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Plantation Police Department invests in technology to boost community-oriented policing efforts

Plantation, FL., Friday, July 31, 2009: With the nation's struggling economy, criminal activity has increased in many cities, including Plantation. In order for law enforcement and communities to stay ahead of these trends, the Plantation Police department is focusing its attention on new technologies to assist in their mission to maintain order in the City's neighborhoods.

The first is **Crimemapping.com**, which provides crime data via the Internet. Crime studies have proven that a well-informed community helps reduce crime, and Crimemapping.com empowers the community with the tools necessary for increased crime awareness. Using an advanced geographic engine, Plantation's crime data will be extracted on a daily basis from its records management system and current crime data will be posted to a web browser. It will provide the residents of the City with current information about crime activities in their neighborhoods. The Crimemapping.com service is funded by the Plantation Police department and is free to the public. Residents may access the service via the Police departments website, psd.Plantation.org.

The second acquisition is a new **biometric fingerprinting system** that is connected to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) automated fingerprinting system. One of the most exciting features of the system is the ability to compare prints that have been lifted from crime scenes with the FDLE databases. Once finger and palm prints have been reviewed by local detectives, they can be scanned and sent to the FDLE statewide print database for comparison. Resulting matches are then sent back to the agency for review.

The new system has allowed the closure of many 2008 and 2009 cases. To date, detectives have identified over 50 latent crime prints. Additionally, there are standard prints from suspects that the department previously did not have access to.

With both of these new technologies working to help identify crime trends within neighborhoods, and identify suspects when they are apprehended, the Plantation police department continues to strengthen its existing partnerships with the community and its leaders, and boosts community-oriented policing efforts.

For more information, please contact the City of Plantation Police department at 954-797-2100.

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