



## QUINCY POLICE DEPARTMENT / ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS RELEASE

**DATE:** August 13, 2012  
**TO:** News Media  
**FROM:** Chief Robert Copley and Sheriff Brent Fischer  
**RE:** Interactive Crime Mapping through RAIDS Online

The Quincy Police Department and Adams County Sheriff's Office have partnered with Bair Software to provide interactive crime mapping for the public through RAIDS Online ([www.raidsonline.com](http://www.raidsonline.com)). RAIDS Online makes it easy for Quincy and Adams County residents to keep track of crime in their neighborhoods by displaying crimes on a map as they are reported. Residents can access the crime map from any location with Internet access, including cell phones with Internet browsing capabilities. There are mobile apps for RAIDS Online as well. The service also allows residents to sign up for customized e-mail reports of crime activity near their homes.

The screenshot shows the RAIDS Online web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with "File Edit View Favorites Tools Help". Below that is a search bar with "quincy.il" entered. The main area is a map of Quincy, Illinois, with various streets and landmarks labeled. On the left side, there are several filter and search options: "Search Address" with a "Go to Address" button, "JUMP TO CITY" with a dropdown menu, "BUFFER" with a "500 ft" selection, and "Crime Types", "Date Range", "Analytic Layers", "Data Layers", and "About RAIDS Online" sections. The map shows several crime locations marked with colored dots.

(Screen shot of QPD/ACSO interactive public crime map.)

Citizens who use RAIDS Online to become aware of crime trends can make more informed decisions on where they live, shop, play, send their kids to school, and other important choices regarding their personal safety. Bair Software provides this service at no cost to the Quincy Police Department and Adams County Sheriff's Office or their citizens.

RAIDS Online syncs with the Quincy Police Department and Adams County Sheriff's Office records systems to automatically upload crime information and keep it updated on the map. It uses Google maps to display location and basic information for crimes. Users can choose which crimes and date range are displayed on the map and can also view the data in an analytics dashboard which automatically updates when the user adjusts filters. Residents can also stay informed about crimes by signing up for crime activity reports that are conveniently e-mailed automatically on a daily, weekly, or monthly schedule.