

## **CRIMEMAPPING.com™**

### **Can our agency exclude specific crime types from CrimeMapping.com?**

Yes. Many agencies choose to filter out victim sensitive crimes such as rape. We can filter out, combine or include any crime types you specify as long as they fall into one of the fifteen crime types displayed in CrimeMapping.com. These include:

Arson, Assault, Burglary, Disturbing the Peace, Drugs/Alcohol Violations, DUI, Fraud, Homicide, Motor Vehicle Theft, Robbery, Sex Crimes, Theft/Larceny, Vandalism, Vehicle Break-in/Theft and Weapons.

### **Will we be able to test our data before it goes to the live site?**

Yes. You will have 30 days to test your data in our staging area before it goes live at CrimeMapping.com. The staging area is accessed through a login and password that will be provided to you by a member of our Implementation Team. The staging area is where we make sure we have maximized your geocoding rate and work to verify the accuracy of the data itself.

### **How often is the data uploaded from our records or dispatch system?**

Most agencies upload their data to CrimeMapping.com every 24 hours. Some agencies, such as Lincoln PD in Nebraska have decided to upload their data every 6 hours. Our Implementation Team will need remote access to one of your local workstations in order to set the automated process up for your agency. Once established, almost no staff time will be required from your agency in maintaining CrimeMapping.com.

### **Is the process secure?**

The Omega Group has been building mapping and analysis applications for law enforcement since 1992. All data is encrypted before transferred via Web service to one of the servers at our secure hosting facility. Only five fields are extracted from your records or dispatch system for CrimeMapping.com. These include:

Crime Type, Description, Location, Date/Time and Case Number

All addresses shown are generalized by block and some agencies choose to leave specific fields blank such as Case Number. We encourage all agencies to populate all fields extracted as it helps improve transparency and reduce the number of inquiries from your community for more information.

### **How does the public receive Crime Alerts through CrimeMapping.com?**

Crime Alerts are free for the members of your community. Users subscribe using their e-mail address and specify the location and crime types they wish to stay informed about. Once subscribed they receive updates via e-mail when new crime activity occurs in their area. They can un-subscribe at anytime and their contact information is never shared with any third parties. Users can also subscribe to receive multiple Crime Alerts from the same e-mail address for different geographic locations.

CrimeMapping.com is in use at numerous agencies throughout North America. We have worked hard to make sure that the information we post is both accurate and timely. The Omega Group wants to help you better serve your public by keeping them well informed as this has been proven an effective tool in reducing crime.

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