



City Council Agenda Report

To: Mayor Grisanti and Members of the City Council

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Approved by: Steve McClaran, Interim City Manager

Date prepared: June 3, 2021 Meeting date: June 28, 2021

Subject: Community Crime Map

RECOMMENDED ACTION: At the recommendation of the Public Safety Commission, authorize staff to submit an application to LexisNexis to allow the Malibu community access to its Community Crime Map tool.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with the recommended action.

WORK PLAN: This item was not included in the Adopted Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 or the proposed Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. This project is part of normal staff operations.

DISCUSSION: Law enforcement agencies keep detailed records about each incident that occurs in their jurisdiction. This information is stored in large, secure databases within each law enforcement agency. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department uses LexisNexis to store this data and to share the data between departments. This system includes a Community Crime Map feature, which takes the data, cleans it to protect victim privacy, and displays it on a map for the public so they can be aware of events that occur in their area and make more informed decisions about how to stay safe. In addition, Community Crime Map can automatically alert the public about recent crime activity and provides a mechanism for submitting anonymous tips.

The types of crimes that can be shown on a map include homicide, attempted homicide, robbery-commercial, robbery-individual, aggravated assault, assault-other, burglary-commercial, burglary-residential, theft, fraud, shoplifting, theft-other, vehicle theft, vehicle burglary, arson, DUI, alcohol violation, drugs/narcotics violation, disorderly conduct, traffic incident, vandalism, and weapons violation.

Community crime maps are useful for increasing situational awareness within neighborhoods and may prompt community members to take extra precautions that may reduce their vulnerability to crime. However, information provided on the map comes without context and can create unnecessary concern or fear in some situations. It is expected that having this feature available to Malibu residents may generate additional calls and e-mails to staff regarding crimes posted to the map. Staff would refer questions and concerns regarding crimes posted on the map to the Lost Hills Sheriff's Station.

The Community Crime Map feature is free to both the community users and the City. As unanimously recommended by the Public Safety Commission at its Regular meeting on April 7, 2021, the City Council is requested to approve the submission of an application for access to the LexisNexis Community Crime Map.

ATTACHMENTS: None.