

ARJIS UNVEILS NEW MAPPING WEB SITE

On July 17, 2006, ARJIS (Automated Regional Justice Information System) unveiled to the public a new web-based crime incident mapping and reporting application called Crime MAPS. This replaced the existing crime mapping application and is available on the internet at www.arjis.org. Crime MAPS is one of the few sites in the nation that includes data from different justice agencies, such as crimes, arrests, traffic incidents and citations. These can be correlated with a variety of locations, including schools, tourist attractions, shopping centers and hospitals. Some unique features of the public Crime MAPS system are enhanced search capabilities such as day of the week and time of day searches. Access to near real-time data sources and the ability to map and analyze across jurisdictional boundaries will allow the public to become more knowledgeable about crime trends and patterns in their neighborhoods throughout San Diego County.

The next phase of the project is a site accessible to law enforcement only, which will be available to the 71 ARJIS member agencies using the secure ARJISnet intranet. Law enforcement will be provided with a much richer data set to include field interviews, outstanding warrants, probationers and other critical information. Officers will have increased knowledge about crime trends and patterns in their service area, notification if the crime problem they have been addressing has moved to the next beat/division/city, and will no longer have to wait for analysts to produce maps for them.

For more information regarding the Crime MAPS site or ARJIS, please contact (619) 533-4201.

