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OC Sheriff's Department launches interactive CrimeMapping program

SANTA ANA, Ca. (June 8, 2018) - Residents in Orange County Sheriff's Department contract cities and unincorporated areas will be able to better track public safety issues in their neighborhoods with a recently launched software program that allows them to monitor and analyze criminal activity in their area.

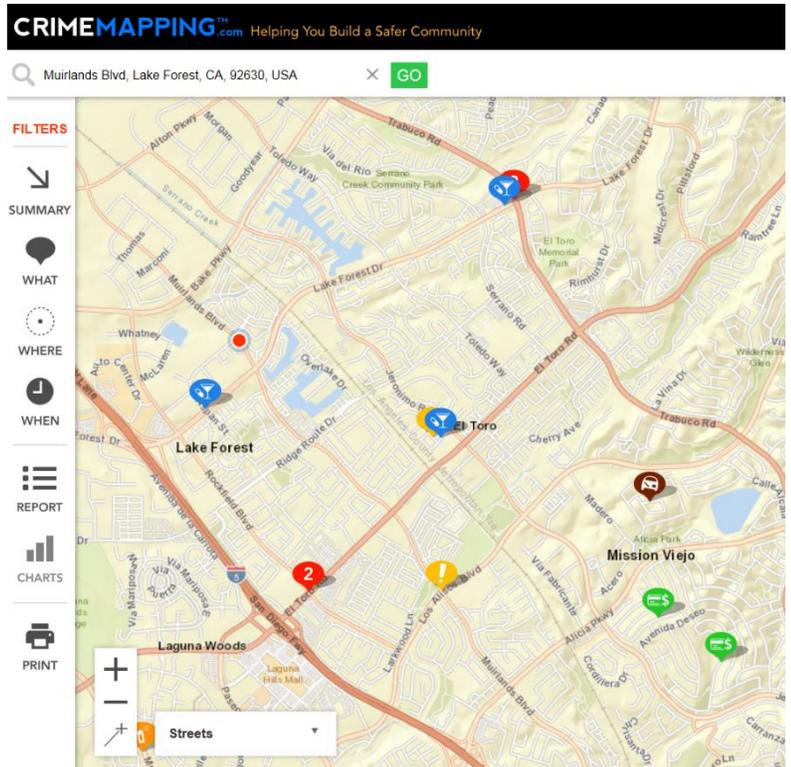
In an effort to bolster community awareness and crime prevention, the Department has partnered with TriTech Software Systems to launch CrimeMapping – an interactive application that shares crime calls.

CrimeMapping will allow residents to search for 15 types of crime by address, landmark or zip code. Residents also will be able to sign up for custom-designed alerts and can create reports to easily analyze criminal activity near their homes, schools or businesses.

"OCSD provides exemplary public safety service to some of the safest areas in the country," said Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchens. "I hope CrimeMapping encourages the community to take an even more active role in working with us to increase the safety of our neighborhoods."

The data reflected on the mobile-friendly program is pulled directly from crimes reported to the Department and is updated every 24 hours. Although the information shared is preliminary, the program provides the public with important and timely information expected to increase awareness and create safer communities.

"The most common crimes our deputies respond to are crimes of opportunity - thefts from unlocked vehicles and residences," said Undersheriff Don Barnes. "We hope this tool reminds the community to take the initiative to take simple steps like locking vehicles and homes to reduce access for criminals hoping to take advantage of our safe neighborhoods."



Residents are encouraged to sign up for CrimeMapping alerts through the Sheriff's Department website at ocsd.org/crimemapping, or by visiting crimemapping.com.