

Citizens Self Reporting Crimes Online: The Law Enforcement perspective

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Abstract

In an effort to streamline officer duties and to encourage the community to report more crimes, many police departments are launching an online tip and incident reporting system (Cisneros, 2009). A growing number of Police Departments have turned to cyberspace. Incidents such as vehicle burglaries and harassing phone calls can be reported online, in minutes (Larocco, 2009). The effect this technology has had on implementing police departments will be determined through surveys to assess it's effectiveness in allowing citizens to self report crimes online.