



# WISCONSIN CRIME ALERT NETWORK

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



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Latest Updates:

Sign up for your Wisconsin Crime Alert Network account to receive crime alerts!

The City of Columbus Police Department is now an active member of the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network (WCAN). We now have the ability to send out alerts to businesses, individual citizens and other organizations that subscribe to WCAN.

Please see the information below on how the system works and how you can register. Further information can be obtained from the Wisconsin Department of Justice website at:

<http://www.wisconsincrimealert.gov/howssystemworks.html>



# How the System Works

## Wisconsin Crime Alert Network

**The Wisconsin Crime Alert Network from the Wisconsin Department of Justice** allows local, state, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies to send out crime alert bulletins to businesses and the public targeting recipients based upon type of business and location.

**A subscription to the Wisconsin Crime Alert Network is just \$12 per year** and will allow the recipients to receive alerts by their choice of **email, SMS text, fax**, or all three.

Law Enforcement Officers from throughout the State of Wisconsin will be sending out alerts about crime and criminal suspects. The officer will select which of approximately 50 groups should receive the alert. Groups will include pharmacies, convenience stores, and banks, as well as organizations and agencies such as neighborhood watch, hospitals and schools/universities, and private citizens. Officers can also upload photos to send with the alert. Next the officer will select a geographic area to receive the alert which can be a region of the state, radius from the crime scene, or the officer can draw a shape of any size using a mapping tool. Once the officer sends the alert it goes out instantaneously to recipients.

Signing up is Easy

**Businesses**

**Organizations**

**Private Citizen**

Tell us if you are a business, organization, or private citizen. Businesses will be asked to select from one of about 50 different types of business. Sign up to receive alerts by email, SMS text, or fax and you are done.

Information from law enforcement will come right to your email, cell phone text, or fax machine, and real time when you need it most.

The Wisconsin Crime Alert Network is used for:

- **Crime Prevention**
- Finding **Stolen Property**
- Identifying **Suspects**
- Locating **Missing Persons**
- Notifying public about **Police Action**

All Alerts are **TIMELY, RELEVANT**, and **ACTIONABLE** for the recipient

Here is the link to the WCAN website:

<http://www.wisconsincrimealert.gov/businesspublic.html>

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