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## Lowell Police Department Strengthens Community-Oriented Efforts



In order to proactively share with the public accurate and up-to-date information about crime, the Police Department in Lowell, Massachusetts, a 30-year customer of Larimore Associates, Inc., recently went live with CrimeMapping.com. The Web site allows residents to see a map of recent crime activity, near an address — such as that of their home, place of business, or child’s school. They can select crime types and date ranges, generate reports, and receive e-mail updates in the form of crime alerts.

CrimeMapping.com helps to strengthen community-oriented policing by improving collaboration between citizens and the police. The site includes each incident’s case number, so that citizens can follow up. Officers can use it live at community meetings, to provide reliable crime information and encourage citizens to report offenses, and in the field, to gain intelligence about neighborhoods.

CrimeMapping.com is part of the “comparison statistics” (CompStat) policing model, which increases the public’s trust in and cooperation with the police, as well as the effectiveness of police operations. It automatically pulls information from police records management systems every twenty-four hours and uses ESRI technology to locate each event before posting it, to insure data integrity and accuracy. The incident data is being extracted directly from each agency’s records management system or in the case of a University, the Clery Day Log, developed and maintained by Larimore Associates, Inc., which allows for easy integration with public mapping tools such as CrimeMapping.com. The Lowell Police Department has achieved a new level of transparency and trust through the use of Web-based technology provided by The Omega Group in partnership with Larimore Associates, Inc.

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