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Pasadena Police Department Shares Crime Data

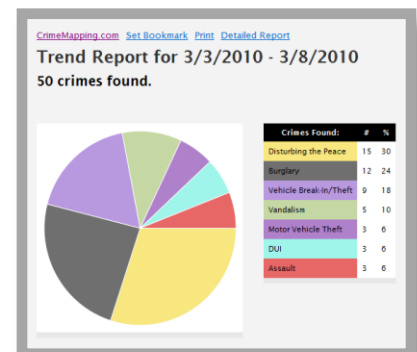


On February 23rd the Pasadena Police Department in California went live with CrimeMapping.com in an effort to proactively share information with the public, says Commander Eric Mills. The Web site allows residents to see a map of recent crime activity near an address. They can also select crime types and date ranges, generate reports, and receive e-mail updates as well as free crime alerts.

As part of its project to procure a new Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System, Pasadena Police Department selected The Omega Group to provide the crime analysis portion of the system. When the department learned about CrimeMapping.com, however, it decided to start utilizing the service right away, rather than wait for full implementation of a new records system. CrimeMapping.com "provides timely information to the community and it is a tool that everyone can use now" says Mills.

Mills explains that often blog writers receive multiple reports of the same burglary and report them as separate instances. "That's how one burglary becomes six," he says. CrimeMapping.com gives the community accurate and up-to-date information. The department wants "people to take ownership of what is going on in their community," he adds. CrimeMapping.com includes each incident's case number, so that citizens can follow up.

"We are tying this deployment to a community-oriented policing initiative that is refocusing on a one-to-one relationship between officers and citizens," Mills points out. The department uses CrimeMapping.com live at community meetings, to provide reliable crime information and encourage citizens to report offenses.



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