crosswalk for students. Traffic coming from FOCO must slow down drastically and quickly to accomadte speed change when school zone is active. Dangerous!!!
147. Please consider putting in a sidewalk on the west side of Wilson where Gavin Myers was killed.
148. Almost all concern comes from the increase in transients welcomed into our town.
149. We need sidewalks next to busy roads! Examples: north Wilson Avenue and east 1st street.
150. Please please please do something with the horrible driving in this city. I see people who last police cars often and the officers look on. Also see police officers often driving at least 10 over the limit...no lights. Please get this under control.

151. I am sick and tired of seeing the people asking for money all over town and leaving their trash, we need more enforcement of this, it's out of hand!!! I want more presence in school zones for speeding...it is RIDICULOUS how cars fly through school zones every single day, LE enforces on hours outside of school and yet we require our children to walk to school within a two mile radius, invest in our kids!!!!!! Their safety is compromised every single day as we ask them to walk down Wilson and Taft and 29th, it's ridiculous!!!!
152. I know it's hard being the law when this city has doubled in size, but you do a pretty good job at it. I'd like to see more of the road rage jerks taken care of. The ones who cut you off, don't use their blinkers and flip off/ make gun fingers at you. Happens almost twice a week personally anywhere i go. (Guess doing the speed limit and using my turn signals really pisses people off)
153. My biggest worry is about the children. I live in a neighborhood right next to an elementary school, a park, and a church and have witnessed more times than I can count individuals speeding through the neighborhood, not stopping at stop signs and generally being careless while at the wheel. As a mother myself it makes me nervous to let my kid play outside because the drivers can be so unpredictable.
154. Please build a sidewalk on West side of Wilson between 43rd and 29th!
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156. I don't live in Loveland but other family members, including children, live there. I have been planning to move there to be closer to them. I simply can't find affordable housing except in bad areas of town or the retiree mobile homes. Neither is suitable for me.
157. Please add a sign with flashing red/blue lights on the west side of Wilson as drivers are entering Loveland from Fort Collins that indicates the speed has changed from 55mph to 45 mph and flashes 45mph. Also, a sidewalk absolutely needs to be added on the west side of Wilson from 35th to 43rd street along with lighting to increase safety for kids who frequently travel to/from Ponderosa Elementary, Lucille Erwin Middle School, Mahaffey Park, Lake Loveland, and other destinations that our kids frequent around Loveland from surrounding neighborhoods. #safetyfirst #keepourkidssafe #gavinssidewalk #timeforchange
158. We also need the sidewalk finished where Gavin lost his life north of Tabernash. It needs to be done.
159. Texting and driving is my biggest safety concern for our town. Black smoke blowing trucks is a top concern for quality of life.
160. Wish folks would take more responsibility for their actions
161. All and all, I feel that the LPD does a good job and is fair in their interaction with the public. I've been pulled over for a headlight that was out, and the officer was professional and respectful. The biggest issues in Loveland from a safety standpoint would be the bums downtown, and the high rates of speeds through neighborhoods. My son is raised and gone, but there are plenty of little kids in every neighborhood. Slow down. You seriously don't need to go where you're going that fast. On a side note, we certainly don't need more bicycle lanes. They have multi-million dollar trails as well as pre-existing bicycle lane already, and they still ride in the street. Don't waste the money.
162. The sidewalk between 35th and 43rd needs completed and lighted for foot traffic!
163. We moved here in 2014 from WA state - with one of the reasons being the increasing crime and general disorderly conduct that has become pervasive in many of the Western Washington communities. We have certainly been very pleased with the 'low crime' rate in Loveland.

The one aspect of law enforcement that does lead us to feel less safe here vs Washington is the 'very lax' enforcement of traffic laws in Colorado. We feel the very unlikely event of drivers being ticketed for speeding, etc, greatly contributes to aggressive driving habits that are common to this area. We also see the use of cell phones while driving to be much more pervasive here vs Washington.

We contrast this to Washington where visible traffic enforcement is seen in approx every 30 miles of driving – whether it be in town or on the interstate. As a result, in Washington there is substantial compliance with speed & other traffic laws and the drivers are much more patient & courteous.

164. It's like a race track beginning at about 3:30 pm and on weekends goes on until the early morning hours

165. the vandalism in Meheffy Park is a real concern for our neighborhood. I wish we had more police presence in the park and our neighborhood. Let's try some cameras in the park area. Don't tell me it won't work! Try it. I just learned of a neighbor having his truck stolen from his driveway. It makes me realize we do not live in Mayberry RFD
166. The biggest problem I have seen, has become a major issue. Unsafe/dangerous drivers. To be honest, riding a motorcycle, I sometimes wonder if I will survive. Some of this aggression is completely out of control. Death on Larimer roads is way up. It really is horrible to drive on the streets. It will effect business, as it is safer to just order on Amazon, and avoid becoming a traffic death.
167. I am concerned with the amount of vagrants near the library, Chilson center and Barnes park.