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Hampton Police Division Implements Open Data Project

On October 16, 2015, the Hampton Police Division will launch an open data portal as part of the White House Police Data Initiative. This will allow citizens easy access to crime statistics, Officer-Involved Shooting information, and a host of other data frequently requested by the public.

Through the recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, the Police Data Initiative was created. The initiative will start with approximately twenty law enforcement agencies nationwide. The division will frequently upload information to our website through an open data portal sponsored by the White House. The information is in an easy-to-read format and can be viewed, downloaded, embedded, saved or filtered to obtain specific information that the user is researching. It includes a searchable database that will provide law enforcement agencies, community groups, and most importantly, the public, easy access to multiple crime statistics. Data sets will range from quarterly incident reports to a community police events calendar which will include police-sponsored events, community events with police participation, and community meetings.

The Division is proud to have been selected as one of the agencies to be involved with this initiative since its inception in March of this year. Several members of the organization and City of Hampton have collaborated with the White House and the other agencies on a weekly basis to release information through this portal that will further our public commitment to transparency and trust within the community.   The Hampton Police Open Data portal can be viewed by visiting www.hampton.gov/police/opendata or additional information can be obtained by visiting https://www.whitehouse.gov/open.

Lt. Jason Price will receive questions at 757-727-6638.
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