



# Abilene Police Department Information Release



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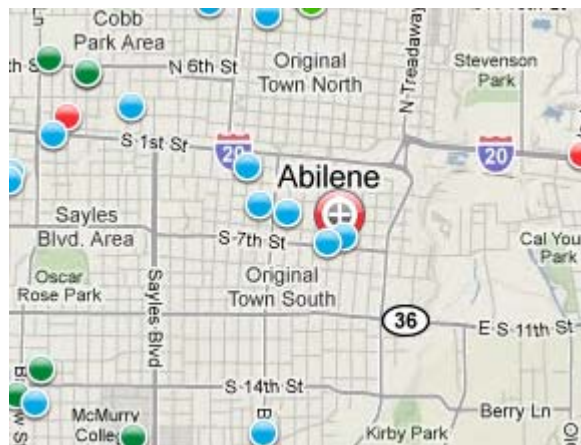
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The Abilene Police Department is excited to announce a new crime mapping system located on the police department's web site. We have teamed up with RAIDS Online (Regional Analysis & Information Data Sharing) to provide easy to read crime maps and analysis. RAIDS Online displays crime data to the public using Google Maps' well known, intuitive mapping interface. The user is able to search a city or address and then select what crimes they would like to see and the date range of these crimes. A map will come up with pin points of these crimes. The pin points will give a small amount of information about each crime.

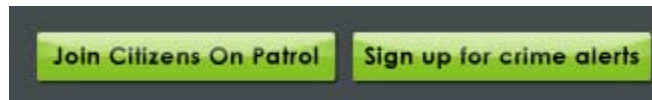


Raids Online is also able to provide the user with analytics pertaining to crime in Abilene. The user can click on the Analytic tab and this will pull up several charts. These charts show the selected crime in different ways.

The user can see the crime by day of week and even by the hour of the day. This is beneficial to the public and the police department as it can tell us the days and times of the highest amount of crime. There is also a feature under Analytic Layers that shows crime in the form of a density map, where the colors are hotter when there is more crime in that area. This also will help identify areas that have a high crime rate.



There are two other important features that Raids Online offers. The first is “Citizens on Patrol”. This portion of the site is a volunteer sign up. If you sign up for Citizens on Patrol you will receive emergency alerts from the Abilene Police Department when a major event occurs in the city. The second, also a volunteer sign up, is Crime Alerts. This allows the user to sign up with their e-mail address and then enter their home, work or any address they wish into the system. They will then choose a desired radius around that address and will receive e-mail alerts when a crime occurs in that radius. This allows the user to have a better idea of what crime is occurring around their home, work or other locations.



This is a free service available to anyone with internet connection. The Abilene Police Department sends information daily to Raids Online. However, due to the delay in getting these crimes entered into the computer system the information listed in Raids Online will be a maximum of two days behind the reported date. The Abilene Police Department encourages its citizens and media to use this free service as a tool to see what crime trends and patterns may be forming in your neighborhood, as we will be looking also!