



NEWS RELEASE

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The City of Portage will be continuing to implement the Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety (DDACTS) grant this summer. DDACTS integrates location-based crime and traffic crash data to establish effective and efficient deployment of law enforcement resources. Crime and traffic crash data have been analyzed, and “hot spots” have been identified. The Portage Department of Public Safety will be strategically deploying police officers to the hot spots for high visibility enforcement activities during peak times. This method of deployment has proven successful throughout the country. The Portage Department of Public Safety has identified the next hot spot as Sprinkle Road, between Kilgore and Milham. Increased police presence will begin on May 31st. The goal of this program is to reduce crime and traffic crashes.

Portage residents will notice an increased police presence on Sprinkle Road during specified hours. The assigned officer’s priority will be citizen contacts. The object is not to increase traffic citations, but to modify driving behaviors and deter crime. Officers will be conducting field interviews with persons they encounter. Necessary enforcement action will take place for any criminal offenses encountered during the high visibility patrols.

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