

City of Cedarburg Police Department Village of Grafton Police Department

Grafton and Cedarburg Police Departments Launch On-line Crime Alerting and Mapping Service with CrimeReports.com

Citizens empowered with near real-time neighborhood crime information available 24/7/365.

The City of Cedarburg and the Village of Grafton Police Departments and CrimeReports.com have announced a new On-line Crime Alerting and Mapping Service that provides easy to read incident crime maps and automated alerts to the citizens of Grafton and Cedarburg. The service, located at <http://www.crimereports.com> or directly from the City of Cedarburg Web site http://www.ci.cedarburg.wi.us/Whats_New.htm and Village of Grafton Web site <http://www.village.grafton.wi.us/police/crime.htm>, provides neighborhood crime data in near real-time and is available now.

The CrimeReports service is free to the public and allows citizens to receive automatic daily, weekly or monthly email alerts if/when crimes occur near their home, office, local school, etc. Citizens can also view reported crime activity on an easy to use map for any location within Grafton and Cedarburg boundaries. Crime incident data is updated nightly and includes:

- Incident type
- Date
- Location
- Distance from citizen's address
- Event identification/case number
- Brief crime incident description

“By participating in CrimeReports.com, the City of Cedarburg and Village of Grafton are demonstrating their commitment to service and safety by making crime information available to the citizens of Grafton and Cedarburg,” said Greg Whisenant, co-founder and CEO of Public Engines, which makes the CrimeReports.com application. “Chief Charles Wenten and Chief Thomas Frank and the Village of Grafton and City of Cedarburg staff are forward-looking, providing timely, location specific information to the public when they need it” he said.

Crime alerting and mapping is just the first step in empowering citizens with critical neighborhood crime information. Later in 2008 the CrimeReports program will introduce additional services to support community policing and neighborhood watch® programs. Upcoming new features include:

- **SMS alerting**, allowing the SJPD to send alerts to specific neighborhoods if specifically requested by the department.
- **Neighborhood Watch tools**, where residents of specific neighborhoods can contribute information;
- **Video integration**, allowing law enforcement to attach digital video to specific crimes when it is available

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The CrimeReports service is an ideal implementation of the Global Justice XML Data Model (GJXDM), the authorized data sharing protocol developed and supported by the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ). Using GJXDM as the underlying technology gives the application much more versatility and flexibility. For example, if adjacent law enforcement agencies choose to integrate with the service, side by side data will be readily available for both alerting and analytics. It will also allow for additional integration at the regional, state and even national level.

The City of Cedarburg and the Village of Grafton utilize the same records and computer aided dispatch software. In addition, The City of Cedarburg and Village of Grafton share a single records server to better facilitate records sharing.

About CrimeReports.com

CrimeReports.com provides law enforcement agencies with an affordable and easy-to-use Web-based service that lets them share up-to-date neighborhood crime data with the public. Community members can then access this information for free, empowering them to make informed decisions to help improve the safety of their families, friends, property and the community at large. For more information, please visit www.CrimeReports.com.

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