

Agenda Report

February 22, 2010

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Public Safety Committee

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: Neighborhood Crime Mapping

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for information only.

BACKGROUND:

For the last several years, residents have been requesting that crime data be made available via the Internet. The technology to push that data to a web service has made such access very affordable in recent times, and the Police Department is now making such data available.

The Department has selected crimemapping.com to provide this service for Pasadena. Crimemapping.com provides crime data for over 100 law enforcement agencies in the United States. Visitors are able to check data for up to the last 90 days, and can add specific addresses and certain crime types to be alerted about. The resulting searches or queries are displayed on a map that has different "pins" for each category of crime. A click on any pin will reveal more information about the crime including a date and time as well as the Pasadena Police case number. Site visitors may select Pasadena or any of the other agencies on the list.

All crime data generated by the Department starts with the computer aided dispatch system. Once collected, two sets of reports are generated (daily calls for service reports and monthly Part 1 crime reports).

The daily crime information is collected in Call for Service reports. Calls for services include citizen calls, 911 calls and officer initiated activity. The information included on the crimemapping.com website is pulled from this data, which is never more than a day old.

The monthly set of crime reports are submitted to the State and FBI and are known as Part I reports. Actual Part I crime reports (Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Theft, Auto Theft and Arson) are the result of careful review and analysis of crime report details conducted once a month, typically completed around the 20th of that month for the previous month. Consequently, there is usually a difference between the two sets of data.

To assist the public further, the Department has created an E-Policing web page that in addition to the link to crimemapping contains links to many other information sources including Megan's Law, FBI, Bureau of Justice Statistics and the City's Part I, II and III crime reports since 2004. A phone number is also provided for additional support. The link page on the Department web page will be available beginning Tuesday, February 23rd.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION

This report is in furtherance of the City Council Strategic Planning Goals related to Ensuring Public Safety.

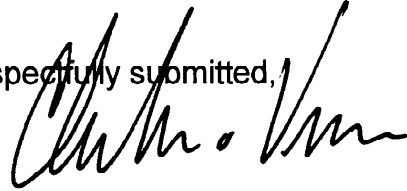
ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Not applicable.

FISCAL IMPACT:


This service costs \$100 per month, and funds are available in the department budget (8117-101-405300 Data Processing).

Respectfully submitted,



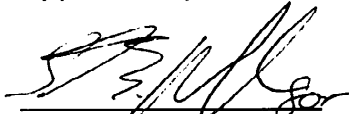
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