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### *City of Rancho Cucamonga Invited to White House - Police Data Initiative*

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**Rancho Cucamonga, California** – The City of Rancho Cucamonga is joining leading law enforcement agencies, technologists and researchers from throughout the country to take part in the Police Data Initiative, a White House program that aims to make police activity data more readily available to the public.

The Police Data Initiative was created in response to the President's Task Force on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing, which provides recommendations on actions communities can take to improve law enforcement and enhance community engagement. Many of the Task Force recommendations emphasize the opportunity for cities and Police Departments to use data and technology to build community trust and improve the relationship between citizens and police.

The City of Rancho Cucamonga began releasing data about police activities through its online [Public Safety Dashboard](#) in April 2015. This dashboard includes interactive data, charts and maps about Police Department and Fire District activities and was created as an initial step to improve transparency and share information with the public about what the City is doing and how well it is doing it. The City is currently working to expand the dashboard to include additional data from all city departments in the upcoming months.

The White House was informed about the City's existing efforts to share policing data and reached out to Rancho Cucamonga directly with a personal invitation to join their Police Data Initiative, which includes 34 other agencies from throughout the country including the cities of New Orleans, Dallas, Atlanta, and Los Angeles, to name a few. As part of the City's participation in the initiative, Rancho Cucamonga has committed to releasing three open datasets about policing activities over the coming months.

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"The City of Rancho Cucamonga and the Rancho Cucamonga Police Department/San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department partnership has had a history of embracing innovative technologies for police services," shared Police Chief Danielle Boldt. "The expanded openness of policing datasets enhances citizen engagement and continues to build trust between public safety and our community."

The City will be sending a team to the White House on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to participate in an event with Senior Administration and White House officials to discuss progress made by law enforcement agencies under the Police Data Initiative. This event will bring together agencies currently participating in the Police Data Initiative, as well as city technology and innovation leaders, community stakeholders, subject matter experts, and private sector entities to discuss ways to leverage technology and data innovation to increase trust between police and citizens.

"We are proud to be the first city in San Bernardino County, and one of the only mid-sized cities in the country, to join the White House Police Data Initiative," said Mayor L. Dennis Michael. "We look forward to showcasing Rancho Cucamonga's efforts to enhance our service delivery through the use of technology and hope to be a model for suburban communities throughout the country."

**For More Information** - To learn more about the City of Rancho Cucamonga's participation in the White House Police Data Initiative, please contact Donna Finch, Management Analyst I at (909) 477-2700, extension 2037 or by email at [Donna.Finch@CityofRC.us](mailto:Donna.Finch@CityofRC.us).

The City of Rancho Cucamonga encompasses 40.2 square miles and is located 40 miles east of Los Angeles; considered to be the premier city in the Inland Empire, Rancho Cucamonga is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas in Southern California with a current population of over 172,000 residents. Information regarding the City and the programs and services provided to the community can be found at [www.CityofRC.us](http://www.CityofRC.us), via Facebook and Twitter @CityofRC.

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