

Marijuana Seminar Conducted At Peru State College

(KLZA)-- Nemaha County Sheriff, Brent Lottman, was on the Peru State College campus recently to present a seminar on “the effects of use and legalization of marijuana through the eyes of law enforcement.” Lottman is a Peru State alum and has been sheriff of Nemaha County since 2003.

The seminar focused on evolving law enforcement findings and policies of states where marijuana is legal. The long-term health effects of newly legal, intoxicating substances are studied in depth; but the long-term consequences to communities and law enforcement are just coming to the public’s attention.

Lottman said, “Education is an important piece of the law enforcement toolbox – whether it’s educating new deputies or the public on the consequences of legalization. Statewide legalization doesn’t change the laws on DUIs or even federal laws on distribution.”

“Local law enforcement will be responsible for applying the new laws and old to maintain public safety.”

Lottman’s presentation was sponsored by Dr. Kelly Asmussen’s Sociology 300 class. Students select a social project to address and this has led to various speakers being invited to campus to share their perspective. As a result, student engagement has been fostered through community engagement resources.

Lottman is a 1997 graduate of Peru State College where he earned his Bachelor of Science. In 2010, he received a Master of Arts in Legal Studies from the University of Illinois. He is a graduate of the National Sheriff’s Institute in Longmont, Colorado, a traffic crash reconstructionist, and a Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor.

Lottman also assists with training at the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center and is a member of the adjunct faculty for Peru State College in the criminal justice department.

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