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OVERVIEW

Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers is available to **155,966*** secondary students in **175** 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 2009-2010 school year was the fourth year for the new program and the fourth 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 **2** meetings with district administrators, **2** individual meetings with schools across Tarrant County, and distributed **3,943** posters and **7,200** cards.

Overall, the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program received **594** tips resulting in **165** arrests, **104** students administratively disciplined, **283** cases cleared, **\$2,331** in drugs seized, **\$3,491** in recovered property and **7** 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 2007-2008 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 **93** 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 2009-2010 school year, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers paid **222** rewards valued at **\$15,111** 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; text message, or through an anonymous live web chat are eligible for the reward. During the 2009-2010 school year, a total of **9** 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 **60** text message tips in this school year.

ANONYMOUS LIVE WEB CHAT

In September 2009, Safe City Commission Crime Stoppers added an anonymous live web chat feature as another tool for soliciting tips on Tarrant County crimes. The software, available through Fort Worth-based Nexus Systems, allows tipsters to engage in a two-way communication system, similar to online instant messaging. Tipsters may initiate a live chat by going to the Crime Stoppers homepage at www.469tips.com and clicking on **“Chat.”** The live web chat feature allows tipsters to provide new tip information, check on old tip information, or ask general questions about the program in real time.

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 crimes occurring on school campuses and in surrounding neighborhoods and public spaces. Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a total of **6** live web chat tips in this school year.

CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS STATISTICS BY ISD

Arlington ISD – In the Arlington Independent School District, **73%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was **Lamar High School** with **20** tips resulting in **17** arrests, **18** cases cleared, and **\$155** in drugs seized; **16** rewards valued at **\$1,200** were paid. The most active middle school was **Carter Junior High School** with **4** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **1** student administratively disciplined, **2** cases cleared, and **\$15** in drugs seized; **2** rewards valued at **\$100** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
97	36	9	46	\$365	\$500	0	40	\$2,715

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 Junior High School](#) with **3** tips resulting in **1** student administratively disciplined and **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
3	0	1	1	\$0	\$0	0	1	\$25

Birdville ISD – In the Birdville Independent School District, **50%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school in the district was [Birdville High School](#) with **30** tips resulting in **12** arrests, **6** students administratively disciplined, **19** cases cleared, **\$150** in drugs seized, and **\$470** in recovered property; **11** rewards valued at **\$795** were paid. The most active middle school was [North Richland Middle School](#) with **15** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined, **5** cases cleared, and **\$40** in drugs seized; **6** rewards valued at **\$426** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
64	18	13	38	\$260	\$490	1	25	\$1,796

Carroll ISD – In the Carroll Independent School District, **50%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Carroll High School](#) with **5** tips resulting in **1** student administratively disciplined 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
7	0	1	1	\$0	\$0	0	1	\$50

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, 50% of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Crowley High School](#) with 14 tips resulting in 4 arrests, 4 students administratively disciplined, 8 cases cleared, \$31 in drugs seized, and \$400 in recovered property; 8 rewards valued at \$470 were paid. The most active middle school was [H.F. Stevens Middle School](#) with 19 tips resulting in 6 arrests, 5 students administratively disciplined, 10 cases cleared, \$19 in drugs seized, and \$120 in recovered property; 7 rewards valued at \$475 were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
56	18	12	29	\$104	\$520	0	23	\$1,520

Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD – In the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District, 63% of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Saginaw High School](#) with 14 tips resulting in 4 arrests, 4 cases cleared and \$196 in drugs seized; 3 rewards valued at \$300 were paid. The most active middle school was [Ed Wilkie Middle School](#) with 18 tips resulting in 5 arrests, 5 students administratively disciplined, 10 cases cleared, and \$48 in drugs seized; 6 rewards valued at \$385 were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
50	9	7	16	\$244	\$200	0	11	\$735

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 10 tips resulting in 1 arrest, 2 students administratively disciplined, 3 cases cleared, and \$22 in drugs seized; 2 rewards valued at \$170 were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
10	1	2	3	\$22	\$0	0	2	\$170

Fort Worth ISD – In the Fort Worth Independent School District, 52% of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [O.D. Wyatt High School](#) with 35 tips resulting in 9 arrests, 7 students administratively disciplined, 17 cases cleared, and \$215 in drugs seized; 14 rewards valued at \$910 were paid. The most active middle school was [J.P. Elder Middle School](#) with 8 tips resulting in 5 arrests, 1 student administratively disciplined, 6 cases cleared, and \$39 in drugs seized; 4 rewards valued at \$350 were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
144	35	28	64	\$516	\$1,410	2	55	\$4,195

Grapevine-Colleyville ISD – In the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, **38%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school in the district was [Colleyville Heritage High School](#) with **10** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **1** case cleared, and **\$5** in recovered property; **1** reward valued at **\$25** were paid. The most active middle school was [Heritage Middle School](#) with **2** tips resulting in **1** student administratively disciplined and **2** cases cleared; **1** reward valued at **\$45** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
14	1	1	3	\$0	\$5	0	2	\$70

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 **6** tips resulting in **3** arrests, **1** student administratively disciplined, **4** cases cleared, and **\$100** in drugs seized; **4** rewards valued at **\$350** were paid. The most active middle school was [Harwood Junior High School](#) with **9** tips resulting in **2** arrests, **7** students administratively disciplined, **9** cases cleared, and **\$20** in drugs seized; **8** rewards valued at **\$575** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
21	6	10	16	\$135	\$0	0	15	\$1,100

Keller ISD – In the Keller Independent School District, **53%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Central High School](#) with **6** tips resulting in **9** arrests, **9** cases cleared, and **\$60** in drugs seized; **5** rewards valued at **\$370** were paid. The most active middle was [Hillwood Middle School](#) with **24** tips resulting in **1** arrest, **12** students administratively disciplined, **13** cases cleared, **\$115** in recovered property, and **4** weapons seized; **12** rewards valued at **\$480** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
75	22	17	44	\$567	\$320	4	31	\$1,520

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, **50%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school was [Lake Worth High School](#) with **3** tips resulting in **1** arrest and **1** case cleared; **1** reward valued at **\$75** was paid. The most active middle school was [Lucyle Collins Middle School](#) with **12** tips resulting in **8** arrests, **2** students administratively disciplined, **10** cases cleared, **\$48** in drugs seized, and **\$11** in recovered property; **6** rewards valued at **\$305** were paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
15	9	2	11	\$48	\$11	0	7	\$380

Mansfield ISD – In the Mansfield Independent School District, **44%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active school in the district was [Legacy High School](#) with **2** tips 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
15	2	0	2	\$0	\$0	0	2	\$75

White Settlement ISD – In the White Settlement Independent School District, **60%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip. The most active high school in the district was [Brewer High School](#) with **14** tips resulting in **7** arrests, **7** cases cleared, **\$70** in drugs seized, and **\$35** in recovered property; **5** rewards valued at **\$700** were paid. The most active middle school was [Brewer Middle School](#) with **4** tips resulting in **1** arrest and **1** case cleared; **1** reward valued at **\$20** was paid.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
23	8	1	9	\$70	\$35	0	7	\$760

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