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- The Grand Rapids Police Department’s community mapping solution that provides public access to information about crime occurring in and around communities.
- Uses advanced geographic mapping technology.
- Features crime data available as recently as the prior 24-hours.
- Displays crimes for a date range that represents the last ninety (90) days of activity.
- The service is funded by the local law enforcement agency and is FREE for the general public.
- This portal is dedicated to helping law enforcement agencies provide the public with valuable information about crime activity in neighborhoods to hopefully reduce crime because citizens are more informed.

Features

1. View
2. Focus

3. Alert

4. Report
**Access**

1. From the City of Grand Rapids Police Department website, click on the Crime Mapping link listed on the left side of the site.

The program will open in a new window.

2. Enter the URL [http://www.crimemapping.com/map/MI/GrandRapids](http://www.crimemapping.com/map/MI/GrandRapids)

The predetermined map area for the Grand Rapids Police will display with the most recently imported crime data.

3. From the home page of [www.CrimeMapping.com](http://www.CrimeMapping.com), there are several options to use:

   ![CrimeMapping Interface](image)

   **A. Address or Intersection**
   1) Click into the What’s your address? box.
   2) Type an address or the names of streets that form an intersection.
   3) Click SEARCH.
   4) A map displaying a 1 mile radius of the address or intersection will display the Police Departments most recently imported crime data.

   ![CrimeMapping Example](image)
   
   *In this example, the intersection of Fulton and Division was entered.*
B. Agency
1) Click on the Choose an Agency box.
2) Select Grand Rapids Police.
3) The predetermined map area for the City of Grand Rapids will display the Police Departments most recently imported crime data.

C. State List
1) Click on the Choose a State box.
2) Select Michigan.
3) Each agency has its own blue marker on the map, click on the blue marker for Grand Rapids.
4) Click the Zoom In! link that appears
5) The predetermined map area for the City of Grand Rapids will display the Police Departments most recently imported crime data.

D. State Picture
1) From the national map, click on the State of Michigan.
2) From the list that appears, click on Grand Rapids Police.
3) The predetermined map area for the City of Grand Rapids will display the Police Departments most recently imported crime data.
This is an example of the default map that displays for Grand Rapids. There are many ways to customize the view. The current date range for the map that is displayed is featured above the map next to the number of crimes featured on the map. The number of crimes listed here reflects the number of crimes icons displayed on the map.

Road View and Satellite Views
In the upper right corner of the map, to change the view that is displayed, click on your desired view.

Zoom In / Out
On the right side of the map there is a Zoom In + and Zoom Out – tool bar. Use the mouse to set the zoom.

1. Click the Drag Zoom In +, or Out - buttons.
2. Click the map and drag a rectangle over the area to which you want to zoom.
3. As you release the mouse button, you will zoom in or out to that area.
General Symbology

Mini Icons and Large Icons

Every crime has a symbol associated with it, and depending on preference you can use:

Mini Icons

Larger Icons

Change the icon style by clicking the option on the black box that appears in the upper left area of the map screen:

Clustering of Icons

If two crimes occur near each other, when you zoom out those incident icons will overlap at some point. When the two symbols overlap it is difficult to tell that there are two crimes in that area. Clustering collapses both symbols into one symbol and a number displays on the new symbol indicating how many have been collapsed.

Clicking a cluster, the symbol with a number on it, will zoom the map to the center of the cluster and reveal the specific crime points.

Select the clustering preference by clicking the option on the black box that appears in the upper left area of the map screen.
Crime Symbol Legend

Here is list of each symbol used on the maps and its definition.

- **Arson**
  Willful, malicious burning of a structure, vehicle, or personal property.

- **Assault**
  Attack on a person to commit injury. Aggravated assault usually includes a deadly weapon and simple assault does not. Domestic violence is included.

- **Burglary**
  Unlawful entry of a structure to commit a theft or other felony.

- **Disturbing the Peace**
  Any behavior that tends to disturb the public peace.

- **Drugs / Alcohol Violations**
  - **Drug Abuse Violations** - The violation of laws prohibiting the production, cultivation, manufacture, distribution, possession and/or use of certain controlled substances.
  - **Liquor Laws** - The violation of laws prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness.

- **DUI**
  Driving or operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics.

- **Fraud**
  The intentional perversion of the truth for the purpose of inducing another person or other entity to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right.

- **Homicide**
  Unlawful killing of one person by another.

- **Motor Vehicle Theft**
  Theft of a car, truck, motorcycle, or any motor vehicle.

- **Robbery**
  Taking property from a person or business by force, threat of force, or fear.

- **Sex Crimes**
  - **Rape** - Carnal knowledge of a female forcibly and against her will.
  - **Prostitution** - Engaging in or soliciting sexual activities for money or other compensation.
  - **Sex Offenses** - Lewd or obscene conduct such as indecent exposure or peeping.
Theft / Larceny
Unlawful taking of property from another person. Embezzlement, forgery, check fraud, and theft from a vehicle are excluded.

Vandalism
Willful, malicious destruction, damage, or defacement of property.

Vehicle Break-In Theft
Theft of articles from a vehicle.

Weapons
Violation of laws prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession or use of deadly weapons.

Undefined
Multiple crimes at one location

Clustered Crime
Multiple crimes occurred near each other. Click the symbol with a number on it and the map will zoom to the center of the cluster and reveal the specific crime points.

View Details of a Crime

1. Click on the icon.
2. A display will open that features:
   • Case Number
   • Date
   • Location
   • Brief Description
Customize the Map

Display Specific Crime Types
Click the Crime Types button that displays above the map.

Click the check boxes beneath a crime type to turn on or off each crime type desired for the map.

Change the Date Range
Click the Dates button that displays above the map.

Click once to set the start date and the second click sets the end date.
- You can scroll the calendar left and right by clicking the black month arrows.
- The set of available dates will roll back 90 days from today.
- The maximum number of crimes that can display on a map are 800. If the geographic area is large, all crime types are selected, and the date range is long; the maximum number may be reached and the screen will indicate +800 crimes - The map can't plot any more crimes. If this happens use a smaller date range, less crime types, and/or a smaller geographic area.
Search Addresses and Intersections

Use the address box next to the green search button - or - click the Address button displayed above the map.

1. Type an address or two streets that form an intersection.

2. Click search and that location will be marked on the map along with an information window that automatically appears over it.

Focus your search around that location by selecting a search radius from the drop down list.

The crimes outside of the selected area drop off the map. You will only see the crimes within that focused area.

Click the Remove Radius link to restore the full map of crimes.
Find the Distance Between an Address and a Crime

1. Click an individual crime icon on the map and an information window will open over the crime.
2. Click the link that reads, *How close am I to this location?* and the information window will show an address search box beneath the link.
3. Enter an address in the box and click **Go**.

The address point is identified with an icon that is red with a black dot in the middle.

An information window opens and indicates the distance between the two points.

Click the **Labeled Satellite** view button to get an idea of what is between the two points.

Click the **Clear** or **Remove Line** links to remove the form and clear the line from the map.
Receive Crime Alert Emails

1. Click on the **Receive Crime Alerts** button.

2. Complete the form – Steps 1 through 5.

3. An acknowledgment email will be sent. Be sure to click the **Save my subscription** link in the email that you receive.
Create Reports

Trend Report

To see a trend report of the map of crimes that you are viewing, click the Trend Report button in the upper right corner.

A new window will open with trend information.

Click the links at the top of the report to print the report or to switch to a Detailed Report view.
Detailed report

To see a detailed report of the map of crimes that you are viewing, click the Detail Report button in the upper right corner.

A new window will open with the detailed report.

Click the links at the top of the report to print the report or to switch to a Trend Report view.

Click on a crime in the list to switch to a map view of that crime.
Printing

To print the map of crimes that you are viewing, click the Print button.

A new window with the map will open showing your crimes and a simple summary of the query.

Click the Notes link and a text box will appear. Add notes (optional) and click outside the text box to set the notes into place.

Click the Print link at the top to print the document.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. Why isn’t there any crime showing for other cities and counties in Michigan?
   - Sharing crime data with the community is a choice each law enforcement agency makes.
   - We believe that this is a valuable service that helps to keep the general public better informed.

2. Who can I call if I have problems and/or questions?
   - Contact Grand Rapids Police Officer Philip Porter.

3. Who is the Omega Group?
   - CrimeMapping.com was developed by The Omega Group to help law enforcement agencies throughout North America provide the public with valuable information about recent crime activity in neighborhoods.
   - Omega’s goal is to assist law enforcement in reducing crime through a better informed citizenry. Creating more self reliance among community members is a great benefit to community oriented policing efforts everywhere.
   - The Omega Group has over sixteen years of experience in building crime analysis and mapping applications. Throughout the United States, hundreds of agencies currently use one of Omega’s desktop or web-based CrimeView solutions. They are the premier provider of innovative solutions for crime analysis and reporting.