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The Annapolis Police Department Has an App for That

The Annapolis Police Department is announcing the release of a free mobile application (app) for smartphones that allows you to receive real-time alerts and immediate access to the latest police department news, crime maps, and social media accounts.

The biggest communication improvement is that the app will provide residents and visitors real-time alert notifications pushed to the user's smartphone. Annapolis Police supervisors will be able to quickly put out information about road closures, missing persons, and other emergency police incidents.

The Annapolis Police Department posts daily police reports and press releases on www.annapolis.gov, Facebook, and Twitter and sends the information out by email to those who sign up to receive it. This information will continue to be posted, but the mobile app will provide a "one stop shop" for those who download the app. The app provides links to crime maps for Annapolis, crime prevention tips, the police department event calendar, as well as direct links to the department's Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Flickr accounts. Users can also find a listing of important police department phone numbers, including the anonymous tip line.

Residents will not be able to report crimes through the app and are encouraged to call 410-268-4141 or 9-1-1 in an emergency to report crime or suspicious activity immediately.

The app can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store for iPhones or the Google Play Marketplace for Google devices. Find the app quickly and easily by searching for Annapolis Police.

"The ability to get real-time information that impacts our daily routine is critical to our work, planning family and school activities, and our leisure time in Annapolis," Mayor Michael Pantelides said. "I applaud the Chief and his team for making it so easy to get all of this important information."

"Residents are always asking for more information about what is happening in their community, this new app enhances our efforts to keep our residents informed," said Chief Michael Pristoop. "It's another way for us to build bridges with the community and, in combination with our other efforts, to deliver excellent law enforcement service that our residents have come to expect."

If you have any questions please contact Corporal Amy Miguez at 410-268-9000 or amiguez@annapolis.gov.

App for iPhones at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/annapolis-police-department/id993312866?mt=8&ign-mpt=uo%3D4>

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