

Koltiska: Police Initiative Reducing Crime Rates

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Lt. Travis Koltiska says an initiative implemented in 2016 is reducing crime rates. (Photo by Pat Blair)

A system that Sheridan police call DDACTS is resulting in a reduction of crime victims, less loss of property and less loss of money throughout the community.

That's according to Lt. Travis Koltiska, who talked about the system – the letters stand for Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Safety – at Thursday's Rotary Club meeting.

Koltiska said the system was implemented in 2016. Before that, he said, the police department had been using a variation called traffic management.

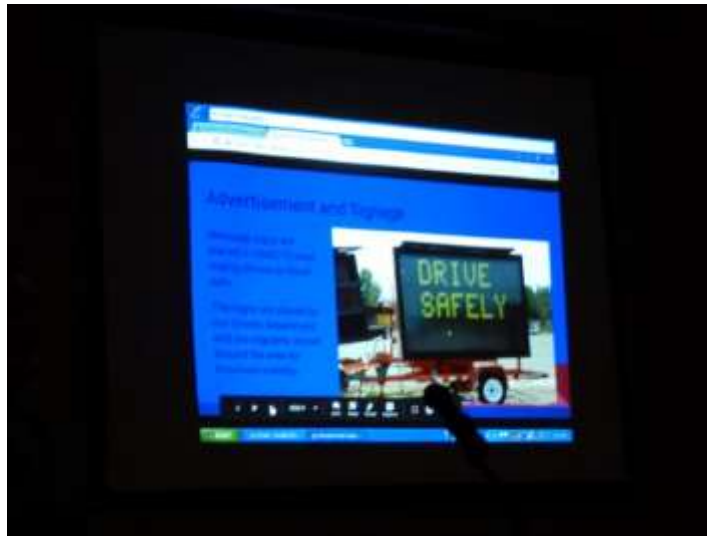
He said since implementation of DDACTS, alcohol crashes went down by 20 percent.

Koltiska said substance abuse arrests have gone up, but the crime rate overall has dropped nearly 13 percent.

He said DDACTS is a national initiative that relies in part on high visibility enforcement. Koltiska said Sheridan police don't hide behind bushes. The goal, he said, is to be seen, to let people know that the police are there.

Another part of the initiative, he said, is identifying data, which allows the police department to utilize targeted strategies in reducing traffic violations and reducing crime. Koltiska said it's amazing how many times crimes have been solved through traffic stops.

Koltiska said in terms of individuals' ages, Sheridan's police department is very young but the individuals are very active and enthusiastic.



One of the slides Koltiska showed during his presentation.