

Crime Mapping:

To provide the citizens of Calgary with another interactive outlet to explore and chart crime in their community and across the city, the Calgary Police Service has developed a new, easy-to-use online Crime Mapping application.

Calgarians are now able to learn about what kinds of incident are occurring in their community, with just a few simple clicks of a mouse.

Through this web application, members of the public are able to search specific crime types and timeframes in any area, and then display the results on a map.

The crime mapping link is located on the Service's webpage at www.calgarypolice.ca.

Calgarians can search for the following offences: arson, assault, attempted murder, commercial break-in, homicide, residential break-in, robbery, sex offence, theft, theft from vehicle, vandalism and vehicle theft. Due to privacy reasons, however, only limited information about each crime will be available. Exact addresses will not be displayed.

This purpose of the application is to provide the citizens of Calgary with the knowledge about crime throughout Calgary.

Through this web application, the public will be able to learn about what types of crimes have occurred within the last week to the last six months, in their communities and surrounding areas.

"It is important for the public to understand the types of crimes occurring around them. This enables the community to keep a better eye on suspicious behavior," said Insp. Chris Magnusson, commander of the Service's Information, Communication, Technology Section. "We want Calgarians to stay alert and informed. The Calgary Police Service believes an informed community is a stronger community."

The Crime Mapping application compliments other online initiatives already available on the Service's website, www.calgarypolice.ca. Calgarians are also able to report certain crimes online by using the Citizen Online Police Report System. It is important for the public to report all crimes. This allows the CPS to properly deploy resources to address issues.