



Offender registry easier, under budget

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Hartford (WTNH) - The state is making the online sex offender registry more user friendly and lawmakers are making those changes tonight. And the big new upgrade is coming in under budget.

It's easier to use with interactive maps and the ability to send e-mail notifications to friends and neighbors.

Plus, it's just in time for Halloween.

The Governor helped to launch a completely new and more user friendly Connecticut Sex Offender Registry website.

After more than a decade of use, the site has had over 50 million visitors and contains files on over 5,000 sex offenders.

"The Department of Public Safety rebuilt Sex Offender Registry is a tool. It's designed to aid parents and law enforcement in protecting children from harm. It is not, however, a substitute for alert and involved parenting," Danaher said.

And Danaher proudly announced that the new upgrade cost half of what was expected. \$1 million was allocated for it, he announced today that the department will turn back \$500,000 to the State Bonding Commission for use elsewhere.