

# THE POLICE DATA INITIATIVE

Building Trust through Data  
Transparency

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Trust between law enforcement agencies and the people they protect and serve is essential in a democracy. It is key to the stability of our communities, the integrity of our criminal justice system, and the safe and effective delivery of policing services.





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We've launched a Police Data Initiative that's helping Camden and other innovative cities use data to strengthen their work and hold themselves accountable by sharing it with the public.

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# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## NEW ORLEANS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OPERATION SPARK

Fifteen year old Operation Spark student Grace Clark helps New Orleans Police Chief Michael Harrison write his first line of code



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New Orleans Police  
Department*

# A NEW PARADIGM

“Police departments understand that if they are going to earn the confidence of communities they serve, then they need to be accountable and they need to be transparent. The more information that police puts out there, the more opportunities there are for the public to have that confidence in the police department.” —Montgomery County, MD Police Chief Thomas Manger

“The Chattanooga Police Department is excited to be participating in the Police Data Initiative. It provides us an opportunity to have an open and honest conversation with the communities we police about our efforts and helps to foster the trust needed for our community and problem-oriented policing efforts.” —Chattanooga, TN Police Chief Fred Fletcher

“As the caretaker of the “People’s Data,” the Dallas Police Department is committed to being transparent to the citizens of Dallas.” —Dallas, TX Police Chief David Brown

“The current state of the country is such that police departments are being criticized for being secretive or withholding information. If you want to build trust with the community you serve, you can’t act as though you are hiding something.” — Detroit, MI Police Chief James Craig

“The public has a lot of questions about what their police departments do, and why they do it. Opening our data to the public can help them get the answers they are looking for and gain a deeper understanding of how the police departments in their community work.” — Louisville, KY Police Chief Steve Conrad