Navigation Guide: The Filter Pane

The Citizen Connect homepage is separated into three major categories: the Filter pane, the Map, and The Overview/Data Pane.
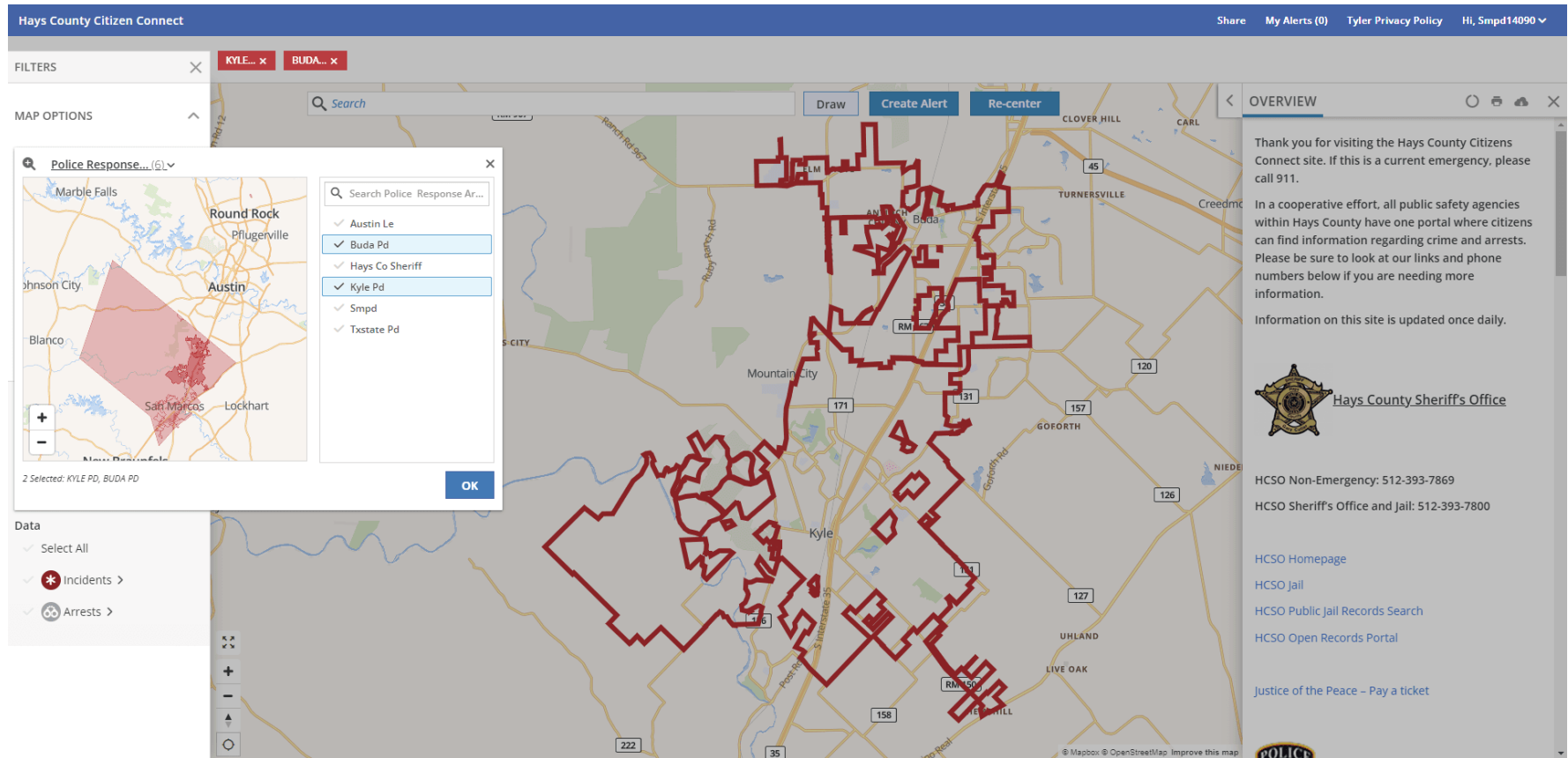
The Filter Pane:

The filter pane is on the left side of the map and allows you to narrow down the information displayed by location and/or incident/arrest type.

1. Map Options

Map options allows you to narrow down by location. Namely, select the magnifying glass and isolate—from the drop-down—whether you want to display City Limit boundaries or Police Response Areas. There are 13 options for City limit boundaries and 6 options for Police Response Areas. If you want to isolate the City of Kyle, select the City Limits filter and then select Kyle via the checkmark next to it. In the picture below, Buda and Kyle Police Department response areas are isolated through the Police Response Area drop-down. The map will narrow down on the selected areas as soon as the check-mark is clicked.

2. Data Options

In data options, you are able to narrow down the data presented further by isolating the date range and type of type displayed.

A. Date Range. Using the drop-down next to date range, you are able to either manually choose a "to-from" range or use a rolling filter. For example, selecting the past 6 month.

Please note that each department became a partner at different times, which may skew the data. For instance, Hays County Sheriff's office logged on in 2020, but San Marcos Police Department did not log in until 2022. Therefore, Hays County will display information from 2020, but San Marcos Police Department will not. This does not mean that the data does not exist, but that it does not exist in the current program.

B. Data. In the data section, there are three options: "Select all", "Incidents", and "Arrests". When clicking select all, this will present all incidents and arrest from all partnering agencies. If you have the map narrowed by location, it will present all applicable data from those specific locations. If you would like to only see incidents, ensure that the check mark by incidents is the only option selected. If you would like to isolate further—lets say to only show burglaries—go into incidents, select your jurisdiction, then select your category. In the example above, Kyle and Buda are selected, meaning that to show all applicable responses, Kyle and Buda Police Departments should both be selected. To do this, first go into Kyle Police Department and select all applicable burglaries, then go into Buda Police Department and do the same. The result will be all burglaries responded to by both Kyle and Buda within Kyle and Buda police response areas. Feel free to play with these incident and arrest types to get a feel for the data structure.

Please note that if incident or arrest data is narrowed down, a dash will appear to the left of the Incidents or Arrest tab. If a checkmark appears, the default is select all within the tab.