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San Diego Sheriff Announces New E-Tool Crimemapping.com Launched

Sheriff Bill Gore today announces the initiation of a new Internet tool for the residents of San Diego County. Crimemapping.com, a creation of San Diego-based Omega Group, retrieves crime data, maps it by address, and positions it in crime categories for web users to view. Sensitive crimes, such as domestic violence and sex crimes will not be posted.

People using the site can see mapped crime, generate summary reports for various time periods (a 90-day window), directly link to crime prevention information, and sign up for e-mail alerts. The address is www.crimemapping.com. The link will also be available on the Sheriff's Internet site as a Public Resource, as well as the Crime Prevention and Crime Analysis pages.

Crimemapping.com also has the capacity to automatically e-mail notifications of recent crimes and then go from mapped crime to real action: each crime on the map will link back to the Sheriff's crime prevention information page, contract city information ~ if applicable ~ and the Sheriff's main website.

"This is giving our citizens timely information for informed action," commented Sheriff Gore. "The website sums it up well when it says, 'Well-informed people make better decisions.'"

All users have to do is enter an address or select a specific city within the Sheriff's jurisdiction. The map will display crime reports filed through the previous day. Crimes are mapped by street information and may not be associated with a property when viewed over a satellite image. Users will click on a crime and the reported date, time, and general location will be displayed, along with links to prevention resources, city, and Sheriff's Internet sites. For areas and types of special concern, users may register for automated e-mail alerts.

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