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**CDS Business Mapping Adds Crime Scores to the RiskMeter Online**

Boston, Ma, January 25, 2003 - CDS Business Mapping, a leader in online hazard mapping, has added crime scores to the RiskMeter Online ([www.riskmeter.com](http://www.riskmeter.com)). These scores use predictive modeling technology to estimate the risk of crime for any location in the US based upon demographic and socio-economic characteristics and local crime patterns.

For any location, an overall crime score is given, as well as scores for: crimes against persons, crimes against property, murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft. Scores given are a relative index versus the national average for each type of crime. Using the RiskMeter Online, insurers can get back these scores instantly, with a map showing the crime patterns in the neighborhood.

These scores are important to property and auto insurers looking to evaluate the risk of an individual address. These scores give insurers the information they need to determine the relative risk of a location.

**About Riskmeter.com**

The RiskMeter is used by underwriting professionals to automate property lookups. The RiskMeter utilizes Internet mapping technology to enable underwriters to determine the proximity to natural hazards for any property in the United States. The RiskMeter is far more accurate and faster than any other method of property lookups, and can save underwriters considerable time and money.

**About CDS Business Mapping**

CDS Business Mapping, LLC., was founded in 1994 as a desktop mapping sales and consulting company. The company offers a full line of mapping software, data and applications for insurers. CDS is dedicated to the creation and implementation of mapping solutions for the insurance industry.

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