



Florida Law Enforcement Agencies Open Crime Data to More Than 4 Million Citizens Statewide

Law enforcement to share online crime data across the state through a partnership with CrimeReports

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This week, the Orlando Police Department becomes the 31st law enforcement agency in Florida to share their crime data on the National Crime Map at CrimeReports.com. More than 4 million Floridians now have online access to crime information through the most widely adopted crime-mapping site in North America.

“We are providing information to the public that will significantly enhance our crime prevention and crime reduction efforts,” said Orlando Police Chief Val B. Demings. It’s a trend that has been building statewide for the last few years, and the addition of the Orlando PD will make it even easier for law enforcement across the state to share crime information with the public and with each other.

Pembroke Pines was the first Florida law enforcement agency to publish crime data on the National Crime Map back in October 2007. “CrimeReports allows residents of Pembroke Pines to obtain information about crimes that are occurring in their neighborhood,” said Sgt. Carlos Bermudez of the Pembroke Pines Police Department. He adds that CrimeReports has significantly reduced the amount of time they spend on routine information requests from the community; they can simply refer citizens to the website. “We are grateful that we can provide this service to our residents,” he added.

Over the past year, a national trend to share more data with the public has boosted state and local efforts to better inform the public through new technology. “Law enforcement agencies across Florida have caught the vision of public data sharing,” said Greg Whisenant, founder and CEO of CrimeReports. “They’re working together, forming better relationships with citizens, and really closing the information gap between law enforcement and the public.”

Orlando joins law enforcement agencies across the state who are already sharing crime information online, like St. Petersburg, Fort Myers, Daytona Beach, Port St. Lucie, and Ocala, as well as Collier, DeSoto, Flagler, Hardee, Levy, and Palm Beach counties. In the next few weeks, a host of other law enforcement agencies across Florida are also set to start publishing their crime data on the national map.

CrimeReports partners with over 700 law enforcement agencies across North America and publishes sex offender data for all 50 states. In addition, CrimeReports recently released a free iPhone app, so citizens can access crime information for all participating agencies while on the go.

About CrimeReports

Working with over 700 law enforcement agencies across North America, CrimeReports is the largest and most accurate online resource for up-to-date crime and sex offender information. The CrimeReports network offers a family of affordable, easy-to-use software tools for law enforcement agencies to understand crime trends and share up-to-date neighborhood crime data with the public. Community members can access the integrated crime map and receive email crime alerts for free at {HYPERLINK "http://www.CrimeReports.com"}, empowering them to make informed decisions to help improve the safety of their neighborhood and community. CrimeReports services are offered by Public Engines, Inc. For more information, visit {HYPERLINK "http://www.CrimeReports.com"}.

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