

Omega News

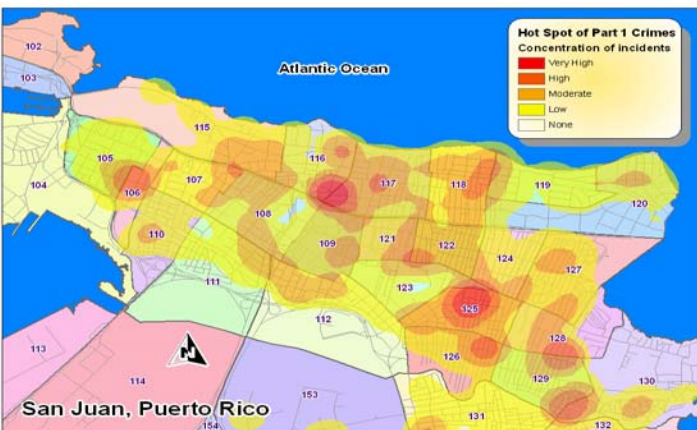
Puerto Rico Police Use CrimeView

The Omega Group and Geographic Mapping Technologies have built a CrimeView[®] application for the City of San Juan, Puerto Rico. The system is being used primarily to track Part 1 Crimes by neighborhood so that officers can be allocated where they are most needed. San Juan has eleven police precincts which serve a population of over half a million residents. The system is in place and could eventually be expanded



San Juan as seen from Laguna Torecilla

to include more municipal police jurisdictions on the island. With a rapidly growing suburban population police officers in the San Juan region have seen the area they cover greatly expand over the course of the last few years. CrimeView is going to help with allocating resources as well as identifying problem locations.



Hot Spot map of Part 1 Crimes by San Juan Police Sectors

A Message From Our President

Over the course of the last year The Omega Group has seen many positive changes. The number of agencies using our solutions now stands at over 400. Our Web based applications are more popular than ever. CrimeView Community[™] is giving the public greater access to true crime mapping via the Internet in places such as Las Vegas, NV and Reading, PA. All of our products, including School Planner[™] will be fully migrated to the new ArcGIS 9.x environment by this fall.

Public service and information sharing are the focus of our efforts with the Automated Regional Justice Information System (ARJIS) for San Diego County. One of the goals of ARJIS is to establish a multi-agency regional Web based crime mapping application.

Agencies such as Lincoln PD, NE and High Point PD, NC have had great success with the Threshold Alert system we've integrated into our CrimeView software. Threshold Alert automatically sends out an e-mail to any specified staff member when crime exceeds a specific threshold. I am also very excited about our new Web based solutions such as School Locator[™] which allows parents to look up their child's school of attendance via the Web; and My Neighborhood Watch[™] which allows the general public to create customized crime reports and maps for their specific area through their internet browser.



In order to better serve our eastern seaboard clients the Philadelphia office has now expanded to include project management. Future plans include adding technical support out of the Philadelphia office.

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Omega Wins Foundation Award!

After consistently ranking among the top ESRI Business Partners in the region, The Omega Group was again awarded Foundation Partner of the Year honors at the recent ESRI Business Partner Conference in Palm Springs. Jennifer Link and Scott McEachern were on hand to accept the award from Jack Dangermond.

Support Notes

We recently expanded our support hours and staff to better serve our clients. If you would like to reach our support staff directly they can be contacted by e-mail at support@theomegagroup.com or toll free at (800) 228-1059.

Starting in July of 2005 any additional licenses of CrimeView, FireView™, or School Planner will incur an additional annual maintenance fee of \$150 per license.

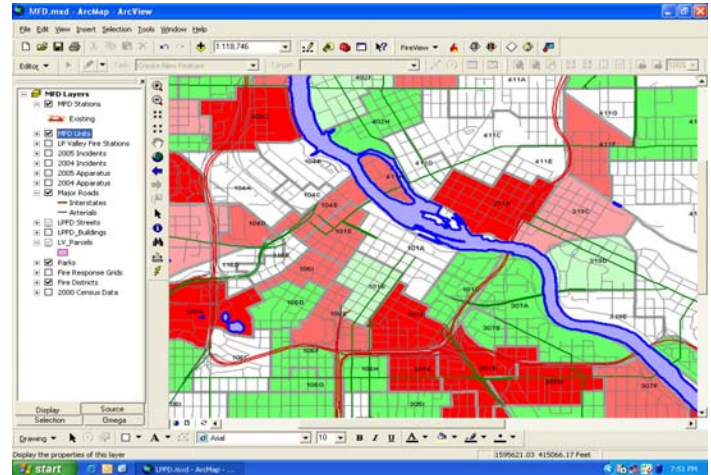
Minneapolis Fire Department Featured

Our work with Minneapolis Fire Department (MFD) was featured in the May/June issue of Fire Emergency Product News. "Grid Unlocked" showed how MFD was able to plan proactively using FireView and thereby avoid any further cuts to their operating budget.

As Chief Seal observed, "FireView gave us the background to show how the standard of coverage was pretty threadbare right now. We get a working fire in the city and we start getting strapped. We get two working fires and we're really strapped. If we get a multiple alarm and say another working fire, then we're hurting. The value lies in being able to look at these things analytically and showing for instance that if we get an emergency medical run in one sector how this affects benchmarks."

Fortunately MFD was able to find a solution contained within the FireView maps.

In the downtown area, two special heavy rescue units were overlapping in coverage almost completely. FireView showed that by relocating one of the units south of the downtown core this would increase the backup coverage to several engine companies while still providing coverage for a portion of downtown.



Response Comparison analysis map of downtown Minneapolis

Developer's Corner

Development is completing the next release which will be available this fall. It will bring enhancements such as advances with the saved queries functionality to both CrimeView and FireView; this release will be available to all those clients current with their Omega customer support. The new release will also introduce School Planner to the ArcGIS platform.

School Planner is to include enrollment projections that provide the ability to create five year residing and attending level projection reports by grade cohort. A significant new development includes the ability to create enrollment projections for multiple school boundaries while the results of the residing projection can be viewed as both a report and map. School Planner will also contain an automated redistricting routine.

In May ESRI shipped ArcGIS 9.1 to those that are current with their maintenance with ESRI. Crystal Reports XI is included with ArcGIS 9.1 which is not supported by either CrimeView or FireView at Service Pack 3. To support clients moving to Crystal Reports XI or new installations, Service Pack 3A has been created that works with the latest release of Crystal Reports. This release is to be shipped to all those that are current with their Omega customer support.

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