

Texas Crime Stoppers

Resources

Texas Crime Stoppers Training

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Provides Training and Technical Assistance to Crime Stoppers organizations and the general public.

Available on-line

- Training Schedule
- Certification Information
- 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt Links
- Non-profit Corporation Information
- Sample Forms: bylaws, operating procedures, articles of incorporation, etc.
- Sample Publicity: Public Service Announcements, "Crime of the Week"
- Video Clips
- Training - Internet Basic Course and Internet Campus Course
- Directory of Crime Stoppers Organizations

To speak with a person

- Texas Crime Stoppers Training office
- Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council
- Training courses and conferences
- Local community programs, visit the website for directory information

2006 Texas Crime Stoppers Statewide Statistics

Campus programs (public schools, universities)

1,615 suspects arrested

2,732 cases cleared

1,615 administratively disciplined

\$168,121 value of property recovered

\$29,760 value of narcotics seized

235 weapons seized

Community programs

5,148 suspects arrested

6,571 cases cleared

\$3,277,092 value of property recovered

\$29,242,367 value of narcotics seized

GOT CRIME ON YOUR CAMPUS?



LET TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS HELP YOU SOLVE IT!

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Stopping crime is every citizen's responsibility.

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What is Crime Stoppers?



Crime Stoppers is a civilian, nonprofit organization established within a community. It operates a hotline to receive anonymous tips about fugitives or criminal activity.

The program began in 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A local police officer teamed up with the media to gain the community's attention on a recent crime. They televised a reenactment of the crime and offered a cash reward for information. People with information could call a hotline anonymously to provide Crime Stoppers with information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person responsible. It worked.

Crime Stoppers is based on the idea that "someone other than the criminal has information that can solve a crime." It breaks down the largest obstacles in getting people to provide information – fear and apathy. By offering a safe, anonymous reporting method, it gives people an alternative way to provide information about crimes and pays them a cash reward when the information leads to an arrest, conviction, or disciplinary action. Crime Stoppers accomplishes this by having a solid partnership with law enforcement, the media, the community, and dedicated volunteers who serve as the board.

Community



Crime

Stoppers



Media

Law

Enforcement

How Does Crime Stoppers Work?

Local Crime Stoppers programs function as tax exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations. Currently there are over 150 non-profit, state certified and hundreds of campus Crime Stoppers programs operating in Texas.

Publicity

TV, Local Cable, Email, Website, Fliers, Kiosks, Newspaper, Bulletin Boards, Radio, "Crime of the Week", Public Service Announcements

As a non-profit organization, a local Crime Stoppers program operates with a board of directors. The board is responsible for day-to-day operations, fundraising, and publicity. It also reviews, authorizes,

and pays rewards for tips. The board works in conjunction with law enforcement and media to investigate tips and publicize crimes. Crime Stoppers programs receive anonymous tips and forwards them to law enforcement for investigation. The media helps Crime Stoppers maintain a visible profile in the community with reenactments, public service announcements, and newspaper articles.

The board, media, and law enforcement play an integral role in educating the community about Crime Stoppers - its program and unsolved crimes. All three must work together to create a safe community.



Why Start a Campus Program?

Crime Stoppers reduces and deters crime, provides anonymity, and reduces the threat of retaliation. Start a Crime Stoppers program at your college or university to create a safer learning environment with an organization run by the campus community for the campus community. Stopping crime is every citizen's responsibility.

How Do I Start a Campus Program?

When establishing a campus Crime Stoppers program, it is important that the board, university officials, local law enforcement, and any existing local Crime Stoppers programs work together. Resources are available on a college or university campus, including criminal justice, marketing, mass communications, and other departments to fill the media, publicity, and fundraising needs of the program.



To start a campus program

- Contact the student organization office
- Work with university and law enforcement officials
- Organize a student board
- Write bylaws and operating procedures
- Set up the hotline
- Publicize
- Fundraise
- Attend training

Funding

Donations, Grants, Civic Clubs, Businesses, Fundraisers, Silent Auctions, BBQ Dinners, 5k Run/Walk