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**SAFE CITY COMMISSION**  
**CRIME STOPPERS**

**YEAR END REPORT**

**2008**

## **Executive Summary**

Since 1982, tips coming in over the Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers hotline have resulted in excess of **\$1,588,000** in rewards being paid to anonymous tipsters. These tips resulted in the recovery of over **\$29,692,000** worth of stolen property and narcotics, over **6,900** law breaking individuals being arrested, and over **11,600** cases being cleared.

The Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers Program has two operational divisions. Collectively, in 2008 these divisions paid **\$120,830** in rewards. These rewards helped effect the recovery of **\$2,155,139** in stolen property and narcotics, the arrest of **399** individuals, and the clearing of **805** cases.

### **The Community Program – 2008**

Countywide, Crime Stoppers assisted in the recovery of stolen property and narcotics valued at **\$2,138,924**. In addition, **262** arrests were made, **488** cases were cleared, and **\$104,050** in rewards was paid in 2008.

### **The Campus Program - 2008**

Rewards for the Campus Crime Stoppers Program totaled **\$16,780**, with **\$16,215** in stolen property and narcotics being recovered, **137** individuals arrested, **170** administratively disciplined, and **317** cases cleared on Tarrant County middle and high school campuses.

# SAFE CITY COMMISSION CRIME STOPPERS

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*Mission Statement: Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization dedicated to solving the unsolvable crimes in our community. The organization is a cooperative effort between the citizens of Tarrant County, local law enforcement agencies, and the local media. The goal is to generate anonymous tips from the community, which will solve felony crimes, apprehend wanted felons, and make our community a safer place.*

### Crime Stoppers Community Program Statistical Comparison

Key Indicators	2007 TOTAL	2008 TOTAL	Since Inception 9/14/1982
Informant Contacts	8,382	10,102	179,425
Tips Received	2,099	2,080	39,602
Arrests Made	234	262	6,978
Criminal Cases Cleared	439	488	11,625
Narcotics Seized	\$53,812	\$1,720,915	\$14,132,136
Property Recovered	\$109,724	\$418,009	\$15,560,343
Total Prop. & Narc. Recovered	\$163,536	\$2,138,924	\$29,692,479
Weapons Seized	40	25	158
No. Rewards Paid	210	223	3,480
Amount Rewards Paid	\$96,225	\$104,050	\$1,588,473

### Tip Analysis

Offense	2007 TOTAL	2008 TOTAL	Since Inception
Homicide	54	80	1,733
Sexual Assault	8	15	633
Assault	21	21	262
Robbery	99	90	1,278
Theft	109	97	1,362
Burglary	51	54	1,660
Forgery	63	44	497
Arson	4	4	113
Narcotics	733	792	12,602
Fugitive	741	661	15,936
Other Crimes	211	219	3,524
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>39,602</b>

## 2008 Statistics by Agency

Tarrant County Agency	# Tips Rcvd	# Arrests Made	# Cases Cleared	\$\$ Property	\$\$ Drugs Seized	# Rewards Paid	\$\$ Rewards
Arlington PD	420	86	168	\$262,530	\$2,264	73	\$38,250
Azle PD	3	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Bedford PD	6	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Benbrook PD	5	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Colleyville PD	2	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Crowley PD	1	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
DWG DPS	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
DFW Airport DPS	2	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Eules PD	7	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Everman PD	2	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Forest Hill PD	6	2	6	\$0	\$0	1	\$400
Fort Worth PD	1,136	119	215	\$98,979	\$1,718,412	96	\$45,525
Grapevine PD	3	1	1	\$0	\$0	1	\$450
Haltom City PD	21	1	7	\$0	\$0	1	\$100
Hurst PD	21	4	15	\$5,000	\$0	4	\$1,375
Keller PD	4	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Kennedale PD	1	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Lake Worth PD	1	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Mansfield PD	10	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
NRH PD	12	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Pantego PD	1	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Richland Hills PD	2	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
River Oaks PD	5	2	10	\$45,000	\$25	2	\$900
Saginaw PD	6	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Sansom Park PD	2	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Southlake DPS	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
TCOCU	59	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
TCSO	229	49	80	\$0	\$0	49	\$18,750
Watauga DPS	5	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
White Settlement PD	14	3	3	\$6,500	\$239	1	\$500

## 2008 "Most Wanted" Statistics

Agency	No. Fugitives Posted	No. Arrests from CS Tips	No. Turning Themselves In	No. Arrests by Other Info
APD	255	28	12	21
FYPD	179	37	9	63
TCSO	199	29	10	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>184</b>

\*\* The Arlington Police Department Most Wanted and Fort Worth Police Department/Tarrant County Sheriff's Office Most Wanted lists are publicized in the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

## Crime Stoppers Campus Program Statistical Comparison

Key Indicators	2007 TOTAL	2008 TOTAL	Since Inception
Tips Received	408	693	20,779
Arrests Made	135	137	4,103
Cases Cleared	227	317	15,179
Admin Discipline	56	170	11,875
# of Rewards Paid	150	264	7,177
Amount of Rewards Paid	\$9,820	\$16,780	\$457,597
Property Recovered	\$6,742	\$13,175	\$409,288
Drugs Seized	\$1,312	\$3,040	\$149,398
# of Weapons Seized	18	16	105

### Tip Analysis

Offense	2007 TOTAL	2008 TOTAL
Alcohol	4	5
Arson/Hoax Bombs	15	29
Assault/Threats	18	22
Bullying	1	19
Burglary	8	8
Computer Security Breach	2	1
Criminal Trespassing	0	1
Deadly Conduct	1	0
Disruptive Activities	3	12
Drugs	169	234
False Alarm or Report	3	3
Fugitive	1	0
Gambling	1	1
Gang Graffiti	17	48
Gang Membership	2	1
Graffiti – NOT gang related	14	49
Hazing	0	0
Homicide/Attempted Murder	0	0
Kidnapping	0	0
Other	15	31
Robbery	0	0
Sex Offense/Sexual Assault	4	2
Theft	45	59
Tobacco	29	44
Truancy/Skipping	2	20
Vandalism	24	58
Weapon Possession	30	46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>693</b>

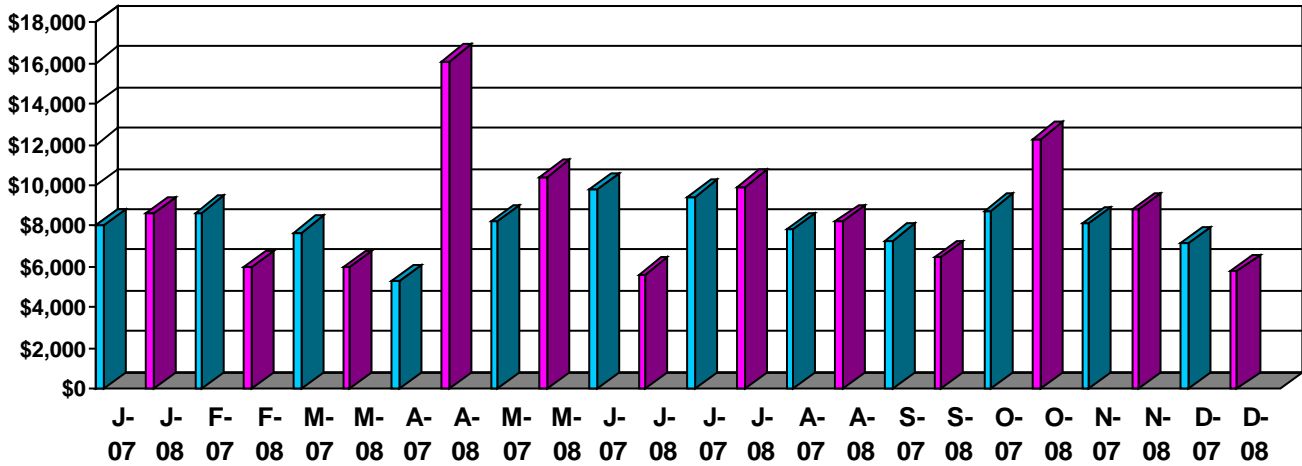
## 2008 Statistics by ISD

<b>Tarrant County ISD</b>	<b># Schools Reporting</b>	<b># Tips Rcvd</b>	<b># Arrests Made</b>	<b># Admin Disc.</b>	<b># Cases Cleared</b>	<b>\$\$ Property Recovered</b>	<b>\$\$ Drugs Seized</b>	<b># Rewards Paid</b>	<b>\$\$ Rewards</b>
Arlington ISD	18	110	26	16	47	\$2,445	\$247	42	\$2,820
Azle ISD	1	8	9	0	10	\$0	\$90	7	\$525
Birdville ISD	4	59	23	14	45	\$50	\$244	34	\$2,815
Carroll ISD	1	1	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Castleberry ISD	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Crowley ISD	6	81	14	33	47	\$610	\$516	35	\$1,955
Eagle Mtn- Saginaw ISD	3	21	1	4	4	\$5	\$0	4	\$345
Everman ISD	3	27	2	6	6	\$0	\$0	9	\$200
Fort Worth ISD	34	235	41	79	117	\$7,105	\$1,446	102	\$5,690
Grapevine- Colleyville ISD	2	28	4	0	4	\$20	\$220	3	\$550
Hurst-Eules- Bedford ISD	3	15	7	1	9	\$0	\$95	6	\$480
Keller ISD	6	40	4	4	8	\$3	\$160	8	\$750
Kennedale ISD	2	6	2	0	2	\$750	\$0	1	\$50
Lake Worth ISD	2	11	0	8	8	\$1,287	\$2	7	\$250
Mansfield ISD	8	26	0	4	4	\$900	\$0	4	\$150
Northwest ISD	1	3	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
White Settlement ISD	3	21	4	1	6	\$0	\$20	6	\$200
<b>TOTAL: 17 School Districts</b>	<b>TOTAL: 97 Schools</b>								

\*\* The Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers 2007-2008 School Year End Report is also available.

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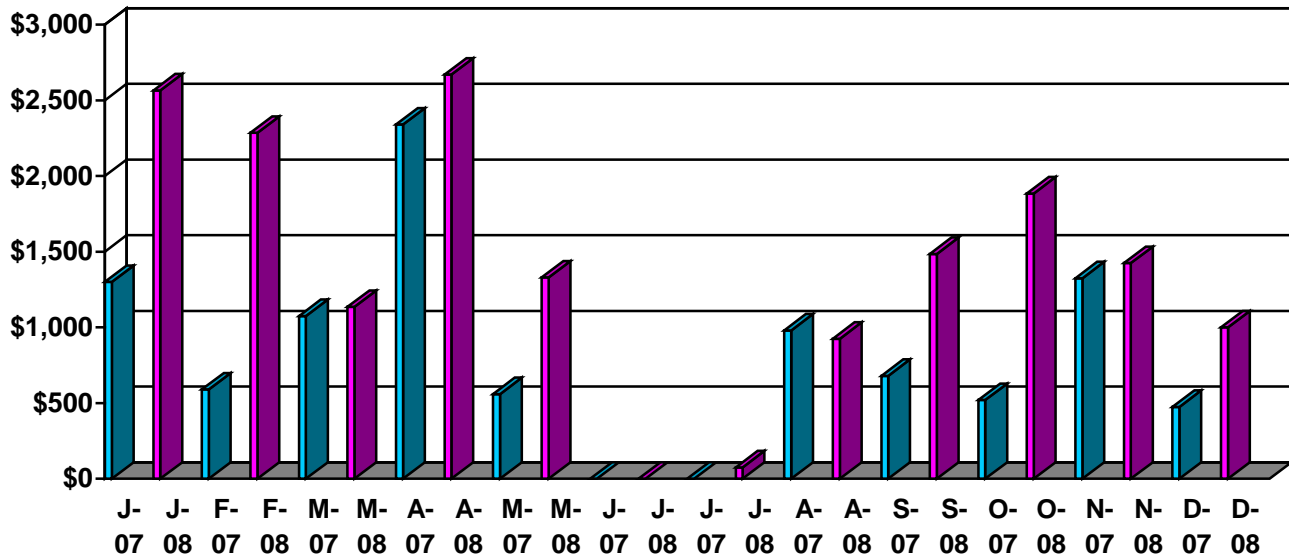
## COMMUNITY PROGRAM REWARDS 2007/2008 COMPARISON



TOTAL 2007 - \$96,225      TOTAL 2008 - \$104,050  
 Program Performance up 8%

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## CAMPUS PROGRAM REWARDS 2007/2008 COMPARISON



TOTAL 2007 - \$9,820      TOTAL 2008 - \$16,780  
 Program Performance up 41%

## **Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers 2008 Success Stories**

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### **Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers Introduces Gun & Gang Busters Program**

Gun & Gang Busters is a new program facilitated through Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers and the Northern District of Texas Project Safe Neighborhoods. In addition to the traditional Crime Stoppers money rewarded for a particular crime, Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers will add a bonus reward of up to \$250 for tip information leading to an arrest(s) in gun and/or gang-related crimes in Tarrant County. The program aims at breaking down a code of silence that often exists among gangs and people who witness gang-related or gun-related crimes.

The program was originally announced during a press conference at the 2007 Gang & Youth Violence Education and Awareness Conference in Arlington, Texas. The program was formally launched on April 30, 2008. Community leaders, officers, and Safe City Commission staff distributed over 8,000 door hangers to target areas in Arlington and Fort Worth and over 9,000 posters throughout Tarrant County middle and high schools. Since January 1, 2008, Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers paid 68 bonus rewards worth \$8,775.

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### **Arlington Launches "Cash for Crooks" Website**

Early 2008, Arlington Crime Stoppers Coordinator, Detective Kyle Dishko, came up with the idea for a "Cash for Crooks" program based on a similar program featured on the Houston Police Department's website. This program centralized open robbery and homicide investigations in which the Arlington Police Department was asking for the public's help in solving these crimes. The link is on the APD website in the "Cash for Crooks" section. Tipsters with information on one of the cases listed may submit a tip directly through the website to Crime Stoppers.

Since January of 2008, the cases on the "Cash for Crooks" webpage have been viewed 64,700 times. Links to the Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers website and "Cash for Crooks" can also be found on the Arlington Police MySpace page.

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### **First Gun & Gang Busters Bonus Reward Paid for Arlington Tip**

In February 2008, an Arlington detective recovered a weapon used to shoot three people and charged Xzavion King, known CSB gang member, with three counts of Aggravated Assault. The tip led directly to the arrest of King and the recovery of the weapon. This was the first bonus reward paid through the Gun & Gang Busters program.

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### **Crime Stoppers Receives Business Partnership Award in Arlington**

On February 28, 2008, Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers received the 2007 Business Partnership Award during the Arlington Police Department's Annual Awards Ceremony. The award recognized Crime Stoppers as a program which is "fundamental to [Arlington Police Department] operations by continuing to assist the Police Department in combating crime in Arlington." Safe City Commission was cited as "a true partner in achieving the Arlington Police Department's vision of providing a safer community." The Executive Director, Program Coordinator, and Crime Stoppers Committee Members were in attendance to accept the award.

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## Tip Leads Fort Worth and Federal Narcotics Officers to a \$1.6 Million Meth Lab

On April 22, 2008 a concerned tipster called Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers in reference to major manufacturing and narcotic sales occurring at a residence located at 5928 Sidewinder Trail in Fort Worth. The tipster was concerned about the smell of illegal narcotics coming from the residence and observed the sale and distribution of drugs from the home. On April 30, 2008, the Fort Worth Narcotics Unit conducted the consent-to-search of the residence. Based on the investigation, Luis Pena and Giovanni Teran were arrested on drug charges. Officers seized crystallized methamphetamine and liquid used to manufacture methamphetamine worth \$1,639,227. In addition, two vehicles worth \$25,000 and one Ruger Pistol was seized. The tipster received a Crime Stoppers reward and an additional bonus reward from the Gun & Gang Busters program. Recently, the two Fort Worth men were each sentenced to 22 years in federal prison for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine. Authorities have described the discovery at the Fort Worth drug house as the largest stash of pure methamphetamine in Tarrant County.

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## Fort Worth Homicide Suspects Arrested from Tips

In April 2008, Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers received two tips that helped identify and apprehend two suspects in the murder of a Best Western hotel clerk in Fort Worth. The first tip was instrumental in the identification of the two suspects involved in the murder case – Malcolm Strickland and Jay Allen. Allen was located and charged with Capitol Murder as a result of this tip. A second Crime Stoppers tip leads to the whereabouts of Strickland in Amarillo, Texas. Strickland was charged with Capital Murder, two counts of Attempted Capital Murder, and Attempted Escape. Each tipster received the Crime Stoppers reward and a Gun & Gang Busters bonus reward.

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## Multiple Tips Lead to Bank Robbers in Fort Worth

On April 30, 2008, a Crime Stoppers tipster provided the location of a robbery suspect. A Fort Worth officer arrested James P. Fout at the tip location for a Fort Worth Aggravated Robbery warrant. The FBI filed Federal Bank Robbery charges on the suspect. This tipster received a Crime Stoppers reward and an additional bonus reward from the Gun & Gang Busters program.

On December 10, 2008, Crime Stoppers received a tip on another bank robber, Johnny Barerra, who was wanted on a federal felony warrant for Bank Robbery. This suspect was responsible for one bank robbery in Bedford and two bank robberies in Fort Worth.

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## Over \$250,000 in Stolen Merchandise Recovered from Arlington Tip

In July 2008, an Arlington detective who works with the Auto Theft Task Force arrested two subjects and recovered \$255,500 worth of stolen merchandise including 10 vehicles and a stolen hand gun based on a Crime Stopper tip. The tipster was very cooperative and updated information almost daily. Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers call takers facilitated a three-way call between the tipster and the detective, who gathered enough information to support his investigation. Seven criminal cases were filed based on this tip. This is the largest property recovery in Arlington from a Crime Stoppers tip.

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## Tip Helps Solve Robbery/Kidnapping Case of Arlington Wal-Mart Shopper

An Arlington detective sent a media release in July on a Wal-Mart robbery/kidnapping of a female patron. A Crime Stoppers tip came in that led to the identification of a suspect. Search and arrest warrants were executed at the detective's direction by the Arlington Robbery Unit and Gang Unit. The gun from the offense was recovered and Kori Draper was arrested. Further information led to the arrest of Shown Johnson. Both suspects confessed and were linked numerous ways to the crime. The anonymous tip through Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers was credited in the media release after the suspect's arrest.

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## Tipsters Encouraged to “Text” Tips

In September 2008, Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers started accepting text-message tips using software designed to keep callers anonymous. Tipsters are instructed to text “TIP117 plus their message” to CRIMES (274637). Students are expected to comprise the majority of text message tipsters. The new feature is part of an on-going effort to provide Crime Stoppers with advanced, current technology so tipsters may have options when they are choosing how to report their information on Tarrant County crimes. Tipsters may call the hotline, submit a web tip, or send a text message.

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## Possible Gang Retaliation Prevented by Crime Stoppers Tip

The Arlington Gang Unit received a tip on October 3<sup>rd</sup> that a gang retaliation shooting was going to occur. The Gang Unit set up surveillance near a restaurant where the shooting was going to occur, according to the Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers tip. Officers located and arrested four UTG Gang Members and recovered two firearms, marijuana, and ecstasy.

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## Suspects Involved in Multi-City Burglary Ring Identified by Tip

In December 2008, a tipster called in reference to two suspects that were involved in a very large burglary ring within the cities of Fort Worth, Haltom City, and Watauga. The tipster gave valuable information revealing the suspects, areas of theft, and items that were taken. Some of the residences involved police officer's homes that were burglarized, in which several police items and weapons were stolen. As a result of the multi-agency investigation Ramel L. Pierce and Charles Rubell were arrested and charged with ten counts of Burglary of a Habitation. Among the recoveries were three TV's, three laptops, three guns, and other miscellaneous items worth a total of \$5,000. The tipster received a Crime Stoppers reward and an additional bonus reward from the Gun & Gang Busters Program. Investigators have since learned of 21 other cases in which these two suspects may have been involved.

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