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Major Advancements in Technology and Transparency Announced

The NYPD provides unprecedented access to crime information for both the community and officers

New York, New York—Today, the New York City Police Department is taking the unprecedented step of making much of the crime data developed in the CompStat model available to the public. This new advancement, called CompStat 2.0, will provide greater specificity about crimes through an interactive experience.

“New York City has the greatest police force in the world, and we’re proud that New Yorkers are safer now than they’ve been at any time in modern history,” said Mayor Bill de Blasio. “Today, we’re taking CompStat into the 21st Century—and making our crime numbers clear and accessible for all New Yorkers. From launching CompStat 2.0 to giving every officer and patrol car smartphones and tablets, we’re proving once again that the NYPD is the most technologically advanced department in our country. These essential tools will help make our police department more accessible, more transparent, and more responsive to New Yorkers across the five boroughs.”

“CompStat 2.0 changes the way crime data is reported. It provides the ability for anyone to search what matters to them: their street, their neighborhood, their borough. This sort of clarity is not merely about useful information, it also builds relationships between the police and the community,” said Police Commissioner William J. Bratton. “CompStat 2.0 is also a tremendous asset to my cops in the field and, coupled with the NYPD smartphones, they will have access to real time crime data and trends.”

Previously, crime data reporting was largely limited to the seven major crime categories with few exceptions. There was no additional context provided such as date, time, or the specific type of crime within the broader category. CompStat 2.0 addresses these issues. Now any member of the public can visit <https://compstat.nypdonline.org> and conduct a crime data analysis that will provide all of these parameters, including accurate location mapping down to the nearest intersection. The CompStat 2.0 version used by police officers will go a few steps further, allowing officers to combat crime more quickly.

In a separate but related initiative, the NYPD continues its rollout of smartphones to all police officers. Announced last summer, 25,000 phones have been distributed thus far, with the remainder slated for completion by this spring. As of today, all officers assigned to patrol precincts have smartphones. By the end of this week, all Transit, Housing and Special Operations Division officers will have them. These devices, along with our customized software and mobile applications designed specifically for police officers, are providing far greater information to officers in the field than ever before. This information has contributed to faster responses by our officers, more informed decisions, and stories of success.

Four recent examples include:

On December 4, 2015, at approximately 9:00 P.M., anti-crime officers in the 73 Precinct responded to a ShotSpotter alert at 409 Saratoga Avenue, where they discovered eight shell casings on the roof of the location. Using a Department-issued smartphone, the officers checked the vicinity for any individuals who may have an open warrant. One active warrant was discovered and, upon responding to that apartment, two bullets were observed inside the location. A search warrant was obtained and two semiautomatic firearms were recovered.

On January 21, 2016, at 3:20 P.M., Lt. Ceparano and PO Rossignolo of the 61 Precinct, received an alert of a cell phone larceny in progress on their Department-issued smartphones. Responding to the Q Line subway station at Gravesend Neck Road and East 16th Street, the officers conducted a canvass and stopped an individual matching the description of the suspect. After positive identification by the victim, the individual was placed under arrest and a loaded .357 Smith & Wesson firearm was discovered on his person. The suspect was in custody prior to the crime being broadcast over the radio.

On January 28, 2016, as a result of NYPD-released surveillance photos, a known suspect wanted for eight bank robberies was recognized by multiple employees at banks in the 19th Precinct. Anti-Crime officers were alerted on their Department-issued smartphones to the attempted bank robberies and immediately responded to the banks before the jobs were broadcast over the radio. Utilizing the description and direction of flight information provided on their phones, the officers were able to apprehend the suspect blocks away from his last location.

On January 28, 2016, while attempting to conduct a family visit within the confines of the 67 Precinct, Police Officer Thompson found the victim's address to be incorrect. Using his Department-issued smartphone, Officer Thompson discovered the correct address and was able to determine that the victim's boyfriend had been violating an order of protection by showing up to her address. The victim stated that officers had not been able to respond quickly enough in the past to arrest the violator. Again using his phone, PO Thompson confirmed the validity of the protection order and gave the victim his Department cell phone number with instructions to call him if the boyfriend returned. Later that night, the boyfriend returned. After being contacted by the victim, Officer Thompson responded and effected his arrest.

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