



Vacaville Police Department

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Press Release

Today's Date: May 7, 2009
Date & Time N/A
Occurred:
Submitted By: Lt. Jan Makowski
Phone: 707-449-5242
Type of N/A
Crime/Incident:
Case Number: Vacaville PD joins Crimemapping.com
Location: N/A
Suspects: N/A

Narrative:

The Vacaville Police Department has joined thirty-eight (38) other Law Enforcement Agencies across the Country as a subscriber to the Crimemapping.com portal. This portal is dedicated to helping Law Enforcement Agencies provide the public with valuable information about crime activity by neighborhood. Their goal is to assist Police Departments reduce crime through a better informed citizenry.

Anyone with access to the Internet can access Crimemapping.com and find up to date information about crimes that have happened in Vacaville. The system utilizes a Geographic Information System (GIS) map to display icons representing fifteen (15) categories of crime within the neighborhood of occurrence. The person accessing the portal can click on the crime icon for information including the case number, date of incident, location, (within the 100 block) and description of the type of crime. It generally takes twenty-four (24) hours to get crime information uploaded to the portal and it remains in place for six (6) days. Four (4) months of archived incidents are stored for ready access. The icons represent actual crime reports not just calls for service received by the Police Department.

Any member of the public can sign up to receive crime alerts. This additional service is free and provides customized reports via e-mail to any subscriber. Having a well informed citizenry has been proven effective in reducing crime. The information provided through the Crimemapping.com portal is based upon the Crimeview product the Vacaville Police Department uses internally for tracking and analyzing criminal activity. The City is in the process of upgrading the City GIS mapping capabilities, so that some of the newer streets in town will appear on the map. Until this upgrade is complete, some addresses may not appear on the Crimemapping.com portal.

We encourage the public to become familiar with this resource and use it to familiarize themselves with crime information in their neighborhoods and community. We believe that an informed citizenry is more aware and better prepared to prevent crime. Visit Crimemapping.com for current crime information and to sign up for free crime alerts.