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Kerrville Police Department Announces CrimeMapping Access for Citizens

(Dec. 15, 2015) – The Kerrville Police Department went live on December 10 with CrimeMapping.com. This is a mapping program that was initiated by Mayor Pratt and will reduce crime, strengthen local community oriented policing efforts and proactively share crime information with the public.

CrimeMapping.com is a web-based mapping service that allows citizens to view reported crime activity near a user specified address. Users can query crime information by time and date, generate reports and receive free crime alerts.

The Police Department now provides a new level of transparency for the residents it serves. Officers can use the map at community meetings to provide reliable crime information and encourage citizens to report offenses. CrimeMapping.com has been proven effective in reducing crime in other communities by increasing the number of eyes and ears that are aware of local activity.

The Kerrville Police Department looks forward to partnering with citizens to increase awareness within their neighborhoods through this proactive tool. Check out the City of Kerrville website and the new crime map at www.Kerrvilletx.gov and click the link for CrimeMapping under eGov or the CrimeMapping link on the Kerrville Police Department page.   An explanation of how to access the systems features is available at http://www.crimemapping.com/help/help.aspx.

"Providing this program to the public gives our residents, business owners, and visitors great visibility over violent crimes, property crimes, and quality of life crimes in every block of our community. Keeping the public well informed has been proven effective as a crime fighting strategy and the Kerrville Police

Department is proactively sharing this information with the citizens of the community.   It is our hope that community members who are better informed will be more engaged in partnering with us to fight crime," said Kerrville Chief of Police David Knight.

CrimeMapping.com is a nationwide public mapping service that allows residents to analyze interactive maps of recent crime activity. Visitors to the site can generate reports, search by location and filter for different time periods as well as crime types. Crime Alerts are one of the most popular features at CrimeMapping.com. Residents can register online to receive free updates via e-mail whenever new crime activity occurs in their area. Users choose the distance as well as crimes they wish to stay informed about. A single user can register multiple times in order to learn about activity occurring near their residence, place of business or even their child's school of attendance.

Data for the CrimeMapping.com program is refreshed every 24 hours. The citizens of Kerrville have been empowered with valuable and timely information through the efforts of the Kerrville Police Department CrimeMapping.com helps promote transparency and trust through expanding the channels of communication between the police and the public they serve.

The website allows residents to see a map of recent crime activity near a user specified address. They can also select crime types, date ranges, generate reports, and receive e-mail updates as well as free crime alerts.