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LOS BANOS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Los Banos Crime Maps Available On-Line

The Los Banos Police Department is pleased to announce that in the coming days residents will be able to view maps of crime occurring in Los Banos online at the Department's webpage. From the City's web page (www.losbanos.org) navigate your way to the Police Department's page where you'll find a link on the left to our crime maps.

"The main goal of the crime maps is to inform citizens of exactly where crime is occurring in the City and help identify where the Department needs to deploy our resources. I fear that some residents believe crime won't happen to them or their neighbors, but the fact is, to some degree every neighborhood is affected by crime. I want every resident to realize that and be aware of their surroundings at all times and to report suspicious activity."

-Gary Brizzee, Chief of Police

"These maps have been developed by the Department after searching for a cost effective way to bring them to our residents. We've been testing the maps internally with our patrol staff for a few months to get the bugs out and now we're pleased to share them with the citizens of Los Banos."

-Gary Brizzee, Chief of Police

There will be separate maps available for each of the following crimes: auto theft, assault, burglary, larceny, homicide, rape and robbery and each map will be updated, typically, every Monday. The maps will show the general location of each reported crime over the last four weeks; the most current week's incidents will be in color.

The Department stresses the maps are not and should not be taken as official crime statistics and may change slightly throughout the year.

“These maps are indicators of where crime occurs. Although they should not be considered official statistics, they are a very accurate depiction of criminal activity in our community. And as we discuss in our six-month report on crime, property crimes have seen the most significant increase. Often, these are crimes of opportunity that can be reduced by residents taking a few extra steps to secure their personal property.”

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The Department also reminds residents that it is accepting applications for the upcoming Police Department Citizen’s Academy and urges residents to stop by the Police Department to pick up an application or learn more.

Anyone with information regarding a criminal/suspicious incident is strongly encouraged to contact the Los Banos Police Department at **209 827 7070**. To leave an anonymous crime tip call, **209 827 7070 X 288**.

If you have access to a computer and the internet you can also leave an anonymous tip, just go to the Police Departments web page at www.losbanos.org. At the bottom of the “Contact” page simply click on the “report graffiti and other crime” link.