

City of Gulfport News Release

Police Department PIO

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Chief Alan Weatherford today announced the:

Updated Gulfport Police Department Website and Crime Mapping available to the public

The Gulfport Police Department continues to move into the future with the use of technology to fight crime with the implementation of CrimeMapping.com. This new capability will allow every citizen with access to the internet the opportunity to access daily crime information in Gulfport. Data transparency and a well informed public are essential elements in Gulfport's crime fighting strategy. "This new technology will further enhance the community oriented policing efforts in Gulfport and stresses the idea that crime can be reduced by keeping the public well informed," says Chief Weatherford.

These crime mapping and crime statistic reports are provided by the Gulfport Police Department and are free to the public. These services may be accessed via the newly updated Gulfport Police Department website: www.gulfportpolice.net

The crime information displayed on the map is updated on a daily basis and historical crime data is available for the previous 90 days. The public can also sign up for email alerts about crimes occurring in their neighborhoods or other locations within the City of Gulfport. Analysis charts and graphs are also available to the public regarding crime activity.



The public will also find a link associated with each mapped crime to the Gulfport Police Departments newly created Anonymous Tip Page where the public can submit tips and information about specific crimes directly to the Gulfport Police Department in a confidential manner.

Along with the new crime mapping capabilities, the public will also find the 2009 Crime Summary Report along with a 49 year history of Gulfport crime statistics. We believe this unprecedented step of data transparency is unmatched in this region.

Approved for release by: _____

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