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New database will help local police track criminals across city, county lines

Police say software will tear down barriers, let authorities share real-time data

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Oklahoma City police said acquiring a new database from BAIR Analytics will help advance their efforts to curb crime.

"This is huge for us," said Major Mike Hoskins of the Oklahoma City Police Special Investigations Division. "We have jurisdictional boundaries and the bad guys, they don't stop at a city border. They will come into other cities and commit crimes."

Hoskins said the software will tear down barriers and allow police to share real-time data with each other and analyze it.

The program is called Predictive Policing. Officers will be able to monitor crime in the areas they patrol.

"(It will) help them make better-informed decisions about how to reduce crime there in their own patrol beat," Hoskins said.

A filtered version of the database is also accessible to the public. Oklahoma City residents will be able to search for their neighborhood to look up crime statistics.

In the next six months, Oklahoma City, Norman, Moore, Midwest City, Bethany and Edmond will use the database to share information.

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