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Today, the Columbus Division of Police launched the Columbus Police Mobile App, an interactive tool designed to boost public safety in Columbus. This innovative tool will bring increased access and transparency to the community.

"We want to offer our community the best in technology and access, and that means making Columbus Police services and information available to mobile users," said Chief Thomas Quinlan. "We're excited to present an opportunity that expands connectivity between the community and law enforcement."

The Columbus Police Mobile app will provide access to the Division of Police's existing platforms which will help residents stay connected wherever they are by offering mobile access to news, crime maps, social media, alerts and more. It even allows the public to submit anonymous tips to the department.

"The City of Columbus is committed to expanding communications between residents and police," said Mayor Andrew J. Ginther. "The Columbus Police Mobile App allows people to interact with police in a variety of ways and to receive alerts important to public safety."

"I am very proud our Division of Police is leading the way in using technology to engage the public to solve some of our most pressing public safety issues," said Councilmember Emmanuel V. Remy. "We recognize that people are consuming information in new ways, and we need our public safety divisions as accessible as possible to meet the evolving needs and expectations of our communities."

The mobile app will provide access to the Division of Police's existing platforms, as well as additional services that are only available through the mobile application:

- Tips: Provide anonymous crime tips right from your phone.
- Crime Maps: View real-time crime maps of activity occurring in your neighborhood.
- News: Get the latest news written directly by the Chief, department officers, and staff.
- Photos: View Columbus Police's most wanted and browse through photo albums.
- Alerts: View trusted, instant alerts directly from the Columbus Division of Police.

The Columbus Police mobile is free and available on the <u>iOS App Store</u> and the <u>Google Play Marketplace</u> or by searching for Columbus Police on the respective App Store.