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## **METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **Metropolitan Police Enhance Crime Tracking With New Program** *Online Program Offers More Features, saves Department \$16k per Year*

Beginning today, St. Louis residents can use a new tool at [www.slmpd.org](http://www.slmpd.org) to stay informed about criminal incidents in their neighborhoods. The Metropolitan Police Department, City of St. Louis ("the department") announces its partnership with the online crime mapping program CrimeReports. This searchable database that allows citizens to see where crimes are occurring, replaces the SafeCity program previously available at the department's website.

In 2002, the department became one of the first police agencies in the country to make a crime mapping tool available online to citizens. The program was launched as a feature of the department's [www.slmpd.org](http://www.slmpd.org) website and put the department at the forefront of the crime-mapping trend. As the contract with SafeCity neared expiration, the department sought a way to continue to make crime mapping available while also lowering costs.

CrimeReports, at a cost of approximately \$2400 per year, will save the department approximately \$16,000 per year. Citizens will continue to visit the same website, [www.slmpd.org](http://www.slmpd.org), to access the crime-mapping tool. It can be found by going to the "Crime Information" tab and clicking on the "Crime Mapping" link.

The user-friendly program features options like email alerts that will allow citizens to be more immediately informed about crimes occurring in their neighborhoods. A CrimeReports iPhone application is also available for free download in the Apple iTunes store.

"Knowledge is power," said Chief Dan Isom. "The more citizens know about crime, the more they're able to prevent crime and the more they're able to help us."

The CrimeReports program is already in use by nearly 800 law enforcement agencies, including several in the metropolitan St. Louis area as well police departments in Baltimore, Boston, Los Angeles County, San Francisco and Washington D.C.

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