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## **OCSO LAUNCHES CRIMEREPORTS.COM**

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is giving residents access to a new online crime-mapping tool that will allow them to track crimes in their neighborhood. Today the OCSO launched CrimeReports.com – a system that lets the agency share crime data with the public through new technology. The system is now available on the OCSO website at [www.sheriff-okaloosa.org](http://www.sheriff-okaloosa.org).

CrimeReports.com is the largest and most accurate online resource for up-to-date crime and sex offender information and currently is partnering with law enforcement agencies across Florida and the nation. It is free to the public and provides quick easy access to up-to-date crime information that wasn't available before.

OCSO Chief Deputy Larry Ashley, who approved the new project, said, "The more people know about crime in an area, the more likely they are to take action to prevent it and improve their safety. It could be something as simple as keeping your car doors locked or turning on the outside lights at night. Many residents already have a keen interest in having access to this kind of information. It's a win/win situation."

Another significant feature of CrimeReports.com is that it allows you to sign up for free daily, weekly, or monthly e-mail crime alerts for your neighborhood. It also has a newly available free iPhone app so you can stay informed no matter where you go. In addition, CrimeReports.com publishes sex offender data for all fifty states and allows users to report a crime as well.

Note: This system will replace the Daily Offense Log that had been operated on our OCSO Public Information website.

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