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The Garden City Police Department (GCPD) continues to work on reducing crime, reducing the fear of crime and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Garden City. Over the past few years, the GCPD has implemented the CompStat philosophy and we have been using pin maps and other GIS mapping that has taken hours if not days to prepare for CompStat meetings. Through CompStat, we decreased crime in the past three years by 24-percent. We found that the old system was taking much time, not accurate and not timely. The GCPD was obligated to find a software package to aid us in our endeavors of CompStat. The solution was answered for us with The Omega Group through CrimeView. CrimeView was purchased through a grant, and implemented.

CrimeView is utilized in several applications. Crime reports (crystal reports) along with maps are sent weekly to staff officers, first line supervisors and detectives. This continues to aid everyone to look at what strategies need to be developed and deployed. This provides some real images of what the crime problems are, and how to resolve it. CrimeView is used in our bi-weekly CompStat meetings to help strategize and deploy resources more effectively and efficiently. GCPD personnel are now getting a visual of what the true crime problems are in the community. Staff and supervisors will be alerted of on-going criminal activity through the threshold programs, and this will provide a timely alert of problem spots without having to review all criminal activities.

CrimeView will be used to support our agencies involvement in the drug task forces and gang unit within our community to further our efforts to suppress violent gang activities and drug trafficking. There is no doubt that this software will aid all officers in focusing on the true crime problems in our community. Currently our community is being plagued with graffiti which is on the biggest increase in the past ten years. This software will enable our Community Development/Code Enforcement in aiding a more rapid eradication program; and the software will aid us in our future endeavors in education of the public on not just problems with graffiti but on other gang and crime issues.

The Omega Group has proven to be an asset to law enforcement and communities. Our expectations were met from the onset of our research, bidding process, acceptance of the contract, initial set up, training and the support of the program. The GCPD has been on line with the CrimeView program for only a few months, but are seeing the daily rewards. In 2007, so far we have seen an additional decrease in crime by 18-percent. Some of this can be contributed to the partnership GCPD has made with the Omega Group in the use of CrimeView. Furthermore, CrimeView software has already saved us time in mapping and crystal reporting. There is no doubt that this software program will save us money in the long run and will eventually pay for itself.

Would you please pass on to your employees our appreciation for a tool that all law enforcement agencies should consider having in their organizations. It truly does make a difference.

If we can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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