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OVERVIEW

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers is available to **161,753*** secondary students in **180** secondary schools within **17** 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 2008-2009 school year was the third year for the new program and the third year of operation for the Tarrant County Crime Stoppers Call Center. Crime Stoppers also continued the Gun & Gang Busters bonus reward program. To promote the program, the Crime Stoppers civilian and officer coordinators held **1** meeting with district administrators, **17** individual meetings with schools across Tarrant County, and distributed **7,603** posters and **8,300** cards.

Overall, the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program received **593** tips resulting in **117** arrests, **130** students administratively disciplined, **270** cases cleared, **\$2,433** in drugs seized, **\$10,226** in recovered property and **6** weapons seized.

THE 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 or via text message.

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

* Based on National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, CCD Public school data 2006-2007 school year.

the proper school contact in a timely manner. There is no Caller ID, calls are not recorded, 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 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 **72** 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 2008-2009 school year, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers paid **219** rewards valued at **\$13,785** 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 **seventeen (17)** 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.

THE GUN & GANG BUSTERS PROGRAM

The specialized 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)**; the website, www.469tips.com; or by text message are eligible for the reward. During the 2008-2009 school year, a total of **25** bonus rewards were provided for campus-related tips involving guns and/or gangs.

TEXT-A-TIP

Students may now text a tip to Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers. To send a text message, tipsters are instructed to **text “TIP117 plus their message” to CRIMES (274637)**. The tip goes directly to the company that designed the system specifically for Crime Stoppers programs. The company removes the cell phone number of the tipster and forwards the message to Crime Stoppers. The tipster gets an instant message with their randomly assigned tip number. It all happens in a matter of seconds. Tips are passed on to the coordinator of the school for investigation. Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a total of **22** text message tips in this school year.

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 **16** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **2** students administratively disciplined, **7** cases cleared, and **\$255** in drugs seized; **6** rewards valued at **\$650** were paid. The most active middle school was [Bailey Junior High School](#) with **11** tips resulting in **7** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined, **9** cases cleared, **\$20** in drugs seized, and **\$160** in recovered property; **5** rewards valued at **\$255** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Disciplined	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
93	26	14	42	\$405	\$200	0	31	\$2,110

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 **8** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined and **1** case cleared; **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
8	4	1	6	\$195	\$0	0	5	\$475

Birdville ISD – In the Birdville Independent School District, **45%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was **Richland High School** with **21** tips resulting in **15** arrests, **5** students administratively disciplined, **27** cases cleared, **\$224** in drugs seized, and **\$500** in recovered property; **14** rewards valued at **\$1,760** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
57	21	9	37	\$279	\$505	0	24	\$2,410

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
2	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
2	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

Crowley ISD – In the Crowley Independent School District, **70%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **North Crowley High School** with **11** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined, **5** cases cleared, **\$303** in drugs seized, and **\$15** in recovered property; **5** rewards valued at **\$645** were paid. The most active middle school was **H.F. Stevens Middle School** with **30** tips resulting in **6** students administratively disciplined, **6** cases cleared, and **\$52** in recovered property; **6** rewards valued at **\$190** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
73	13	13	26	\$557	\$71	0	24	\$1,600

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 **Boswell High School** with **4** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **14** cases cleared and **\$2,000** in recovered property; **3** rewards valued at **\$175** were paid. The most active middle school was **Wayside Middle School** with **31** tips resulting in **6** students administratively disciplined, **6** cases cleared, and **\$45** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **5** rewards valued at **\$165** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
44	5	7	22	\$5	\$2,045	1	10	\$565

Everman ISD – In the Everman Independent School District, **50%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was **Everman Junior High School** with **11** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **2** students administratively disciplined, and **3** cases cleared; **5** 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	2	3	\$0	\$0	0	6	\$100

Fort Worth ISD – In the Fort Worth Independent School District, **64%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **Arlington Heights High School** with **25** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **12** students administratively disciplined, **16** cases cleared, **\$68** in drugs seized, and **\$502** in recovered property; **15** rewards valued at **\$680** were paid. The most active middle school was **Leonard Middle School** with **31** tips resulting in **4** arrests, **15** students administratively disciplined, **16** cases cleared, **\$39** in drugs seized, **\$60** in recovered property, and **3** weapons seized; **15** rewards valued at **\$775** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
187	33	67	101	\$918	\$6,088	4	89	\$4,795

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD – In the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, **34%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Colleyville Heritage High School](#) with **20** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **3** cases cleared, **\$19** in drugs seized, **\$20** in recovered property, and **1** weapon seized; **3** rewards valued at **\$350** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
24	3	0	3	\$19	\$20	1	3	\$350

Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD – In the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District, **34%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [L.D. Bell High School](#) with **4** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **1** case cleared, and **\$20** in drugs seized; **1** reward valued at **\$75** was paid. The most active middle school was [Harwood Junior High School](#) with **1** tip resulting in **1** arrest and **1** case cleared; **1** reward valued at **\$50** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
12	2	0	2	\$20	\$0	0	2	\$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 **6** tips resulting in **2** arrests, **3** cases cleared, **\$8** in drugs seized, and **\$5** in recovered property; **2** rewards valued at **\$150** were paid. The most active middle was [Hillwood Middle School](#) with **7** tips resulting in **2** students administratively disciplined, **2** cases cleared, and **\$5** in recovered property; **2** rewards valued at **\$50** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
20	2	3	6	\$8	\$10	0	5	\$225

Kennedale ISD – In the Kennedale Independent School District, **25%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. No further 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
2	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

Lake Worth ISD – In the Lake Worth Independent School District, **50%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Lake Worth High School](#) with **4** tips resulting in **1** student administratively disciplined and **1** case cleared; **1** reward valued at **\$20** was paid. The most active middle school was [Lucyle Collins Middle School](#) with **10** tips resulting in **8** students administratively disciplined, **8** cases cleared, **\$2** in drugs seized, and **\$1,287** in recovered property; **7** rewards valued at **\$250** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
14	0	9	9	\$2	\$1,287	0	8	\$270

Mansfield ISD – In the Mansfield Independent School District, **53%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Summit High School](#) with **4** tips resulting in **1** arrest 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
19	2	0	2	\$0	\$0	0	3	\$250

Northwest ISD – In the Northwest Independent School District, **40%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Northwest High School](#) with **6** tips resulting in **1** student administratively disciplined and **1** case cleared; **1** reward valued at **\$50** was paid. The most active middle school was [Gene Pike Middle School](#) with **5** tips resulting in **3** students administratively disciplined and **3** cases cleared; **3** rewards valued at **\$60** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
11	0	4	4	\$0	\$0	0	5	\$110

White Settlement ISD – In the White Settlement Independent School District, **40%** 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 **4** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined, **6** cases cleared, and **\$25** in drugs seized; **4** rewards valued at **\$375** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
12	5	1	7	\$25	\$0	0	5	\$400

SUCCESS STORIES

Tipster Reports Gang Member with Weed and Weapons – Rosemont Middle School

At the beginning of the school year, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip regarding a student in possession of “weed.” During the search, the school officer and one of the administrators discovered that the suspect was also in possession of brass knuckles, which is a prohibited weapon. The tipster received \$250 from Crime Stoppers and an additional \$100 through the Gun & Gang Busters program since the suspect was affiliated with a gang.

Tip Thwarts Terroristic Threat – Arlington Heights High School

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a call at 7:00 pm by a tipster, who advised that earlier that day a student had made some threats against other students at school. The suspect had told someone that he was going to bring a gun to school the next day and “kill someone.” The Call Center immediately contacted the designated officer and advised of the situation. The school officer and one of the administrators were working a basketball at the school that night and were able to follow-up on the tip and identify the student who made the threat. The officer went to the suspect’s home and spoke with the suspect’s mother and the suspect. The suspect admitted to making the statement and was suspended from school. The tipster received \$50 for this information.

Suspect Trying to “Milk” the School Identified in Tip – J.P. Elder Middle School

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip regarding a student who stole a computer and printer out of a milk truck, which was delivering milk to the school. The suspect placed the items in a backpack. The school officer was notified and the suspect’s backpack was searched. The suspect was arrested and about \$5,000 worth of stolen property was recovered. The tipster received \$75 for the information.

Tip Identifies Gang Member/Graffiti Artist – Boswell High School

Boswell High School found a tremendous amount of gang graffiti inside and outside of the school on weekday. The school made an announcement that Crime Stoppers would offer a reward for information on the person or persons who were responsible for the graffiti. Shortly following the announcement, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip that identified the student suspect and an arrest was made. While investigating the tip, the school officer found that the markings were similar to other graffiti cases from earlier in the school year and to graffiti cases from another school. It was discovered that the suspect and fellow gang members were responsible for tagging nine other places in the City of Saginaw. The tipster received \$50 from Crime Stoppers and an additional \$100 through the Gun & Gang Busters program since the bully was affiliated with a gang.

Neighborhood Arson Case Solved by Campus Tip – Monnig Middle School

A house in a neighborhood near Monnig Middle School was set on fire. Several people in the area were aware of the suspect but were afraid to come forward out of fear of retaliation from the suspect or the suspect's family. The school officer made an announcement at the school requesting information on the fire through Crime Stoppers. Shortly afterward, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a tip that identified the suspect and provided the information necessary for the arson investigator to close the case. The tipster received \$600 for the information.

Bully Busted from Crime Stoppers Tip – Eastern Hills High School

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a call about a student who was randomly attacking and seriously beating other students. The bully beat some students with a belt and would often take the victim's money and/or cell phone. However, the students would not divulge any information on the bully because they were afraid of retaliation. The school officer was notified. During the investigation, it was determined that the suspect had beaten up at least six students. Two of the students had withdrawn from school, two had withdrawn a complaint out of fear, and one student was sent to the hospital for a possible concussion. The suspect was sent to alternative school. The tipster received \$150 from Crime Stoppers and an additional \$150 through the Gun & Gang Busters program since the bully was affiliated with a gang.

CONTACT US

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

