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Lansing Police Department Launches Crimemapping.com

Real-time Access to Crime Data Strengthens Neighborhood Watch Efforts

The Lansing Police Department is taking a progressive approach to transparency by making real-time crime data available to the public through the newly-launched CrimeMapping.com (<http://www.crimemapping.com/map/mi/lansing>). This web service will provide Lansing residents with current crime incident data. Anyone with access to the Internet can map out and analyze recent crime activity in their neighborhood or anywhere in the city. CrimeMapping.com also provides free Crime Alerts which help keep Lansing residents well informed by distributing incident reports via e-mail to anyone that subscribes to the system.

Crimemapping.com features fifteen crime types that can be searched in a chosen area of the city. The fifteen crime types displayed are those most often requested by the public and include such reported incidents as robbery, assault, burglary and theft. Citizens can search crime types depending on what they are interested in learning about and activity can also be queried by date as there is a rolling ninety days of information available at CrimeMapping.com. Simple reports and charts that depict current trends can be instantly accessed based on a buffer distance or the visible map area.

Chief Teresa Szymanski said the new crime mapping tool will help strengthen the Neighborhood Watch program by providing citizens with immediate access to crime trends in their area. "Neighborhood Watch is an essential component of the strong partnership that the Lansing Police Department shares with the citizens of Lansing," Chief Szymanski said. "This level of data sharing strengthens the trust with our citizens that is so important to maintain and improve upon our Neighborhood Watch efforts."

The media is invited to a demonstration of CrimeMapping.com at Lansing Police Department Headquarters (120 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI), second floor conference room at 11 a.m. today.
