



**Loveland Police Department**

## **2015 Public Safety Survey**

**Results Analysis & Presentation**

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# Introduction

## Purpose

The primary purpose for conducting the Loveland Police Department Public Safety Survey 2015 was to determine Loveland's citizen's perceptions of personal safety as they go about living in Loveland. Loveland Police Department's ongoing mission involving Problem Oriented Policing has lead us to try and understand the complicated influence that these perceptions have on the quality of life for citizens of Loveland. "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. The Loveland Police Department exists for the purpose of providing an enhanced level of safety in our community, protecting the rights guaranteed to all people by the Constitution and improving the quality of life of each citizen. 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 are intended to control and reduce crime in the community and assure the public safety of Loveland's citizens. Police Department goals and activities may be modified to meet concerns expressed by citizens in surveys.

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 2015 Public Safety Survey was mailed to a random sample of 2618 residents in June 2015. Names of residents were drawn from the City of Loveland residential utility billing list. A total of 632 completed responses were returned for analysis which was a response rate of 24.1%. Responses from the returned surveys were compiled for analysis with no attempt made to identify respondents from the responses made on the questionnaires. The identity of those Loveland citizens who may have inadvertently made themselves known on the returned survey or envelopes will remain anonymous.

The goal for the survey was to obtain enough responses such that a 95% confidence level with a  $\pm 5\%$  error window for statistical accuracy could be claimed. Based on Loveland's estimated 2015 population of 72,794<sup>2</sup>, to meet this standard a minimum of 382 survey responses were needed. Statistical formulas/survey tools<sup>3</sup> were used to calculate this. Using a conservative 15% response rate based on the 2015 estimated population number (the 2012 survey had a 23.4% response rate), the statistical formulas dictated that the survey be sent out to a minimum of 2547 people in order to achieve at least 382 responses (assuming a 15% response rate or higher). By mailing out 2618 surveys, we

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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 2014. <http://www.cityofloveland.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentID=21438>

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

met/exceeded the minimum number of surveys sent out to achieve this goal and could tolerate a slightly lower response rate.

While the number of respondents represents only a small fraction of the total number of households in the City, the random sampling procedure used to select the survey mailing list ensures that results are statistically reliable within a 5% confidence interval at the 95% confidence level. These two concepts work together to determine how accurate survey results are. For example, if you have 95% confidence with an error of 5%, you are saying that if you were to conduct the same survey 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 comfortable contacting the Loveland Police Department to make suggestions", then 95 out of every 100 times that this survey might be administered to Loveland residents, the percentage of the entire population that "feel comfortable contacting the Loveland Police Department to make suggestions" will fall between 57% and 67% ( $62\% \pm 5\%$ ). The reader should keep in mind that any comparative differences that are less than 10% are not statistically significant due to  $\pm$  5% sampling error. This is especially so for comparisons involving small sample size.

Survey responses within the patrol district in which respondents live are also presented for most of the items/questions. This information may help evaluate citizen concerns and assist the Loveland Police Department in development of specific strategies (i.e. SARA projects) 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.

Patrol district, gender and age of respondents were the independent variables in most of the analyses. Detailed data regarding responses to specific survey questions is available upon request.

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Most importantly, I thank the citizens of Loveland who took the time to complete and return surveys 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:

- 91.8 % of respondents feel safe and secure in their neighborhood. Compared to 92.8% in 2012, 92.1% in 2009, and 94.5% in 2006.
- 60.9% of respondents say their level of Fear of crime in Loveland has stayed the same during the last 12 months. This compares with 78.6% in 2012, 72.9% in 2009, and 76.0% in 2006. 38.2% indicated their fear level over the last 12 months has increased.
- 61.3% of respondents were moderately to very concerned about identity theft.
- 28.6% of respondents were moderately to very concerned about illegal drugs being **manufactured** near their home. And 26.2% indicated they were moderately to very concerned about illegal drugs being **sold or used** near their home.
- 41.2% of respondents were moderately to very concerned about road rage. This compares with 43.9% in 2012, 53.8% in 2009, and 60.1% in 2006.
- 63.4 % of respondents were concerned about safety of children at schools compared to 61.7% in 2012, 68.3% in 2009, and 70.5% in 2006.
- 69.7% of respondents were concerned about safety in City parks.
- 91.9% of respondents felt that budgeting, planning, training and preparing the Police Department for a large scale natural disaster was moderately to very important. Training and planning for dealing with active/mass shooter situations was second with 87.1%.
- The same crimes/concerns were ranked among the top two in perceived frequency of occurrence for the seventh survey in a row, those being speeding cars and barking dogs.
- According to respondents, 60.9% believe that criminal gang activity never occurs in their neighborhood as compared to 65.7% in 2012, 53.6% in 2009, and 62.6% in 2006.
- Ranking of methods for improving public safety in the community included:
  1. Police visibility
  2. Police officer and staff training
  3. Neighborhood Watch Programs
  4. Ability to share data/information with other law enforcement agencies
  5. Parental control
- Surprisingly few respondents use simple and inexpensive methods for improving their personal safety. Only 44.0% place sticks in their patio door or window tracks. 75.4% do **not** have timers on interior lights. 12.5% do **not** have dead bolt door locks.
- 43.4% of respondents have weapons for self-defense compared with 39.1% in 2012, 43.1% in 2009, and 37.7% in 2006.

- 67.8% of respondents do **not** avoid any area of Loveland during either the day or night as compared to 74.0% in 2012, 71.2% in 2009, and 73.1% in 2006.
- Many written comments from respondents across all districts regarded antisocial behavior, drug abuse and safety concerns encountered in downtown Loveland. Focused police action to deal with these criminal activities may be appropriate.

# Compilation of Survey Findings

## 1. Demographics of the Survey Respondents

### Years Lived in Loveland

Respondents that answered: **N = 623**

Average (mean): **24.3 years** Median: **22 years** Mode: **15 years** Range: **.25 years to 77 Years**

Over half (56.5%) have lived in Loveland for more than 20 years and **77.5%** have lived in Loveland for 10 years or longer.

Respondents were assigned to a group for determination of the effects of length of residency in Loveland on survey responses.

	<b>2015 survey</b>	<b>2012 survey</b>	<b>2009 survey</b>	<b>2006 survey</b>
50 years & above	<b>8.0%</b> (n=50)	<b>5.4%</b> (n= 21)	<b>9.0%</b> (n= 45)	<b>4.9%</b> (n=22)
20 to 49 years	<b>48.5%</b> (n=302)	<b>32.4%</b> (n=127)	<b>43.0%</b> (n=216)	<b>38.4%</b> (n=174)
10 to 19 years	<b>21.0%</b> (n=131)	<b>22.1%</b> (n= 87)	<b>21.5%</b> (n=108)	<b>20.5%</b> (n= 93)
Less than 10 years	<b>22.5%</b> (n=140)	<b>40.1%</b> (n=157)	<b>26.5%</b> (n=133)	<b>36.2%</b> (n=164)

### Age Groups of Survey Respondents

Respondents that answered: **N = 622**

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>0.2%</b> (n=1)	<b>0.0%</b> (n=0)	<b>0.0%</b> (n=0)	<b>0.0%</b> (n=0)
19 – 30 years old	<b>5.6%</b> (n=35)	<b>7.2%</b> (n=29)	<b>6.7%</b> (n=34)	<b>7.1%</b> (n=33)
31 – 42 years old	<b>11.7%</b> (n=73)	<b>13.4%</b> (n=54)	<b>12.5%</b> (n=63)	<b>16.8%</b> (n=78)
43 – 54 years old	<b>17.4%</b> (n=108)	<b>19.2%</b> (n=77)	<b>19.2%</b> (n=97)	<b>25.3%</b> (n=117)
55 – 66 years old	<b>28.1%</b> (n=175)	<b>25.4%</b> (n=102)	<b>29.4%</b> (n=149)	<b>24.2%</b> (n=112)
67 years or older*		<b>34.8%</b> (n= 140)	<b>32.2%</b> (n=163)	<b>26.3%</b> (n=122)
67 – 79 years old*	<b>28.0%</b> (n=174)			
80 and above	<b>9.0%</b> (n=56)			

\*Note: Due to the increasing average age of the general population, for 2015 the survey added an additional age group. For these where it is blank, comparisons to previous surveys isn't possible. However for 2015, one could total the percentages from the 67 – 79 age group and the 80 and above age group to get a comparative percentage for 67 and above with the previous year's surveys.

### Gender Demographics

Respondents that answered: **N = 613**

The percent of males and females who returned a completed survey was essentially the same as the 2012 survey.

Males	<b>41.4%</b> (n=359)	<b>42.0%</b> (n=171)	<b>43.7%</b> (n=224)	<b>43.7%</b> (n=205)
Females	<b>58.6%</b> (n=254)	<b>56.3%</b> (n=229)	<b>51.7%</b> (n=264)	<b>54.2%</b> (n=254)

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

Respondents that answered: **N = 618**

<b>Yes</b>	<b>14.6%</b> (n=90)	<b>19.2%</b> (n=78)	<b>15.3%</b> (n=77)	<b>20.9%</b> (n= 98)
<b>No</b>	<b>85.4%</b> (n=528)	<b>78.4%</b> (n=319)	<b>84.7%</b> (n=427)	<b>78.4%</b> (n=367)

## Type of Housing

Respondents that answered: **N = 621**

	<b>2015 survey</b>	<b>2012 survey</b>	<b>2009 survey</b>	<b>2006 survey</b>
Single-family house	<b>83.9%</b> (n=521)	<b>80.1%</b> (n=322)	<b>82.8%</b> (n=419)	<b>80.0%</b> (n=372)
Mobile home	<b>1.9%</b> (n=12)	<b>0.7%</b> (n=3)	<b>3.6%</b> (n=18)	<b>1.9%</b> (n=9)
Duplex	<b>6.3%</b> (n=39)	<b>5.2%</b> (n=21)	<b>5.7%</b> (n=29)	<b>6.0%</b> (n=28)
Condo/townhouse	<b>4.2%</b> (n=26)	<b>10.0%</b> (n=40)	<b>2.4%</b> (n=12)	<b>8.2%</b> (n=38)
Apartment	<b>3.7%</b> (n=23)	<b>4.0%</b> (n=16)	<b>5.5%</b> (n=28)	<b>3.9%</b> (n=18)

### Type of Household:

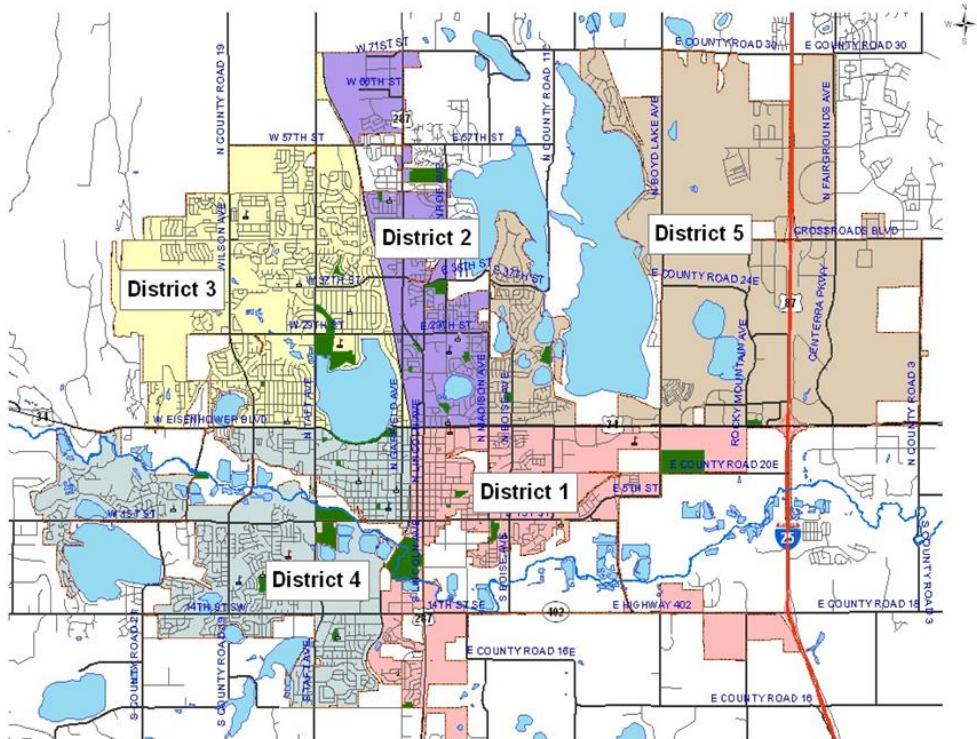
Respondents that answered: **N = 618**

Single adult <i>no children under age 18</i>	<b>25.6%</b> (n=158)	<b>22.9%</b> (n=92)	<b>25.3%</b> (n=128)	<b>19.1%</b> (n=89)
Two or more adults <i>no children under age 18</i>	<b>54.5%</b> (n=337)	<b>53.7%</b> (n=216)	<b>50.7%</b> (n=256)	<b>53.5%</b> (n=249)
Single adult with child/ <i>children under age 18</i>	<b>2.4%</b> (n=15)	<b>6.0%</b> (n=24)	<b>4.6%</b> (n=23)	<b>5.8%</b> (n= 27)
Two or more adults with child/ <i>children under age 18</i>	<b>17.5%</b> (n=108)	<b>17.4%</b> (n=70)	<b>19.4%</b> (n=98)	<b>21.5%</b> (n=100)

### District of Residency

Respondents that answered: **N = 617**

Patrol District 1 (Southeast)	<b>10.4%</b> (n=64)	<b>15.3%</b> (n=60)	<b>17.3%</b> (n=87)	<b>10.6%</b> (n=48)
Patrol District 2 (Northcentral)	<b>17.5%</b> (n=108)	<b>14.8%</b> (n=58)	<b>20.7%</b> (n=104)	<b>14.0%</b> (n=63)
Patrol District 3 (Northwest)	<b>35.5%</b> (n=219)	<b>29.9%</b> (n=117)	<b>32.6%</b> (n=164)	<b>33.3%</b> (n=150)
Patrol District 4 (Southwest)	<b>30.9%</b> (n=191)	<b>29.2%</b> (n=114)	<b>23.7%</b> (n=119)	<b>34.4%</b> (n=155)
Patrol District 5 (Northeast)	<b>5.7%</b> (n=35)	<b>10.7%</b> (n=42)	<b>5.8%</b> (n=29)	<b>7.8%</b> (n=35)



## Demographic Summary

77.5% of respondents have lived in Loveland for 10 years or more.

65.1% of the respondents were 55 years-of-age or older compared to 60.2% in the 2012 survey, 61.6% in the 2009 survey and 50.5% in the 2006 survey.

40.2% of respondents were male, 56.8% were female and 3.0% did not indicate their gender.

District 3 had the highest response rate with 35.5% followed by District 4 (30.9%), District 2 (17.5%), District 1 (10.4%) and District 5 (5.7%).

80.1% of respondents had no children under the age of 18 residing in their home. 83.9% of respondents live in a single-family dwelling.

## 2. Perceptions of Safety and Security

### Question 8 – Safety & Security in neighborhood

N = 622 A total of 91.8% of respondents feel safe and secure in their Loveland neighborhood. This percentage has remained above 90% and essentially unchanged since the year 2006 survey (92.8% in 2012, 92.1% in 2009, and 94.5% in 2006).

### Question 13 – Feeling safe when:

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

N = 620 Very Safe (408, 65.8%), Fairly Safe (190, 30.6%), Fairly Unsafe (18, 2.9%), Very Unsafe (4, 0.6%)  
96.4% felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe.

#### Walking in own neighborhood after dark:

N = 615 Very Safe (118, 19.2%), Fairly Safe (375, 61.0%), Fairly Unsafe (96, 15.6%), Very Unsafe (26, 4.2%)  
80.2% of respondents over all felt safe. Females (267, 75.9%) were less likely to feel safe walking in their own neighborhood after dark than males (217, 86.5%).

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

N = 613 Very Safe (258, 42.1%), Fairly Safe (327, 53.3%), Fairly Unsafe (19, 3.1%), Very Unsafe (9, 1.5%)  
95.4% felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe.

#### Using public transportation:

N = 481 Very Safe (165, 34.3%), Fairly Safe (272, 56.5%), Fairly Unsafe (36, 7.5%), Very Unsafe (8, 1.7%)  
90.8% felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe.

#### Bicycling on City streets:

N = 552 Very Safe (70, 12.7%), Fairly Safe (319, 57.8%), Fairly Unsafe (123, 22.3%), Very Unsafe (40, 7.2%)  
70.5% indicated they felt either Very Safe or Fairly Safe.

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

N = 589 Very Safe (155, 26.3%), Fairly Safe (378, 64.2%), Fairly Unsafe (43, 7.3%), Very Unsafe (13, 2.2%)  
90.5% felt Very Safe or Fairly Safe.

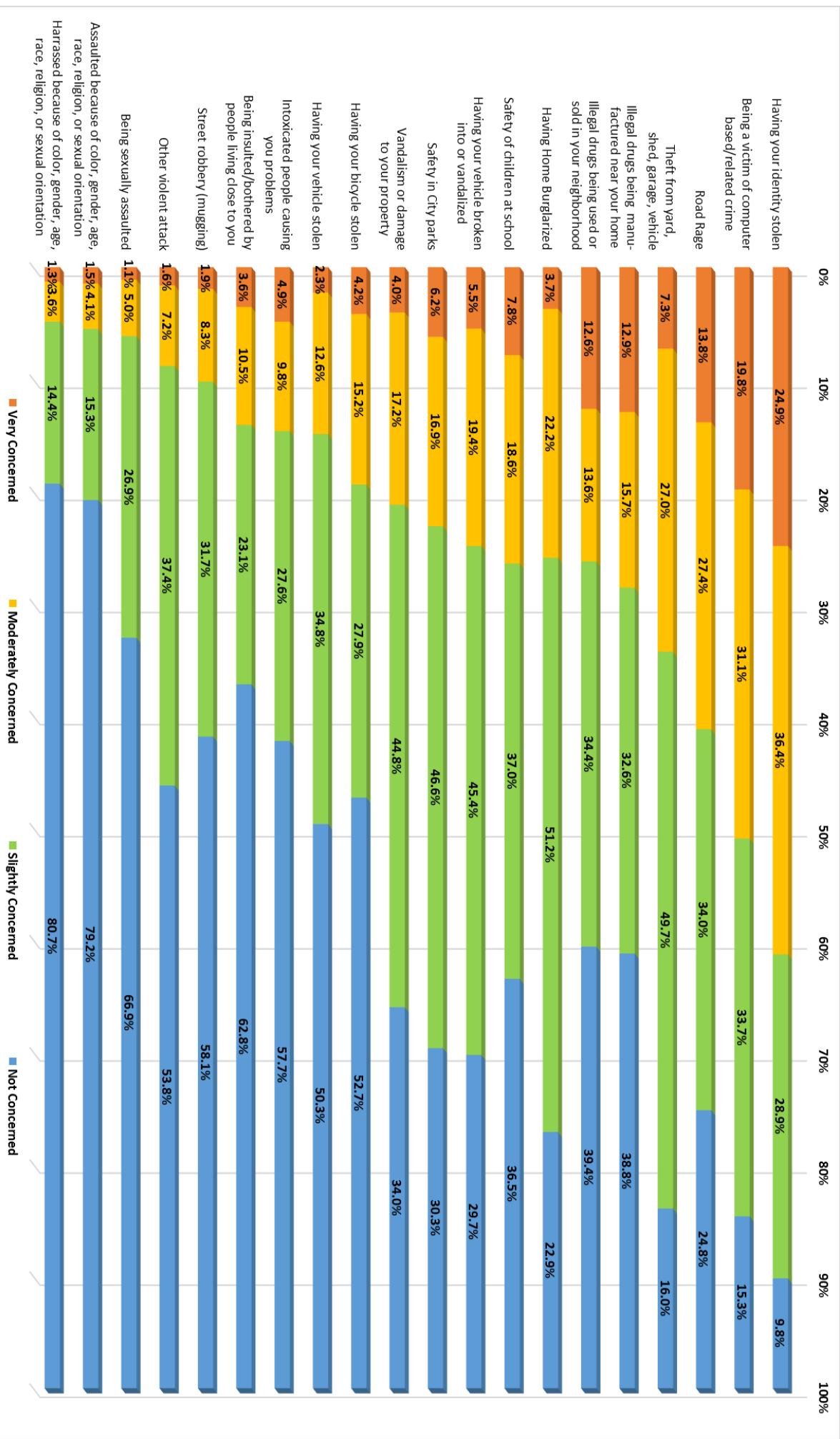
### Question 15 – Fearful about Crime in Loveland

N = 620 37.3% of respondents feel somewhat fearful about crime in Loveland and 3.9% indicated they are very fearful.

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

N = 619 1.0% of respondents indicated their level of fear decreased. 38.3% increased. 61.1% stayed same. When broken down by district, the level of respondents who indicated they felt their level of fear increased over the last 12 months is as follows: District 1 (31.1%), District 2 (43.0%), District 3 (38.7%), District 4 (39.9%), District 5 (25.7%). With respect to gender, 43.7% of female respondents indicated their level of fear increased over the past 12 months while only 30% of male respondents indicated their level of fear increased over the last 12 months.

The chart on the following page summarizes the level of concern which respondents reported about various criminal activities in their neighborhood.



Respondents in this survey expressed greater concern about the **possible occurrence** of particular crimes in their neighborhood than their **perception of the actual occurrences** of such crimes (comparing Question 10 [possibility] and Question 17 [perception of actual occurrences]). 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, 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

### Identity theft and computer crime

Identity theft and being a victim of computer based/related crime were the top two concerns for survey respondents. 61.3% of respondents were moderately or very concerned about identity theft. Respondents who were 55 to 66 years-of-age were much more concerned about identity theft (70.9%) than the other age groups. Those who were 67 to 79 years-of-age were next most concerned at 66.5%. Respondents who reported living in a mobile home residence were much more concerned than respondents of the other residence types about having their identity stolen (83.3%).

50.9% of respondents were moderately or very concerned about being a victim of computer based/related crime. Again, respondents in the 55 to 66 years-of-age group were much more concerned about this than the other age groups (64%). Mobile home respondents were likewise higher than the other residence types (66.7%).

### Road Rage

Road rage was the next activity with the next highest level of concern among respondents. Overall, 41.2% reported being moderately or very concerned about road rage. When broken down by district, respondents in District 2 showed the highest level at 50.5% (n=107) of respondents being moderately or very concerned, followed by District 5 respondents at 48.6% (n=35). The remaining districts in descending order of concern are: District 1 (41.9%, n=62), District 4 (39.9%, n=188), and District 3 (36.6%, n=216). The 19 through 30 Age group showed the lowest percentage amongst the age groups for being Very or Moderately concerned at only 20% (n=35) with the other age groups clustering between 37%-44%.

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

Over all 34.3% of respondents indicated they were Very Concerned or Moderately Concerned. 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:

Districts	Type of Residence	
District 1	Mobile Home	58.3% (7 of 12 respondents)
District 4	Duplex	48.8% (17 of 35 respondents)
District 2	Apartment	43.5% (10 of 23 respondents)
District 3	Single Family Home	33.4% (172 of 515 respondents)
District 5	Condo/Townhouse	19.2% (5 of 26 respondents)

### Illegal drugs being manufactured near your home

Overall respondents who indicated they were Very concerned or Moderately concerned was 28.6%. 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.

Duplex	50.0% (18 of 36 respondents)
Mobile Home	41.7% (5 of 12 respondents)
Condo/Townhouse	30.8% (8 of 26 respondents)
Single Family Home	26.4% (136 of 515 respondents)
Apartment	26.1% (6 of 23 respondents)

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

26.2% of all respondents indicated they were Very Concerned or Moderately Concerned about Illegal drugs being used or sold near their homes. Broken down by District and Residence type again shows varying levels of concern. What is interesting is the particular sub-groups who were more concerned with the **manufacture** of illegal drugs than the **sale or use** of illegal drugs near their homes.

Districts	Type of Residence	
District 1	Mobile Home	50.0% (6 of 12 respondents)
District 2	Duplex	44.4% (16 of 36 respondents)
District 5	Apartment	34.8% (8 of 23 respondents)
District 4	Single Family Home	24.4% (125 of 512 respondents)
District 3	Condo/Townhouse	15.4% (4 of 26 respondents)

## 3. Measures Taken to Increase Personal Safety

### Question 9 – Home Security Measures

N= 604

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

	2015	2012	2009	2006
Dead bolt door locks	<b>89.2% (n=539)</b>	<b>87.5% (n=356)</b>	<b>77.6% (n=398)</b>	<b>81.8% (n=369)</b>
Exterior motion activated lighting	<b>35.1% (n=212)</b>	<b>28.3% (n=115)</b>	<b>39.0% (n=200)</b>	<b>28.6% (n=129)</b>
Weapons for self defense	<b>45.4% (n=274)</b>	<b>39.1% (n=159)</b>	<b>43.1% (n=221)</b>	<b>37.7% (n=170)</b>
Broom sticks in patio door/window tracks	<b>36.3% (n=219)</b>	<b>44.0% (n=179)</b>	<b>33.5% (n=172)</b>	<b>38.1% (n=172)</b>
Exterior flood lights	<b>25.2% (n=152)</b>	<b>27.3% (n=111)</b>	<b>28.5% (n=146)</b>	<b>24.4% (n=110)</b>
Timers for turning on interior lights	<b>19.9% (n=120)</b>	<b>24.6% (n=100)</b>	<b>18.1% (n=93)</b>	<b>21.1% (n= 95)</b>
Guard dogs	<b>17.9% (n=108)</b>	<b>3.7% (n=15)</b>	<b>17.9% (n=92)</b>	<b>16.4% (n= 74)</b>
Key locks on window tracks*	<b>11.9% (n=72)</b>			
Security alarm	<b>7.9% (n=48)</b>	<b>9.8% (n=40)</b>	<b>5.1% (n=26)</b>	<b>6.2% (n= 28)</b>

\*not available from previous surveys

Only 36.3% of respondents place sticks/dowls in their patio door or window tracks, 80.1% do not have timers on interior lights and 10.8% do not have deadbolt door locks. These are all simple and inexpensive methods of increasing personal safety. Continued educational programs by the Loveland Police Department regarding these and other methods for improving personal safety would be beneficial to the community.

Only 2.8% of respondents who were less than 43 years-of-age had timers for turning on interior lights in their homes while 23.9% of older respondents had such timers. Over half (55.2%) of males indicated that they had weapons of self-defense at home as compared to 38.3% of females. Respondents who were less than 55 years-of age were more likely to have weapons of self-defense than older respondents (53.5% vs 40.7%). District 3 respondents came in with the lowest reported use of Exterior motion lighting (28.9%) than the other district respondents.

As the technology, accessibility, and adoption for home automation systems improves in the coming years and given the inherent security features within home automation, it will be interesting to track how this affects other security practices as well as citizen perception of possible crime versus actual experienced occurrence of crime.

## 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).

### Respondent ranking of methods for improving public safety

Method	Avg. Rank
1 Police visibility	3.30
2 Police officer and staff training	6.82
3 Neighborhood watch programs	6.88
4 Ability for local law enforcement agencies to share data and information	6.91
5 More parental control	7.08
6 Better enforcement of drunk/drug driving laws	8.31
7 Crime prevention programs	8.47
8 Northern Colorado regional crime lab	8.52
9 Clean up trashy areas of the City	9.48
10 Additional school resource officers in the schools	9.61
11 Police Department use of Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, etc) to inform the community	10.53
12 Improve driver education	10.69
13 Reduce overgrown shrubs and trees	10.77
14 Carry personal alarms/self defense	11.11
15 Speed and/or red light enforcement through cameras	11.98
16 More bicycle lanes	12.96
17 Lower speed limits	13.70
18 Mark household valuables with identification tags	14.0
19 Less on-street parking	14.13

**Police visibility** is the most effective method for improving public safety according to 49.1% of survey respondents.

**Police officer and staff training** ranked as the second most effective method followed closely in third place by **Neighborhood watch programs**. Although the following items were ranked less effective by respondents, City Departments other than the Police Department could help improve public safety by working with the citizens and acting on some of these suggestions. For example: better street lighting, cleaning up trashy areas in the City, reducing overgrown shrubs and trees, and providing bicycle lanes involve cooperative efforts among several City departments.

## Respondent Importance of Departmental Planning, budgeting, training, preparing for major situations

Respondents were also 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 the percentages of respondents who gave a Very Important or Moderately Important rating to these items.

Active/Mass Shooter incidents (school, movie theater, etc)			
	Totals		
<b>Very Important</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>59.9%</b>	<b>87.1%</b>
<b>Moderately Important</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>27.2%</b>	
Slightly Important	76	12.3%	
Not Important	4	0.6%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

Natural Disasters			
	Totals		
<b>Very Important</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>58.6%</b>	<b>91.9%</b>
<b>Moderately Important</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>33.3%</b>	
Slightly Important	47	7.6%	
Not Important	3	0.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

Terrorist Activity			
	Totals		
<b>Very Important</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>30.4%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>
<b>Moderately Important</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>37.7%</b>	
Slightly Important	163	26.4%	
Not Important	34	5.5%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

Pandemic Illness			
	Totals		
<b>Very Important</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>52.9%</b>
<b>Moderately Important</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>32.7%</b>	
Slightly Important	230	37.2%	
Not Important	61	9.9%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

Natural Disaster and Active Shooter were by far the two highest categories. This is not surprising given both the recent flooding as well as shooting incidents that have occurred since the 2012 survey.

## 5. Neighborhood Criminal Activities

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	Number of Responses
1	Speeding cars	3.29	558
2	Barking dog	3.09	520
3	Unsupervised juvenile/youth	2.66	452
4	Illegal drug activity	2.37	374
5	Dogs running loose	2.19	441
6	Loud parties or noise	2.18	456
7	Thefts from automobiles	2.04	389
8	Abandoned or junk cars	2.03	439
9	Vandalism	2.01	414
10	Other thefts	1.98	360
11	Graffiti	1.96	387
12	Domestic violence	1.93	332
13	Vagrancy/Loitering	1.91	420
14	Public intoxication	1.79	414
15	Violence in schools	1.77	290
16	Burglary	1.76	344
17	Gang criminal activity	1.67	325
18	Auto theft	1.55	331
19	Personal assault	1.50	346
20	Sexual assault or rape	1.37	298

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 (#10) up to # 7 for 2015. Abandoned or junk cars also increased from the 2012 survey (#15) up to # 8 this year.

## 6. 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 67.8% 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 74.0% in the 2012 survey, 71.2% in the 2009 survey, and 73.1% in 2006. A total of 32.2% of respondents avoided certain areas. Of the 191 responses that indicated they avoid certain areas, 60.7% indicated they avoid the area on Friday and Saturday nights. Respondents listed specific areas they most often avoided as downtown, City parks and the hike and bike paths.

## 7. Comments from Survey

1. District 2 needs more police presence! Lots of drug and gang activity along 16th st. Constant noise from Loveland Ford as well as drag racing and speeding cars off their lot. Unsafe overall, sad to say, but am a CCW person now. d/t neighborhood and situations.
2. At my age I have become more aware of my surroundings and the safety of my home and what could happen. I am very proud of the police depart. of Loveland and because of a lot of negative media and my age some of my answers are relative to this- I believe you are doing very well.
3. Chief Hecker, we have met and know a few of your officers when off duty at neighborhood gatherings, etc., my wife and I very impressed with how they present themselves. We are proud of our police depart, thank you.
4. I think Loveland is doing an excellent job of protecting the people of Loveland; God bless them and protect themselves in danger every day.
5. the above occurs on Nickle Dr between Madison and Boise, weekly, there is a small white care that races up and down Nickle every day.
6. cars speeding in school zones when lights are flashing, cars speeding, loud noises when cars are speeding.
7. We in Loveland are fortunate to have the police/justice dept. that we have. Times are changing and education is ever on-going.
8. under age youths smoking and drinking at Sunny side Park. Increase patrol on foot to the NE corner of the park.
9. In the past 15 yrs, this neighborhood has vastly improved, Neighborhood watch neighborly respect and positive police interaction are the reasons for improvement,
10. I appreciate policemen and women.I am in a LEO family and pray for all of you.
11. I have no issues with Loveland period. We love living here and very fortunate to live in a town where we feel so safe.
12. I would like to see some speed bumps put in on Birch Dr.. I have reported speeders a number of times.
13. Thanks for all you do! We love our Neighborhood & Neighbors. City needs to be more proactive in involving citizens. Community night out is good but needs more pre-publicity.
14. We do love living here and appreciate our police protection. The increased traffic is annoying trying to get out of Antero onto Taft as cars come too fast south on Taft - would appreciate more patrol cars to slow them down before we get killed..
15. We feel pretty safe on 5th Street. Some concern about speeding and with activities on weekends from downtown bleeding into area. Would like to see police drive thru more often, please.
16. Detective Koopman. I'm more scared of the system & people like Brian Koopman. I'm blown away that he still is working and we are paying his legal bills. It's bad when cops are so above the law and untouchable. That is what me and everyone I know fears.
17. Problems with the homeless theft wise. I think this could be helped if there were more help and support out there for the ones that wanted to change for the better.
18. We're very thankful for our law enforcement and are proud to support you. God bless!
19. Thank you for all you do!
20. I feel safe but the recent shootings in the news are a little unnerving. I drive these roads every day, and have come to realize even small towns can have crazy people in them. Thanks for asking my opinion!!
21. Traffic laws poorly enforced - some police fear public too quick to overreact.
22. Homeless people around. Witnessed a lot of homeless people and people walking dogs off leash which makes me nervous with a 14 mo. old baby.
23. I'm very proud of our police department and how they are handling their responsibilities!
24. Loveland has the best PD in the USA! Thank you
25. I think the Loveland Police does a good job! Unfortunately, as our town grows into a city, we are getting all the negative effects of growth. You "must" get control or our crime will continue to grow as well. I'm not looking for a "Police community", but rules need to be enforced.
26. I think the Loveland Police Department does an excellent job protecting the citizens of Loveland.
27. Amazing the amount of people/cars that speed and run the "very red" light at Madison and Silverleaf!
28. I would love to see more police visibility right after school hours near Stansberry Elem. Frequent loitering and some vandalism by kids leaving school & dropped off by buses.
29. Overall the quality of police work here in Loveland is excellent and leaves very little to be desired. I am more concerned about the Federal Gov. and the massive buildup of the military equipment all across the country. And specifically Jade Helen 15 which they're being very hush-hush about. I could rave on about this, but if you're interested go online to: (RevolutionRadio.org). The Banana Bread Man
30. Thank you to Loveland Police Dept. We appreciate your hard work.
31. The Police Dept. needs to be more strict and get rid of all the people begging for money (ex: King Soopers on 29th) and all the homeless druggies.

32. Our main issue in my neighborhood is drugs. I have witnessed many times drug deals in the intersection of W. 9th & Roosevelt. Many of these people seem to come and go from the apartment building north of this intersection (sits on W. 10th) that backs up to the alley. Also the 5th house does have frequent, short visit, late traffic in and out every day. Long time neighbors state these people deal drugs. The traffic leaving the house speed through the area and many people do not stop at the intersection of W. 9th & Roosevelt. Thanks!
33. Stop police visitation at Loveland High School Parking lot for 2 police cars chatting nightly while cars speed by doing 50 mph and not going after them. I have witnessed this on several occasions.
34. Logan Drive is a speed zone for the high school -- needs speed bumps.
35. I live across from "Benson Sculpture Park" and sometimes I fear to walk over there. We need more police presence.
36. Loveland is a great city. We moved away for 2 years after living here for 3. Moved back last year and plan on staying for good. A great place to raise our kids.
37. We want to praise Loveland P.D. & Firemen - We are concerned about Colorado passing the marijuana law - Feel that was a mistake that it affects our kids -
38. LPD does a great job of community policing. We appreciate you!!
39. You guys do a great job. Thank you.
40. Thanks for all you do to keep our community safe!
41. I am worried with the new apartments opening on Taft and 402, that neighborhood crime will be on the rise. I know that seems unfair to say but I am a homeowner, not a renter. South Douglas Avenue from 402 needs to be patrolled - speeding, loud cars and motorcycles. Thank you for this opportunity! Keep up the great work!!
42. There is quite a bit of marijuana use outside in back yards or front porches that stinks up the area sometimes - I don't like to take my kids outside when I can smell it.
43. Please quit speeding on 11th St.! My grandson plays outside! Thank you!
44. My boyfriend & I also found an ankle monitor in our backyard one morning. Assuming someone threw it? We notified the police immediately.
45. Speeding traffic in school zone on 29th in front of Mar Blair Elementary School
46. Find the I-25 shooter.
47. Enforce lawbreaking bicyclist!!! My biggest fear while driving! \*This survey should be online\*
48. I think more police presence city wide on our streets would help a lot. Also, enforce the speed limits and driving rules. Fines would help create more \$ for the department.
49. If I can hear the noise or feel the thump of someone's radio as they drive by, that's too loud!
50. I am terrified to be outside or let my kids play outside right now because of the recent shootings. I used to feel very safe in Loveland.
51. Westlake village townhomes feels very safe
52. Now that the "medical" marijuana law came into effect, there has been an increase in criminal type activity. Now that the non-medical marijuana law came into effect, Loveland (and Colo. as a whole) has a continuous increase in crime and riff-raff/ Very sad to go outside and have a large amount of neighbors smoking pot which one smells & sees in attitudes and by drivers behavior worsening at a great increase also. I think our officers have done a great job, but definitely they need more on the force. If it were not for them, out town would be nurturing much more. Love our Police Department. Also, there have been times when rental houses in the neighborhood where we strongly suspected manufacturing and/or selling of drugs.
53. Family is very proud of Loveland PD over many years. 100 years. Speeding sometimes 29th to Antero to Taft past my house....probably due to construction. Jan 2013 I arrived home at 3am after my husband was taken to McKee. One of our finest policeman stopped and asked if I was okay. I really appreciated his concern
54. Loveland PD does an excellent job! Don't let national negative attitude about police in some locations affect your job here in Loveland. We support the police in Loveland!
55. Have not felt safe since I called police for the first time in 20 years and was made to feel I was at fault. Have changed my path on the property to avoid neighbors that verbally attacked me: 2 large men. Especially since the police have come to this complex many times for dumb reasons - yet I feel unsafe and was treated horrible talked down to by dispatcher - would not even send an officer to investigate. I worry the same will happen when a more serious incident happens. Can't stress enough how the dispatcher treated me - very bad and insulting - made me feel I wasn't worthy of police help. Two large men threatening me and I'm a disabled female, yet I wasn't worthy of police assistance.
56. Speeding cars are a very large problem on Madison and 6th street
57. Vagrants living/sleeping in local parks - Loch Lon
58. With the recent murder in Loveland, everything has changed. Now fearful of just walking to the mailbox.
59. People cruise through Cheyenne Street often, whilst children in the area. There's too much traffic in this city. I feel safe.
60. I feel safe here, not aware of any problems.
61. Please add a light at the end of the alley behind the liquor store and Justine's Pizza.

62. Having more officers would be helpful. They used to drive by frequently in years past but don't do that as much. Makes me think we don't have enough trained officers to patrol and concern of burnout for those that are on duty.
63. Trust in the Police Department is foremost. Police officers who violate the public trust must be dealt with firmly and decisively (i.e., they must be terminated).
64. Thank you, Police Department, for the great job that you have been doing!
65. Consider officers visiting intentionally with citizens when they're in local coffee shops. Very effective worldwide.
66. Thank you police! All pretty good near Sculpture Park. Please try to get cell phones stopped while driving - or texting - very dangerous! Thanks.
67. Maybe more speed bumps in front of schools -- on streets.
68. In the few interactions I have had with Loveland Police Officers, they have been helpful, professional in bearing and knowledgeable. My hat is off to you.
69. I do not care if I have to pay more taxes to get more police on the job in Loveland. That would make our city safer.
70. The Loveland Police Depart. does a good job. Training for future events is important as the city grows we will need more police officers.
71. Personally feel level of safety has declined in recent years. Used to feel safe walking alone at night.
72. streets blocked for races occasionally
73. about drivers; glide through stop signs, so many don't use turn signals, high school kids drive too fast in child play neighborhoods.
74. I very much appreciate all that Loveland Police do for our community and for the most part think they do a great job. Thanks!
75. I would like to see more stop signs or a lower speed limit in our neighborhood. There is also no enforcement of the speed limit in our neighborhood that I can see and it would be safer for neighborhood kids if cars were not going so fast.
76. Overall our police have and continue to do a great job. God Bless you all.
77. Police are doing a good job. Their job is hard. Police work can attract people who may take advantage of their position for personal ego issues. Careful screening is required prior to hiring.
78. I really wish Code Enforcement would patrol neighborhood @ Taft and SW 14th. Move lots of junk cars, trashed yards, etc.
79. PD is doing a great job and I just want to say Thank You!!
80. Thank you for all you do to keep Loveland safe.
81. The vagrancy is not directly in my immediate neighborhood, but close.
82. Question # 10: Between adolescence and my current age of 66, I have been bullied, sexually assaulted, raped, threatened chased and threatened with a knife, burglarized multiple times from both my home and car, threatened with robbery, insulted and harassed because of my gender, age and race. So, I will always be "slightly concerned" regarding the environment I'm in and the people sharing that space with me. But I firmly believe that the Loveland Police Department will respond in a timely and professional way to my 911 call. My experience as both a victim and a colleague, informs me that not all law enforcement officers are qualified for such an elite and important career but most are and they deserve my thanks and my tax dollars. Thank you, my fellow citizens in blue.
83. Fear of crime has increased due to shootings in past several months.
84. Luke - I realize that the "police review board" concept is seemingly unnecessary to police, but public opinion of police might improve if such a system were in place. Such a board might improve police perception by people who think poorly of police.
85. Concerned about safety while driving (possible shooter on the loose)
86. Numerous home-based businesses with lots of extra cars, equipment, machines, junk at the 3 homes to the East of mine. Their overflow is parked in front of my home for the past 5 or 6 years, ugly
87. We had an item stolen from our home recently. We were very pleased with how the issue was handled by the Police Department. The item that was stolen was recovered. Thank you.
88. I greatly appreciate our Chief of Police and all of our Police. Loveland stays safe because of all you do. Thank You! Stay safe.
89. Drug dealing and use is so prevalent. People are using technology and phones to make these transactions easy, fast, and harder to catch. I see these transactions routinely, and yet law enforcement has not been concerned with the activity.....or unable to use new ways to stop it.
90. RV equipment parked in front of the house, off street.
91. We have frequent speeders on W. 22nd street. Increased concern w/opening of new McHaffey park! AM/PM rush hours and on weekends are especially bad.
92. Our household does not live in fear. Loveland is a great community, particularly our neighborhood. There has been way too much bad press about law enforcement. We just want you to know that we really appreciate how LPD has kept the community safe. Keep it up and be safe out there.
93. Great city!

94. people don't keep dogs on leashes at parks, see more pit bulls in this town.
95. Very concerned about recent shooting not far from my home. Seems random, information would be helpful.
96. We appreciate our police department. God bless you and keep you safe.
97. Right now the one thing that concerns me is the fact that a police officer is being employed here, that should not be. Fire him.
98. I moved to Loveland because I love how safe it feels, the sense of community and it's size. Loveland police are wonderful! Thanks for all you do.
99. lots of speeding on hwy. 402
100. Let's face it, Loveland is pretty safe. I'm much more concerned that my civil liberties may be infringed upon if reactionary steps are taken to address other people's fear of crimes, or imagined lack of safety. There are too many 20 MPH school zones. All red light and speeding cameras should be disabled and removed.
101. Thank you for protecting us - you are appreciated.
102. Our schools do not have security doors and that is a concern. Crime has increased just since the shooting on 1st and St. Louis
103. Thank you to all of our Loveland Police. You all do a fine job and you are appreciated. More Police presence on US 34 - especially from 287 East. Traffic is heavy and there is a lot of impatient drivers - speeding, recklessly switching lanes, tailgating. People need to see more drivers being pulled over plus being ticketed as a deterrent.
104. Thanks! Loveland is a great city! We love the small town feel with the parades and all! we are sad to see that there is more crime; car break-ins, stolen bikes and stuff, even in our part of town. I think our Police Department is doing a great job.....I just wish people would make better choices. :-)
105. Walking and biking paths are unsafe on East side (East of Barnes to Walmart area)
106. Your job is to serve and protect, writing speeding tickets on Sunday morning, asking my name, etc.. When I call to report something, killing my friends Son and not saying why, all makes me feel like a criminal than a citizen you are to serve and protect.
107. Always worried about gang activity. Loveland needs an ordinance that limits number of dogs to two. Right now there is no limit!
108. The homeless population seems to have increased downtown. That is where my largest fear of safety comes from. At night, I feel safer parking on the street, than putting the car in the garage on the alley.
109. Road rage very bad in Loveland everywhere. I basically think the Police Department does a great job. Wish there was less road rage. It's getting bad!!
110. Sorry I didn't do #11 - would take too long.
111. I stay in my house & mind my own business. I am older - no children any more - people move etc.
112. I have lived in Loveland two different times. I feel safe here. This is a city where I will raise my family. If you are able to avoid the hectic traffic on 34 and 402, Loveland is a great place to live. Thank you for everything you guys do.
113. Drugs are being used and sold across the street from my house, 1818 S.W. 3rd Street. Police have been there several times but nothing seems to be done about it. Really DON'T want this activity where I live and work @SMES.
114. Thank You!
115. Overall VERY pleased with Loveland Police Department! Thank You!!
116. Don't walk after dark.
117. Overall Loveland is a safe, great place to live and raise a family.
118. I think that where we live these people smoking pot in their apartment around small children so wrong. and so I think it's so wrong. They don't work But they can buy pot they should work and give their kids a good life. #14. Too many homeless guys asking for money.
119. #17. Unsupervised juvenile/youth - Benson Park due to Loveland HS students loitering. Enforce Curfews. Meth problem seems to be getting worse. Thank you for a great job. One of my neighbors is employed with the Loveland Police Dept. and parks a marked patrol car on my street. It is a great idea and deterrent to crime. I would like to see fireworks for personal use banned and only have organized events through the Fire Dept.
120. I have utmost faith in the Loveland Police Depart. In dealing with any officer, I feel I have a friend rather than an enforcer.
121. I've always felt we have a pretty safe neighborhood as I know my neighbors well and we help one another. However, a year or so ago our neighbors sheds were burglarized and lots of things stolen.
122. The driver's test should include a trip down a street like West 22nd to see if they know what a driving lane, bike lane, and parking area are and that right turn lanes are marked by dashed white lines.
123. It would be good to have a truly anonymous way to report tips.
124. Thank you L.P.D. for all you do for us!!!
125. Feel safe in this city - Homelessness is increasing and with them having mental problems they are not very nice to the people around them - they need a place to go.
126. I would like to see more walk time on traffic lights at Eisenhower and Taft.
127. Never needed pepper spray until now!

128. Barking dogs are terrible in Country Club area.
129. Keep up the good work. We have your back.
130. We've been the victims of theft 3 times from our back yard bordering the alley (not reported) and one time from our driveway (reported/bike, not recovered).
131. Continual running at stop signs @ 9th & Roosevelt as people use 9th to avoid school zone @ Garfield Elementary.
132. Please take into consideration my house was burglarized about 6 1/2 years ago. I also witnessed a theft from my neighbor's garage about a year ago.
133. Cats running loose
134. Do more to catch those who are speeding. I feel that the Police Dept. is doing a pretty good job - however, society is going to hell.
135. speeding, running red lights, and road rage are the most dangerous to the public
136. I don't read any police reports so I don't know about any crimes/disturbances. Once when I was concerned about odd behavior of a man passing by I got immediate follow-up by an officer and the issue was resolved.
137. see lengthy note attached to survey
138. traffic control; speed limits need to be enforced; illegal left turns into 2 lanes, into far right hand lane is rampant; speeding up to get through yellow lights.
139. if we are going to allow homeless in the city, then we should find more ways of taking care of them.
140. Overall, I feel safe in the area where I live. I feel that the police department does a good job of maintaining a safe environment.
141. I think the police do a wonderful job, thanks.
142. Speeding on Taft north of 37th street. Speeding on Duffield north of 37th Street. I'm very concerned about red light runners in the town as a whole. Speeding limit to high on Eisenhower east of Boise.
143. My family moved to Loveland last year and we love it! We feel extremely safe and Police Dept has been very helpful when we had questions or concerns.
144. Problems with occupants @ 605 W. 5th Street. Drugs & assault of neighbor.
145. Keep up the good work! Thank you for doing this really tough job.
146. Illegal drug activity seems to be a growing issue in Loveland - Heroin & Meth. Not necessarily in my neighborhood but throughout the city. It would be good to have a crime stopper line where teens/young adults could anonymously report names & locations of heroin & meth sales.
147. Most of the time I feel safe in downtown Loveland - Even at 9:00 PM I take my dog for a walk - I bring Pepper spray more for loose aggressive dogs than people -
148. I feel more unsafe at work than at home. Living on a very busy street, I am more concerned about someone losing control of their car and hitting my house or car.
149. You should get a handle on testing of phone distractions and driving. I am a local semi driver and see wrecks every day from it. ;>)
150. My only concerns come from the apartments north of us.
151. LPD Thanks for all you do. You are respected by myself and my family. I wish the same could be said by member of our City Council!
152. The only contact I have had with police was 4th of July last year. A young veteran had a PTSD incident & the police talked him down with nobody getting hurt. Very impressive. I feel safe in Loveland & I hear fire trucks and police cars on the job - so I know they are doing well.
153. #1 complaint: Very loud (modified) diesel trucks and motorcycles constantly on Taft. Limited run-in experience w/police here (thankfully) officers very polite, courteous, fair. Had one occasion of an individual criminally trespassing during broad daylight, filed report, wasn't caught.
154. Thank you for everything that you do :>)
155. Our Chief of Police has done a remarkable job with respect towards others and making our city safe. Keep up the good job!
156. Police visibility matters most
157. Need a lot more traffic enforcement. Never see a police car and people run stop signs, red lights, speed and about any other law.
158. We appreciate your efforts!
159. #11 is complicated & unclear - breakdown into sub categories
160. I really love my neighborhood, but downtown has become very sketchy around Safeway, the Post Office and The Chilson Center.
161. We really haven't lived in Loveland that long. I have grown children & live in a quiet neighborhood by Loveland HS. I think the police have a quiet, yet reassuring presence. I believe that training/education is great, community involvement a must. Keep up the good work!
162. This is the worst town I have ever lived in for traffic running yellow and red lights, yet I have never seen cops watching <sup>22</sup> for this. The cops spend all their time sitting under shade trees catching cars going 5 miles over the speed limit.

163. annoying drunk neighbors, identity stolen twice
164. No feeling of area locally - but with unsecured borders
165. Do not let our beautiful city become a haven for the homeless. Downtown has become a hangout & can make people very uncomfortable. I do not need to be asked for money or followed every time we go out for dinner.
166. My comfort level has definitely gone down in the recent past, between the officer getting shot last year and these more recent random shootings.
167. We have always felt safe in Loveland. I am now concerned because of the recent killing on 1st and St. Louis. Across Colorado driving has become aggressive and dangerous. All of our past experiences with Loveland's police have been positive! We have a good team.
168. The shooting on 1st str & St. Louis is pretty disturbing. I grew up there, my parents still live there. Let's get this figured out!
169. Thank you for asking for our input. One suggestion: the list ranking improving safety methods was too long to do properly.
170. At times I wonder why there are posted speed limits when nearly everyone, including police cars, don't abide by them.
171. People think it is ok to speed down White Elm Fr and one of the neighbors likes to drink and sit on his motorcycle in his driveway and burn rubber. People also think Madison is a race track especially late at night. People do not care that there are speed limits.
172. Policeman getting shot across the street where I live, a lot of police chasing & taping off areas that we get no information about.
173. Speeding automobiles on Carlisle Drive is a problem.
174. I do notice some transients in the downtown area on Lincoln Avenue usually during the day. But never have they given me any reason to fear for my safety. The hoarders on the corner of Sheridan and 7th I consider a possible public health risk.
175. Have experienced more fear because of random shootings the last several months. We very much appreciate the Loveland police. They do a good job.
176. Relatively new to the area. Have seen cars pulled over and police with "weapons drawn" on my block or around the corner - but not necessarily for crimes committed in this area.
177. I've lived at my residence for 20 years. I like my neighborhood. I realize dogs bark because I have two of them. People let their dogs bark all the time. My only complaint.
178. Crossing the street to get to the mailbox and to walk in the neighborhood especially with a small child is a concern because cars whiz around the corner and speed from the main road.
179. It just takes 1 bad neighbor to mess up the whole block.
180. Speeding trucks (big trucks) & cars on Wilson between 1st Ave & Rd. 402. When school is out for summer it's much worse because there is nothing to slow them down.
181. Thank you for the survey and the great work LPD does every day.
182. Good job!
183. Thank you for the new street lights on S. Boise!
184. Fearful because of recent shootings.
185. Thank you for doing a good job. I appreciate the Loveland Police Dept wholeheartedly.
186. Recent shooting concern me/everyone. =(
187. There is a lot of fireworks being shot off in the N. Wilson & West 17th Street & Greeley Court area. It's extremely loud.
188. #11. Lower speed limits and monitor. Improve driver education for all not just teens.
189. #16. Feel crime has increased due to shooting incidents.
190. Great job!
191. Question 17, answers related to the last 10 years, not recently.
192. 24 homes in area were hit with an attempt theft or with theft in one night.
193. Thank you all for your hard work and efforts for the community.
194. Not so much in my neighborhood but in the same district I know of many crimes and activities that are not taken care of.
195. There is a serious lack of Police follow up in burglaries, check fraud, auto theft and vandalism.
196. Speed and/or red light enforcement - school zones only..... Crossing the street where you live - 29th street. I think our Police Department is great! One of the reason's Loveland is great is because of our Police Department. I do wish speed zones in front of schools was better enforced.... Thanks You!
197. Please thank all of the women and men who serve. God Bless. Drive by shooter has made me more cautious about being out and about alone, walking or driving, gives an unsafe feeling.
198. I am not aware of any of these things occurring in my neighborhood.
199. Loveland has grown and as population density increases so do problems with law enforcement. I don't envy anyone in law enforcement these days. I do admire them in light of the difficult and dangerous job they have. Thanks!
200. not that I know about

201. I take an active role in my personal safety and those around me. I believe the LPD does a good job of keeping us safe in a difficult time.
202. Thank you all for your service. I had a very positive interaction with police officers recently after I was rear ended. Thank you all for your hard work.
203. You're doing a great job, more police presence would be great, especially for speeding/aggressive driving.
204. Overgrown weeds and people not keeping up their properties.
205. At every light every day I see people run the red light. I've even seen it in front of an officer and nothing is done.
206. I usually feel unsafe & insecure since I was robbed and our homeless people situation. #11 - ? confusing, I do not want to fill it out wrong, sorry. :-( I am very fearful: I was robbed (my house) The homeless problem was not as bad as it is to this day. Homeless people set up chairs at the Safeway parking lot on Eisenhower. It makes our town look like a slum.
  
207. All the ratings would be much better if not for the current shootings.
208. I filled this out 7/1/15 then the very next day, 7/2/15, I hear about the attack at North Shore Nursing Home and all about the FBI being out on Boyd Lake Ave. Now, I'm not so sure about being safe!
209. FBI went through my neighborhood recently - very unsettling
210. Ours is not a through street. Except the 4th of July and Bronco games, it's fairly quiet. Road rage - I would like to learn how to avoid an unpleasant incident - eg., a driver getting mad as I obey the speed limit. 12a - job of medical community 12b - job for all community 12d - We need gun control and registration as much as vehicle and driver registration. Note above #13 - Before answering any questions, our faith is strong. We are happy that God knows and decides when we will live and die in this beautiful world. 15. I see myself as careful - not fearful #16 - Crime has stayed the same, but am aware of more reported crimes.
  
211. I know this doesn't fall under the duty of Police Officers but the bridge on Monroe & 42nd is a huge danger due to complete lack of a shoulder. Many people cross it on bikes & on foot and I fear an accident will happen soon. I can't walk my son to the park just north of Good Shepherd Church because of that bridge. Please address this and widen it!!!! The road is getting busier & busier; resulting in a dangerous position for bikers and peds.
212. I truly value the Loveland Police Dept and their decision making.
213. Drunks and homeless people hanging around downtown Safeway parking lots and across the street from Safeway needs to be removed from there. Also unruly school kids ages from 10 to 15 hanging around the Loveland Library need to be removed from hanging around the library after school and weekends.