



BASIC CRIME STOPPERS COURSE

CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS OVERVIEW

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LESSON OBJECTIVES

- The **benefits** of campus Crime Stoppers
- The three **types** of campus Crime Stoppers
- **Procedures** for starting campus Crime Stoppers
- The **duties** of board members, sponsors, and coordinators

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WHY CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS?

- To improve the campus community
- To provide alternative means to solve and reduce crime
- To create a formal method for students to report crime to school administration
- To help reduce youth violence
- To promote safety in Texas Schools
- To comply with S.B. 179 "David's Law"

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TYPES OF CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS ORGANIZATIONS

Independently Certified

An independent 501 (c)(3) nonprofit corporation consistent with Texas Law, Chapter 414, Texas Government Code and certified by Texas Crime Stoppers Council.

UMBRELLA (Student Board)

An umbrella program of an existing community Crime Stoppers program, comprised of and operated by a student board, defined as a campus Crime Stoppers program.

SCHOOL SAFETY

(No Student Board)

An umbrella program of an existing community Crime Stoppers program, operated by community program's board of directors.

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INDEPENDENTLY CERTIFIED CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS

FORMATION:

- Procedures are the same as starting a certified community Crime Stoppers organization (Texas Secretary of State, IRS, Texas Comptroller, etc.)
- Organization is a separate entity operating independent of a local community Crime Stoppers organization.
- All bank accounts and Crime Stoppers records are maintained separately from the school district.
- Enter into an agreement with the school administration, describing roles and responsibilities of involved parties

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INDEPENDENTLY CERTIFIED CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS

CRIME STOPPERS AGREES TO...

- Establish a school chapter and pay cash rewards to students and others who report crimes
- Offer a coordinated plan
- Fund the campus Crime Stoppers program
- Provide use of its system to receive calls, web tips, or text messages, and a website
- Forward information received to designated school personnel

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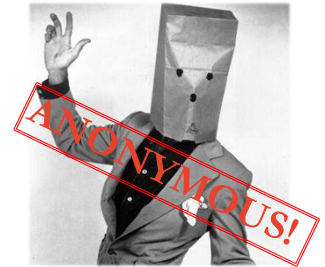
- The operation is sole responsibility of the campus board of directors, with assistance of the local community CS organization
- Appoint a "sponsor/coordinator"
- Provide appropriate time and facilities for students, school personnel, and school resource officer(s) to attend orientation and training
- Promote the campus Crime Stoppers program

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**ALL PARTIES
AGREE TO...**



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UMBRELLA CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS

FORMATION:

- Consult your organization's bylaws
- Enter into an agreement with the school administration, describing roles and responsibilities of involved parties

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UMBRELLA CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS

BOARD:

- Organized group of student volunteers representing a cross-section of the campus

BOARD FUNCTIONS:

- Review crimes
- Offer cash rewards
- All Crime Stoppers records are maintained separate from school records

COORDINATOR:

- May be a representative of law enforcement
- Coordinator and sponsor may be the same
- Generally appointed by school administration or a law enforcement agency

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UMBRELLA CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS

CRIME STOPPERS AGREES TO...

- Participate in a comprehensive school safety program to solve and prevent crime
- Provide the use of the Crime Stopper communication system, tips hotline, texting, and website
- Provide program fliers, brochures and training materials
- Provide orientation and training
- Forward tips to designated school personnel
- Protect tipster's identity
- Pay cash rewards

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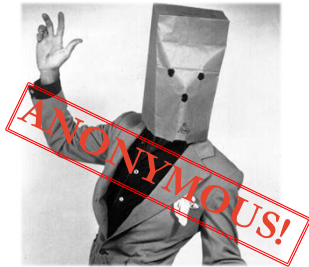
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CRIME STOPPERS SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM

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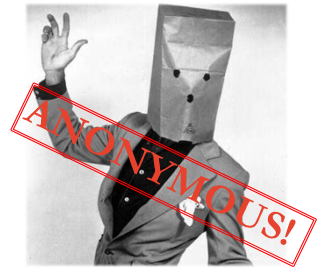
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- Promote program via public address system, PTA meetings, and distribute promotional materials
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CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS RECORDS



Only the designated coordinator maintains offense reports and reward schedules

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CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS KEYS TO SUCCESS



Publicizing the crime is the key to solving the offense.

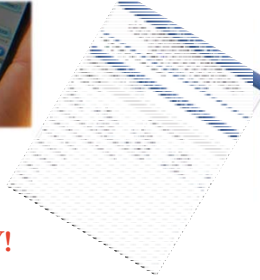
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**PROVIDE
TOTAL
ANONYMITY!**



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CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS KEYS TO SUCCESS

Investigating Offenses

- By the school administrator or sponsor/coordinator

Reward Payments

- Rewards and payments must ensure the caller's anonymity.

Records

- Must be maintained separately from school records.
- Records belong to Crime Stoppers, not to the school district.

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CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS KEYS TO SUCCESS

FUNDING

- Fundraising activities in compliance with school standards and guidelines
- Bank accounts of campus programs are independent of the school district
- Restrictions apply for court & probation fees



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PUBLICIZE SUCCESS!

Utilize school and community resources, ensuring continued participation and support.

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SUMMARY

THREE WAYS TO ESTABLISH CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS:

- Independently **certified** 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation
- **Umbrella** program of an existing community Crime Stoppers program
- Crime Stoppers **School Safety** Program