



# Town of Georgetown Press Release

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## **Georgetown Joins Other Delaware Police Agencies in Offering Online Crime Mapping Program**

*Citizens will have even more information available to them to track criminal activity*

**Georgetown** –Mayor Bill West, Town Manager Gene Dvornick, and Police Chief R L Hughes are pleased to announce a new online crime mapping program ([www.CrimeMapping.com](http://www.CrimeMapping.com)) that is available immediately to Georgetown citizens so they will have another tool to keep track of crime within the Town. Mayor West said, “this is one additional means for the Town to help keep the public informed.”

According to Mr. Dvornick, Georgetown is joining several other municipal agencies in making crime data available online. Currently, Dover, Milford, Newark, Smyrna, and Wilmington have information available. Eventually, there will be a direct link on the Town’s website.

Chief Hughes feels strongly that this is another step in making the Georgetown Police Department (GPD) a model 21<sup>st</sup> Century policing organization and this initiative “will further the department’s efforts to be transparent and accountable to citizens.”

The new crime mapping service is a web-based program developed by TriTech Software Systems to help law enforcement agencies provide the community with valuable information about recent crime activity in and around their neighborhoods. The Town is paying TriTech a nominal fee to enable Georgetown citizens to participate in the new online program.

The data for the Georgetown-specific portion of [www.CrimeMapping.com](http://www.CrimeMapping.com) is extracted from the GPD’s records system regularly, allowing citizens to view up to six months of crime data, or up to 1,000 records by various search categories. These include a date range, crime type, or distance of an incident from a specific address. The data is illustrated on a map and the various crimes are shown as icons, each containing general details of the incident. Mr. Dvornick said the new website service will also send custom alerts to citizens about updated crime data, letting citizens define what type of crime information they want to receive.

To find out more about what’s happening in your neighborhood, visit [CrimeMapping.com](http://CrimeMapping.com).

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