

Omega News

Madison Fire Saves Resources with FireView

Madison Fire Department, WI is making the most of mapping technology with FireView™. The software system allows department staff to analyze response performance as well as develop long range deployment strategies. FireView™ connects with the department's existing records management system so that the data being analyzed is always current. This saves significant time and resources because tasks that would normally have taken days now only take a few minutes.

"In the past analyzing the data in order to get a current snapshot of our status would take days. With the tools available in Fireview, I was able to pull the data in about 15 minutes."

Assistant Chief Jim Keiken



This map depicts fire engine response areas for Madison, Wisconsin

The community is better served through the use of FireView™ because discernable patterns can be identified and as a result additional resources can be focused where they are needed most. With tools such as First Due, Response Comparison and Station Analysis existing deployment strategies can be assessed and adjusted as needed. Madison Fire Department's progressive and proactive approach will benefit public safety throughout the city.

A Message From Our President

We would like to thank all of our clients, business partners and staff for making 2007 another successful year for The Omega Group.

This year we were able to increase the staff and size of our Philadelphia office. Our online User's Forum now has over 100 members and provides clients the opportunity to learn from each other as well as post valuable information. I would urge everyone to visit our forum at: <http://forums.theomegagroup.com/mb/omegagroup>



Omega Dashboard has already been implemented at Wilson Fire & Rescue in North Carolina and will be launched at numerous agencies in the coming months. Omega Dashboard serves up customized maps, charts and reports through a Web browser.

2007 also saw the launching of our hosting services. We now help agencies avoid hardware costs by hosting their Web applications on one of our Omega servers. Vinton Police Department, VA and Jackson Police Department, MI are just a few of the agencies taking full advantage of this offering.

We have also launched our CrimeView Community Portal which will eventually allow the general population to look up crime activity anywhere in the United States. Please visit it at: <http://www.crimeviewcommunity.com>

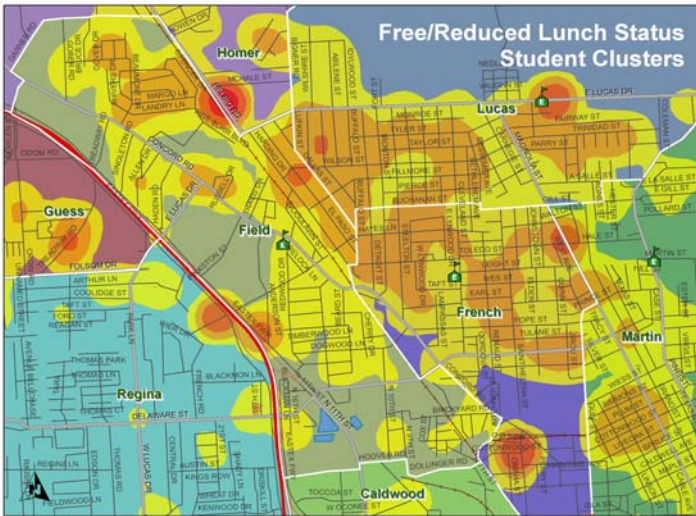
The Omega Group looks forward to continuing to help agencies innovate in 2008. Thanks very much for your time and enjoy this holiday season!

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This map depicts hot spots of Free and Reduced Lunch students

Beaumont Independent Schools Use GIS in Hurricane Recovery Efforts

Beaumont Independent School District, TX recently experienced some major demographic changes. After Hurricane Katrina there was an influx of students from the New Orleans area that put a strain on District facilities. Numerous students had to be housed at temporary locations such as the local sports arena. A few months later Hurricane Rita ravaged the area and there were mass evacuations.

School Planner™ has been assisting the District with recent planning efforts to deal with the aftermath as students return to their homes. Managing pupil placement and bringing schools back online have been significant issues for the District in the wake of two hurricanes. School Planner™ has provided the analytical and planning tools that help District staff make the most of their limited resources. Knowing where current students are concentrated has helped Beaumont ISD insure that the quality of education within the District does not suffer during the rebuilding process.

Omega User and Training Conference

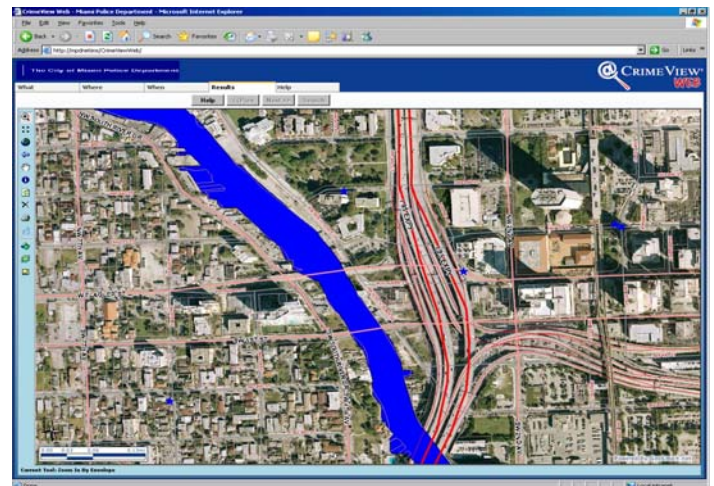
Our next user and training conference will be in the spring of 2009 in San Diego. User's will once again be able to gain hands-on-skills in our computer lab and doctor's office. Look for an announcement at our Web site in early 2008.

Miami Police Department Expands CrimeView Web

The Miami Police Department recently re-launched its intranet based crime mapping solution with some expanded capabilities. CrimeView® Web from the Omega Group was originally installed and configured in 2003 and displayed only dispatch information. In 2007 the entire suite of Motorola law enforcement products was installed and CrimeView® Web was retooled to display both dispatch information and information gathered by the Law Records Management System. This expanded data set greatly increased the number and types of searches that officers could perform instantly using a Web browser.

Today, all Department staff can create and print their own crime analysis maps showing any or all crimes for any or all dates, times, or days of the week. CrimeView® Web is self updating so that the information available is always current to within four hours. Aerial photos were also integrated with the system and can be viewed when a user chooses or automatically when zooming into any area. New events and incident information can now be rapidly distributed throughout the organization without any additional meetings or memos.

"CrimeView® Web is easy to use, and excellent assistance can be obtained by reviewing the "Help" tab when visiting the Web site." - Devery Thumann, Information Systems Manager, Miami Police Department, May 2007



Miami Police Department's CrimeView Web application serves the entire agency through a Web browser

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