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OVERVIEW

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers is available to **143,496*** secondary students in **167** secondary schools within **16** Tarrant County school districts. This program allows students to provide anonymous tips that will aid the school administration and local law enforcement in solving crimes. The students in Tarrant County receive a monetary reward ranging from \$10 - \$1,000 if the tip proves instrumental in solving the crime. Campus Crime Stoppers promotes school spirit, pride and responsibility and allows students to take action against victimization and crime in their school.

The 2006-2007 school year was the inaugural year for the recently updated program. Several new changes were implemented including the methods for taking tips via the Crime Stoppers Call Center hotline and the utilization of the web for submitting online tips. To promote the new program, the Crime Stoppers civilian and officer coordinators held **20** meetings with district administrators, **65** individual meetings with schools across Tarrant County, and distributed **2,515** posters and **18,400** cards.

Overall, the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program received **398** tips resulting in **121** arrests, **63** students administratively disciplined, **231** cases cleared, **\$1,827** in drugs seized, **\$6,119** in recovered property and **12** weapons seized.

THE NEW CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM

Safe City Commission launched the rejuvenated and streamlined Campus Crime Stoppers program during the 2006-2007 school year. Several program changes were implemented in order to ensure that the anonymity of each student is held at the utmost importance. Students may now report information on crimes that occurred on a campus within Tarrant County to the Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers hotline or submit tips online.

On April 17, 2006, Safe City Commission opened the first Crime Stoppers Call Center in Tarrant County. Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers serves all Tarrant County municipalities and school districts. The Call Center is staffed seven days a week, from 7:00 am – midnight, by area off-duty public safety dispatchers and police personnel. Call takers are responsible for coordinating the tips and ensuring that the information is disseminated to the proper school contact in a timely manner. There is no Caller ID, calls are not recorded, and dispatchers do not ask for any personal information in order to maintain the student's

* Based on National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, CCD Public school data 2004-2005 school year.

anonymity. Students may report tips to the hotline - **817-469-TIPS (8477)** - before, during, or after school. If a student would like to report a Crime Stoppers tip during school hours, it has been suggested that school administrators and officers provide the student with a private setting (i.e. office, library, etc) to call the hotline or send a web tip.

The ability to receive Crime Stoppers tips online is another new feature of the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program. Students may go to **www.469tips.com** and click on “Submit a Campus Tip.” The student will then be instructed to answer detailed questions about the crime that occurred and any potential suspects. When the student is finished, the tip will be submitted to the Crime Stoppers database and passed on to the proper authority. No email address is required to submit a tip and the IP address of the computer is not recorded in order to maintain the student’s anonymity. Safe City Commission received a total of **91** web tips in this inaugural year.

The reward amounts, categories of offenses, and the method for receiving the rewards have also changed. In the past, Crime Stoppers paid for a handful of nonspecific offenses ranging from \$10-\$100. Realizing that money provides a great incentive for reporting information, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers raised the reward amounts to range from **\$10-\$1,000** and added **68** categories of offenses. During the 2006-2007 school year, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers paid **147** rewards valued at **\$10,250** for a variety of offenses including drugs, theft, vandalism, graffiti, arson, tobacco, and weapon possession. Students will now pick up all Campus Crime Stoppers rewards from one of **thirteen (13)** pre-selected Chase Bank branches across Tarrant County. Safe City Commission requires all tips to be picked up from a bank to further protect the student’s anonymity and to maintain fiscal control over the reward funds.

Students will no longer have to compromise their identity to provide information on both petty and serious crimes. Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers encourages students to be responsible citizens and take action against crime in their school.

CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS STATISTICS BY ISD

Arlington ISD – In the Arlington Independent School District, **68%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **Martin High School** with **26** tips resulting in **12** arrests and **16** cases cleared, and **\$380** in drugs seized; **8** rewards valued at **\$825** were paid. The most active middle school was **Bailey Junior High School** with **19** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **4** students administratively disciplined, **8** cases cleared, **\$25** in drugs seized, **\$189** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **7** rewards valued at **\$470** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Disciplined	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
114	34	15	51	\$563	\$544	3	37	\$2,880

Azle ISD – In the Azle Independent School District, **33%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was **Azle High School** with **3** tips resulting in **1** arrest and **1** case cleared; **1** reward valued at **\$75** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
3	1	0	1	\$0	\$0	0	1	\$75

Birdville ISD – In the Birdville Independent School District, **27%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. **Richland High School** was the most active school in the entire program this year. The school received **45** tips resulting in **11** arrests, **20** students administratively disciplined, **30** cases cleared, **\$256** in drugs seized, **\$20** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **30** rewards valued at **\$1,685** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
78	16	21	36	\$256	\$50	1	36	\$1,905

Carroll ISD – In the Carroll Independent School District, **17%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. No further data is available for the Carroll Independent School District.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
1	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

Castleberry ISD – No data is available for the Castleberry Independent School District.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

Crowley ISD – In the Crowley Independent School District, **71%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **Crowley High School** with **17** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **3** students administratively disciplined, **6** cases cleared, **\$91** in drugs seized, **\$75** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **6** rewards valued at **\$685** were paid. The most active middle school was **H.F. Stevens Middle School** with **20** tips resulting in **4**

arrests, 4 students administratively disciplined, 9 cases cleared, \$40 in drugs seized, \$615 in recovered property, and 1 weapon seized; 8 rewards valued at \$460 were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Disciplined	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
51	9	9	23	\$147	\$1,090	2	17	\$1,285

Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD – In the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District, 29% of the secondary schools received at least one tip. No further data is available for the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Disciplined	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
3	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

Everman ISD – In the Everman Independent School District, 25% of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Everman Junior High School](#) with 13 tips resulting in 3 arrests, 3 cases cleared and \$207 in drugs seized; 3 rewards valued at \$225 were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Disciplined	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
13	3	0	3	\$207	\$0	0	3	\$225

Fort Worth ISD – In the Fort Worth Independent School District, 46% of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Arlington Heights High School](#) with 26 tips resulting in 7 arrests, 5 students administratively disciplined, 11 cases cleared, \$467 in drugs seized, \$680 in recovered property, and 1 weapon seized; 10 rewards valued at \$960 were paid. The most active middle school was [J.P. Elder Middle School](#) with 6 tips resulting in 4 arrests, 1 student administratively disciplined, 4 cases cleared, \$83 in drugs seized, and \$2,805 in recovered property; 4 rewards valued at \$225 were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Disciplined	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
82	28	9	91	\$629	\$3,901	3	31	\$2,165

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD – In the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, 25% of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the

district was [Grapevine High School](#) with 1 tip resulting in 7 arrests and 1 case cleared; 1 reward valued at **\$300** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
2	7	0	1	\$0	\$0	0	1	\$300

Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD – In the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District, 25% of the secondary schools received at least one tip. Two schools were active in the district: [Harwood Junior High School](#) received 2 tips resulting in 2 students administratively disciplined, 2 cases cleared, \$5 in drugs seized, and 2 rewards valued at \$75 were paid and [Hurst Junior High School](#) received 1 tip resulting in 1 arrest, 1 case cleared, and 1 reward valued at \$200 was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
3	1	2	3	\$5	\$0	0	3	\$275

Keller ISD – In the Keller Independent School District, 43% of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [South Keller Intermediate School](#) with 1 tip resulting in 3 arrests and 1 case cleared; 1 reward valued at \$200 was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
13	4	1	5	\$0	\$38	2	4	\$350

Kennedale ISD – No data is available for the Kennedale Independent School District.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

Lake Worth ISD – In the Lake Worth Independent School District, **25%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was **Lake Worth High School** with **3** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **3** students administratively disciplined, **4** cases cleared, **\$30** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **2** rewards valued at **\$300** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
3	1	3	4	\$0	\$30	1	2	\$300

Mansfield ISD – In the Mansfield Independent School District, **40%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **Mansfield High School** with **21** tips resulting in **15** arrests, **2** students administratively disciplined, **10** cases cleared, **\$20** in drugs seized, and **\$466** in recovered property; **9** rewards valued at **\$390** were paid. The most active middle school was **James Coble Middle School** with **5** tips resulting in **2** arrests and **2** cases cleared; **2** rewards valued at **\$75** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
31	17	3	13	\$20	\$466	0	12	\$490

White Settlement ISD – In the White Settlement Independent School District, **25%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. No further data is available for the White Settlement Independent School District.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
1	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

SUCCESS STORIES

Student Arrested for Possession of “Bricks” – Arlington Heights High School

On November 9, 2006, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip referencing someone trying to sell “bricks” and possibly marijuana. The tip was passed on to Officer Pena, who investigated the tip and advised that the suspect was found in possession of 34 Xanax pills but no marijuana. The Xanax pills sell on the street for \$5 a pill so the value of the drugs seized was estimated at \$170. The suspect was placed in jail for the

charge of Possession of Controlled Substance less than 28 grams in a drug-free zone, which is a state jail felony. The tipster received \$200 for this information.

Marijuana Found in Markers – Arlington Martin High School

On December 13, 2006, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip indicating that a student was in possession of a marker with marijuana hidden inside. The tip lead officers to two students found in possession of marijuana 2oz, both of whom claimed to have received the drugs from another student. The third student was charged for delivery of marijuana. A total of three arrests were made and \$150 worth of marijuana was seized. The tipster received \$150 for this information.

Campus Tip Leads School Resource Officer to Gun - Crowley High School

Shortly following the holiday break, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip about a Crowley High School student who was carrying a gun in his backpack. The tip was passed on to Officer Fleming, the school resource officer. Officer Fleming located the suspect and had him in custody within 9 minutes of the initial call. Inside the front pocket of the suspect's backpack, Officer Fleming found a fully loaded gun with a bullet in the chamber. The 17 year old was arrested and placed in jail. Thanks to the timeliness of the Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers Call Center, the suspect was located 4 minutes before the student would have left the school for the day and a potential crime was prevented. Tipster received \$250 for this information.

Arson Tip Leads Investigators to Three Students – South Keller Intermediate School

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip in February involving students who were setting fire to the playground behind South Keller Intermediate School. Detective Barnett of the Keller Police Department investigated the case and advised that three students were arrested for the fire on the playground. The tipster received \$200 for the information.

Timely Tip Recovers Stolen Laptop Computer – J.P. Elder Middle School

On February 12, 2007, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip referencing a student who was in possession of a stolen laptop computer from the J.P. Elder Middle School computer lab. The FWPD officer coordinator contacted Officer Salazar immediately with the information. As Officer Salazar was walking out the door to go investigate the tip, a teacher approached him and said one of the computers had been stolen. Officer Salazar was able to comfort the teacher by informing her that he already had information on the incident. The computer, valued at \$2,800, was found in the student's backpack. At the time, the tipster received \$20 for this information. The Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers Board later approved an increase in reward amounts for theft and vandalism cases; the reward for a similar tip is now \$75.

Tipster Links Students to Burglaries and Vandalism at TCU – Paschal High School

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip regarding some Paschal High School freshmen breaking into the TCU field house. FWPD Officer Carter and TCU PD Sergeant Ham investigated the tip and found that five Paschal students were involved in

multiple crimes at TCU. The students had broken into the concession stands at least 52 times during the past year, were seen on video using a pipe to vandalize a communications truck, and were responsible for destroying a glass bus stop bench. About \$200 worth of stolen property was recovered. The students' parents were going to make restitution for over \$30,000 worth of damage and the students are no longer allowed on TCU property. Tipster received \$75 for the information.

Campus Tip Prevents Potential Suicide – H.F. Stevens Middle School

On March 1, 2007, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip regarding a H.F. Stevens Middle School student who had written a note threatening to commit suicide if another student did not agree to go steady. In the past, there has been no category in place to reward a tipster providing information on a potential suicide. With school violence and shootings on the rise, Crime Stoppers believes that it is imperative to concentrate on gang activity, drugs, and weapon possession in order to make the schools safer. However, Crime Stoppers would also like to help play a preventative role when possible. When the officer pulled the student into the office, the student admitted to making the threat. The officer was able to contact the parents and get the student counseling.

Tipster Reports Attack in Bathroom – Richland High School

In early April, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip about a fight that occurred the day before the information was reported. A freshman student at Richland High School was attacked in the bathroom by a senior student. The victim was kicked and hit repeatedly, causing multiple injuries. The senior student was arrested for Assault - Bodily Injury. The tipster received \$50 for this information.

Terroristic Threats Not Tolerated; Tips Lead to Arrests – Stripling Middle School

On April 26, 2007, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip about threatening messages written on the wall of the girl's restroom at Stripling Middle School. The information was passed on to Officer Flores. Within days, more messages surfaced and appeared to be "hit lists" of fellow students and administrators. The incidents sparked community and media attention. Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers offered a special reward of \$200 for information. The principal distributed Campus Crime Stoppers posters and made announcements. A tipster came forward and identified one of the witnesses to the crime. At least two students were arrested as a result of the tip.

CONTACT US

For more information on Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers, contact 817-469-8477.

