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LAPD Crime Maps

Los Angeles: The Los Angeles Police Department would like to take this opportunity to thank the Los Angeles Times for their recent inquiries and discovery of crime data inconsistencies relative to our LAPD Crime Maps program.

Working in conjunction with our vendors, Lightray and Psomas, we are identifying the programming problems and are strategically implementing procedural and technical measures to fully correct and prevent those problems from occurring again. The process of creating solutions that fully address the issue of all crime data being populated on the LAPD Crime Maps is currently underway.

The technical issues identified do not at all affect the accuracy of crimes currently plotted on the LAPD Crime Maps. The issues however did cause exclusion of crimes that should have been plotted.

It is important to note that the technical issues in no way impact the Compstat data the Department uses to internally deploy resources within the City of Los Angeles. It also has not affected the Compstat report that is published on the website, publically distributed or reported to the federal government.

The Department believes LAPD Crime Maps is a valuable tool for the communities we protect and serve, by helping to identify crime activity and crime trends in their particular areas. A decision has been made to leave the LAPD Crime Maps online because the data that is plotted is accurate and while there may be crimes excluded, the service the Crime Maps provides is valuable to the public.

It is the Department's hope the public will continue to depend on our LAPD Crime Maps technology as being informative and reliable. Moving forward, the Department, Lightray and Psomas are fine tuning our quality assurance process to avoid problems of this nature in the future.

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