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### OVERVIEW

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Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers is available to **170,217\*** secondary students in **182** 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 2014-2015 school year was the 9<sup>th</sup> year for the program and the operation of the Tarrant County Crime Stoppers Call Center. Crime Stoppers offered the Gun & Gang Busters bonus reward program and the Friends for Life program again this year along with a variety of methods for students to contact Crime Stoppers. To promote the program, Crime Stoppers distributed **3,830** posters and **7,600** cards.

Overall, the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program received **397** tips resulting in **40** arrests, **62** students administratively disciplined, **110** cases cleared, **\$3,617** in drugs seized, and **\$1,407** in recovered property.

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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, submit tips online or via text message, provide tip information via anonymous live web chat, or submit a tip using a mobile app on a smart phone.

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

\* Based on National Center for Education Statistics, Institute of Education Sciences, CCD Public school data 2012-2013 school year.

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 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. 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.

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 2014-2015 school year, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers paid **85** rewards valued at **\$6,370** 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.

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## CONTACTING CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS

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**WEB TIPS** - In addition to calling the hotline, 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 **167** web tips in this school year.

**TEXT TIPS** - Students may 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 **42** text message tips in this school year.

**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](http://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. Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received a total of **8** live web chat tips in this school year.

MOBILE APP TIPS - Starting in August 2011, tipsters could contact Crime Stoppers using their smart phone. Tipsters are instructed to download the 'Tip Submit' mobile app for free from the Apple App Store or Android Market. Through the app, unlimited message length is available and tipsters may also submit images and videos. For school-related tips, student tipsters may auto-locate the nearest school in which to submit a tip or select a school manually. During the 2014-2015 school year, Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers received **18** mobile app tips.

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### GUN & GANG BUSTERS PROGRAM

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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 are eligible for the reward. During the 2014-2015 school year, **2** bonus rewards were provided for campus-related tips involving guns and/or gangs.

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### FRIENDS FOR LIFE PROGRAM

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The Campus Crime Stoppers Friends for Life Program began as a partnership with the Fort Worth ISD “It’s Not Okay” campaign during the 2010-2011 school year. The campaign encourages students to make healthy decisions and ask for help when they or their friends are in need. The tagline of this campaign is “It’s Okay to Help a Friend.” The Campus Crime Stoppers Friends for Life Program focuses on behaviors and issues that can place the student and others at risk and serves as a resource for students who want to report fellow students who are victims of bullying, cyber bullying, sexting, dating or family violence, gang activity, sexual harassment, or has suicidal tendencies. The program is available to all school districts in Tarrant County currently served by the Safe City Commission Campus Crime Stoppers program and served Arlington ISD, Azle ISD, Birdville ISD, Crowley ISD, Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD, Fort Worth ISD, Grapevine-Colleyville ISD, Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD, and Mansfield ISD this school year. Campus Crime Stoppers Friends for Life received a total of **50** tips and paid **22** rewards in this 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.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
112	12	11	25	\$195	\$219	0	22	\$1,585

**Azle ISD** – In the Azle Independent School District, **67%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
6	2	3	5	\$0	\$0	0	4	\$350

**Birdville ISD** – In the Birdville Independent School District, **50%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
45	11	14	25	\$310	\$0	0	15	\$1,620

**Carroll ISD** – No 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
0	0	0	0	\$0	\$0	0	0	\$0

**Castleberry ISD** – In the Castleberry Independent School District, **50%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
17	0	5	6	\$0	\$0	0	6	\$245

**Crowley ISD** – In the Crowley Independent School District, **46%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
19	6	3	9	\$25	\$0	0	8	\$650

**Eagle Mountain-Saginaw ISD** – In the Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District, **50%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

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	1	\$50

**Everman ISD** – In the Everman Independent School District, **20%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

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

**Fort Worth ISD** – In the Fort Worth Independent School District, **28%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
31	2	10	14	\$475	\$0	0	8	\$470

**Grapevine-Colleyville ISD** – In the Grapevine-Colleyville Independent School District, **43%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
18	0	1	2	\$0	\$0	0	2	\$100

**Hurst-Eules-Bedford ISD** – In the Hurst-Eules-Bedford Independent School District, **63%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
9	1	5	6	\$11	\$308	0	5	\$300

**Keller ISD** – In the Keller Independent School District, **31%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
21	3	1	6	\$2,580	\$0	0	5	\$575

**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, **33%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

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

**Mansfield ISD** – In the Mansfield Independent School District, **25%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
20	0	3	4	\$0	\$0	0	4	\$175

**White Settlement ISD** – In the White Settlement Independent School District, **25%** of the secondary schools received at least one tip.

Tips Received	Arrests Made	Admin Discipline	Cases Cleared	Drugs Seized	Property Recovered	Weapons Seized	Total Rewards	Rewards Paid
13	1	5	5	\$21	\$880	0	4	\$200

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