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### OVERVIEW

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Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers is available to **148,921\*** secondary students in **168** 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 2007-2008 school year was the second year for the new program and the second year of operation for the Tarrant County Crime Stoppers Call Center. Crime Stoppers also initiated the new Gun & Gang Busters bonus reward program in January 2008. To promote the program, the Crime Stoppers civilian and officer coordinators held **5** meetings with district administrators, **38** individual meetings with schools across Tarrant County, and distributed **2,396** posters and **22,675** cards.

Overall, the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program received **581** tips resulting in **133** arrests, **125** students administratively disciplined, **252** cases cleared, **\$2,725** in drugs seized, **\$8,935** in recovered property and **23** weapons seized. Total program participation countywide is up **12%** from last school year.

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### THE CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM

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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,

\* Based on National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, CCD Public school data 2005-2006 school year.

and call takers do not ask for any personal information in order to maintain the student's 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 feature of the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program. Students may go to [www.469tips.com](http://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 Campus Crime Stoppers received a total of **84** web tips in this school year.

Since money often provides a great incentive for reporting information, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers pays reward amounts that range from **\$10-\$1,000** and in **68** categories of offenses. During the 2007-2008 school year, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers paid **222** rewards valued at **\$13,965** for a variety of offenses including drugs, theft, vandalism, assault, graffiti, arson, tobacco, and weapon possession. Students pick up all Campus Crime Stoppers rewards from one of **sixteen (16)** 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 do not 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.

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## THE GUN & GANG BUSTERS PROGRAM

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The new program facilitated through Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers is Gun & Gang Busters, which aims at breaking down a code of silence that often exists among gangs and people who witness gang-related or gun-related crimes. 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. Examples *include but are not limited to* aggravated offenses involving a gun, drug offenses involving a gang member(s), gang graffiti and criminal mischief, and coercing, soliciting, or inducing gang membership. Only tips that are received through the Crime Stoppers hotline, **817-469-TIPS (8477)**, and the website, [www.469tips.com](http://www.469tips.com), are eligible for the reward. Since January 2008, a total of **19** bonus rewards were provided for campus-related tips involving guns and/or gangs.

The multi-media portion used to promote the program is funded by a federal grant from Project Safe Neighborhoods. Schools in Tarrant County are provided with Gun & Gang Busters posters, free of charge. A total of **7,910** posters were distributed during the 2007-2008 school year.

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## CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS STATISTICS BY ISD

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**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 **35** tips resulting in **13** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined, **17** cases cleared, and **\$177** in drugs seized; **14** rewards valued at **\$1,175** were paid. The most active middle school was **Bailey Junior High School** with **21** tips resulting in **2** arrests, **7** students administratively disciplined, **9** cases cleared, **\$5** in drugs seized, **\$5** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **14** rewards valued at **\$585** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
116	31	12	48	\$262	\$2,475	1	46	\$2,795

**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 **5** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **4** cases cleared, and **\$25** in drugs seized; **4** rewards valued at **\$250** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
5	4	0	4	\$25	\$0	0	4	\$250

**Birdville ISD** – In the Birdville Independent School District, **27%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was **Richland High School** with **25** tips resulting in **13** arrests, **6** students administratively disciplined, **24** cases cleared, **\$110** in drugs seized, **\$435** in recovered property, and **4** weapons seized; **19** rewards valued at **\$1,075** were paid. The most active middle school was **North Richland Middle School** with **16** tips resulting in **7** arrests, **3** students administratively disciplined, **9** cases cleared, **\$5** in drugs seized, **\$55** in recovered property, and a record **7** weapons seized; **9** rewards valued at **\$605** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
42	20	10	34	\$115	\$495	12	29	\$1,730

**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
3	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

**Castleberry ISD** – In the Castleberry Independent School District, **25%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. No further 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
4	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

**Crowley ISD** – In the Crowley Independent School District, **88%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Crowley High School](#) with **32** tips resulting in **6** arrests, **17** students administratively disciplined, **23** cases cleared, **\$122** in drugs seized, **\$315** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **18** rewards valued at **\$885** were paid. The most active middle school was [H.F. Stevens Middle School](#) with **23** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **3** students administratively disciplined, **6** cases cleared, **\$6** in drugs seized, and **\$5** in recovered property; **7** rewards valued at **\$240** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
90	16	32	48	\$578	\$620	5	38	\$1,985

**Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD** – In the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District, **43%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Saginaw High School](#) with **6** tips resulting in **3** students administratively disciplined and **2** cases cleared; **2** rewards valued at **\$70** were paid. The most active middle school was [Wayside Middle School](#) with **6** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **1** case cleared, **\$5** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **1** reward valued at **\$250** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
15	1	3	3	\$0	\$5	1	3	\$320

**Everman ISD** – In the Everman Independent School District, **75%** 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 **1** arrest, **4** students administratively disciplined, and **3** cases cleared; **3** rewards valued at **\$100** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
13	1	4	3	\$0	\$0	0	3	\$100

**Fort Worth ISD** – In the Fort Worth Independent School District, **66%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Arlington Heights High School](#) with **20** tips resulting in **6** arrests, **2** students administratively disciplined, **8** cases cleared, **\$412** in drugs seized, **\$180** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **9** rewards valued at **\$1,100** were paid. The most active middle school was [McLean Middle School](#) with **13** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **6** students administratively disciplined, **8** cases cleared, and **\$235** in recovered property; **7** rewards valued at **\$210** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
163	31	54	71	\$1,098	\$3,510	4	64	\$3,810

**Grapevine-Colleyville ISD** – In the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, **38%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Colleyville Heritage High School](#) with **13** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **3** cases cleared, and **\$220** in drugs seized; **2** rewards valued at **\$300** were paid. The most active middle school was [Heritage Middle School](#) with **1** tip resulting in **1** arrest, **1** case cleared, and **\$30** in drugs seized; **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
20	4	0	4	\$250	\$0	0	3	\$375

**Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD** – In the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District, **38%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [L.D. Bell High School](#) with **9** tips resulting in **9** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined, **10** cases cleared, and **\$98** in drugs seized; **7** rewards valued at **\$625** were paid. The most active middle school was [Hurst Junior High School](#) with **13** tips resulting in **7** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined, **9** cases cleared, **\$79** in drugs seized, and **\$177** in recovered property; **7** rewards valued at **\$425** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Disciplined	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
24	17	2	20	\$182	\$177	0	15	\$1,125

**Keller ISD** – In the Keller Independent School District, **36%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Fossil Ridge High School](#) with **8** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **3** students administratively disciplined, **6** cases cleared, and **\$152** in drugs seized; **6** rewards valued at **\$725** were paid. The most active middle was [Hillwood Middle School](#) with **22** tips resulting in **1** student administratively disciplined, **1** case cleared, and **\$3** in recovered property; **1** reward valued at **\$25** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Disciplined	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
35	3	4	7	\$152	\$3	0	7	\$750

**Kennedale ISD** – In the Kennedale Independent School District, **50%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Kennedale High School](#) with **4** tips resulting in **2** arrests, **2** cases cleared, and **\$750** in recovered property; **1** reward valued at **\$50** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Disciplined	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
7	2	0	2	\$0	\$750	0	1	\$50

**Lake Worth ISD** – In the Lake Worth Independent School District, **50%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was **Lake Worth High School** with **1** tip resulting in **1** arrest, **1** case cleared, and **\$48** in drugs seized; **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
2	1	0	1	\$48	\$0	0	1	\$200

**Mansfield ISD** – In the Mansfield Independent School District, **44%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **Mansfield High School** with **13** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **2** students administratively disciplined, **3** cases cleared, and **\$10** in drugs seized; **3** rewards valued at **\$150** were paid. The most active middle school was **Danny Jones Middle School** with **1** tip resulting in **1** student administratively disciplined and **1** case cleared; **1** reward valued at **\$25** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
22	1	4	5	\$10	\$900	0	5	\$225

**White Settlement ISD** – In the White Settlement Independent School District, **60%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was **Brewer High School** with **10** tips resulting in **1** case cleared; **1** reward valued at **\$25** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
16	1	0	2	\$5	\$0	0	2	\$50

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## SUCCESS STORIES

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### **Tip Leads Investigators to MySpace Video of Assault – H.F. Stevens Middle School**

On August 16, 2007, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip stating that a victim, an autistic student, was beat up by “a whole bunch of students.” It further stated in the tip that there was a video posted of the assault on the assailant’s MySpace page. The suspect was identified then placed under arrest for the assault of the disabled student and charges were filed. The tipster received \$100 for this information.



### **Web Tip Leads to Cash and Cocaine – South Hills High School**

On August 30, 2007, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a web tip indicating that a student was selling “8 balls” and “quarter ounces” at school. The web tip was also accompanied by photos of the narcotics. The student was searched and four dime bags of cocaine and \$795 in cash were found. Following the student’s arrest for delivery of a controlled substance, officers conducted consent to search on the student’s home where they found a gun, ammunition, scales, and microscopes. The tipster received \$300 for this information.

### **Tipster Identifies Vandals of a Rival School’s Mascot – Castleberry High School/North Side High School**

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received several tips in October regarding students from North Side High School who stole the school mascot from Castleberry High School. The incident occurred the week of homecoming. The mascot, which was a large statue of a lion, was stolen and then smashed. While at school, one of the suspects told other students about what had happened and how a car was used to break the statue. A total of eleven students were identified through tips and, as a result, they are paying restitution for the statue. The tipster received \$75 for the information.

### **Tipster Reports Gang Member Dealing Drugs – Carter-Riverside High School**

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip in January indicating that a student, who was also a gang member, is selling drugs. Apparently, the suspect knew a vehicle could not be searched if parked off school property so the suspect parked in the street. The school resource officer ran the suspect’s license plate and found two outstanding warrants. When the suspect approached the vehicle, the officer apprehended him on the outstanding warrants while a drug dog also alerted the officer. Cocaine and Naproxen worth \$570 were seized, along with miscellaneous drug paraphernalia. The tipster received \$200 from Crime Stoppers and an additional \$75 through the Gun & Gang Busters program for the information.

### **Bomb Threat Bust Results from Timely Tips – Arlington Heights High School**

On January 30, 2008, Arlington Heights High School received a bomb threat. The school administration, police lieutenant, police sergeants, school resources officers, and fire officials met at the school. Due to the frequency of threats at this school, Crime Stoppers offered a one-time reward of \$500 for information on the student making the bomb threats and the school principal made an announcement. Several tipsters called immediately following the announcement. The student, who called in the bomb threat from a bus stop, was identified and arrested from Crime Stoppers tips. The reward was split between two tipsters.

## **Bully Arrested from Arson Tip – Dunbar Middle School**

On March 4, 2008, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip indicating that a student had set a roll of toilet paper on fire in a restroom. The tipster reported the suspect with hesitation and mentioned a fear of retaliation because the suspect was a bully. The call taker in the Crime Stoppers Call Center assured the tipster that the call is anonymous. The tipster provided the information, the suspect was arrested, and the tipster received a \$200 reward.

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### **CONTACT US**

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

