THE TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS

AMBASSADOR LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The Ambassador Program has been a focus of the Crime Stoppers state team this year, more than ever!

As part of the program we hosted the first-ever Ambassador Leadership Retreat, here in Austin. The purpose of our Retreat was to build our Ambassador network, encourage them to get to know one another, teach them how other Campus organizations operate and what crime prevention strategies have been implemented, provide them with tools that will assist them in advocating for Crime Stoppers within their communities, and of course we had a lot of fun exploring the Capitol!

Our event was a tremendous success and we couldn’t have done it without the support of the Public Safety Office team, here at the Governor’s Office, as well as the generous sponsors of our networking event at TopGolf. Thank you to Crime Stoppers of Houston, Odessa Crime Stoppers, Guadalupe County Crime Stoppers, and Williamson County Crime Stoppers for supporting our Ambassadors and the work they are doing across Texas. We appreciate you!
TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS CONFERENCE
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Early Bird Registration
June 29-September 7, 2018
$200/person

Guest Tickets
$100/person (a guest is an additional fun night/banquet guest. Must be accompanied by a conference attendee)

NOTE: Guest registration and group registration are different. A guest is an additional person, such as a spouse or other “non-member”, who wishes to attend evening events (fun night and banquet) with a conference attendee.

A group member is any affiliated Crime Stoppers Organization member who will attend the conference for training. Groups can be registered at one time through the registration site.

Exhibitor Fees
$450/booth which includes 1 table, 2 chairs, admission to conference sessions, events, meals for two people. Additional booth "operators" will register as a conference attendee at the registration rate at that time.

Payment Details
Payment can be made via Paypal.com to Guadalupe County Crime Stoppers using the following email address: gccrimestoppers@gmail.com

NOTE: For payment tracking purposes when submitting PayPal payments you must clearly indicate which individual or Crime Stoppers group you are making payment for in the notes/memo area on the PayPal website.

Early Arrival Event
Date: Sunday, October 7, 2018
Time: 5:30 PM-9:30 PM
Location: 3009 Restaurant & Bar (HEB)
17460 IH 35 North in Schertz
Guest tickets available during registration.

Description of Event: Live Music, Indoor & Outdoor Space to relax, catch up, and network with Texas Crime Stoppers Folks. Appetizers will be made available (while supplies last) and one beverage ticket provided to all attendees. A great way to kick off the conference fun! We hope to see you there.

Fun Night Event
Date: Monday, October 8, 2018
Time: 6:30 PM-10:30 PM
Location: Bluebonnet Palace
17630 Lookout Rd. Selma, TX 78154
Guest tickets available during registration.

Description of Event: There is so much history here. If you know them, they've played at the Bluebonnet Palace, including George Strait and Willie Nelson! Join us for an exciting evening of delicious food, cold drinks, and great entertainment by Coffey Anderson! Bring your dancing shoes...you definitely won't want to be getting back to your hotel early!
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO YOU!

Happy 7th Anniversary to Karnes County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 10th Anniversary to Mainland Communities Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 23rd Anniversary to Willacy County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 24th Anniversary to Big Spring Howard County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 32nd Anniversary to Brownsville County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 33rd Anniversary to Waller County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 37th Anniversary to Fort Bend County Crime Stoppers, Inc.

AMBASSADOR’S CORNER

Leadership, Family, and Fun...

These are the three words that come to mind when I think of the Crime Stoppers Ambassador Leadership Retreat. I walked into this retreat uneasy and a bit nervous of what was to come; however, I was pleasantly surprised when I was welcomed with open and loving arms and I knew that this was where I was supposed to be.

I quickly learned ways to help promote safety and prevent problems in my school. Leadership comes to mind because of the leadership we learned by traveling to Austin to learn what goes on throughout the whole program. We all learned so much from the guest speakers that came to teach us about their knowledge, and I am not alone when I say that I learned a lot of information to bring back to my community. The sense of family comes from the welcoming ceremony with the board members, and our sponsors coming together to speak and teach us ambassadors. Finally, the fun comes from the positive attitudes that everyone has while we are getting taught, doing a scavenger hunt, and even while we are relaxing playing at TopGolf. It is important to all of us to go on these retreats to build up bonds among all the ambassadors, sponsors, board members, and our community.

I am sure I am not the only one who agrees when I say that I do not wish I was anywhere else with any other group of people than the members of Crime Stoppers. However, The first Crime Stoppers Ambassador Leadership Retreat was as important as the past conferences we have had, and as for the future I know they will be as good (if not better) than this year.

- Mackenzie Drago, Student Ambassador
Nederland ISD Campus Crime Stoppers
Donald Lynn GAY, a Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitive, was captured on July 19, 2018, in Houston, Texas. Working off tip information, members of the U.S. Marshals Gulf Coast Violent Offenders Fugitive Task Force, including DPS Special Agents, located and arrested GAY in eastern Harris County. GAY, affiliated to the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas gang, is a violent offender with a history of convictions for Rape, Aggravated Robbery with a Deadly Weapon, and Murder. In 1978, he was convicted of Rape and multiple counts of Aggravated Robbery with a Deadly Weapon after incidents in Bexar County. He subsequently was sentenced to 40 years in TDCJ prison. In the mid-1980's, GAY was convicted of Murder in Brazoria County after his involvement in the stabbing death of an inmate inside a Texas prison facility. GAY was released on parole from TDCJ in 1997 and was required to register as a sex offender for life. GAY had been wanted since February 2018 for Parole Violation. The arrest was the result of tip information received through Texas Crime Stoppers and a reward will be paid.

David Sauceda MEDINA, a convicted sex offender, has ties to Austin, Bell County, and the Chicago, Illinois, area. He has been known to frequent homeless shelters. In August 2008, MEDINA was convicted in Florida of Attempt to Commit Sexual Battery after an incident involving a 12-year-old girl. In October 2010, MEDINA was convicted in Travis County of Indecency with a Child – Sexual Contact after an incident involving a 7-year-old girl. He was subsequently sentenced to 6 years in TDCJ prison. MEDINA was discharged from TDCJ in May 2016 and was required to register as a sex offender for life. Since then, MEDINA has resided in Austin and Bell County. On January 11, 2018, the Bell County Sheriff’s Office issued a warrant for MEDINA’s arrest for Indecency with a Child – Sexual Contact. On March 14, 2018, the Austin Police Department issued a warrant for MEDINA’s arrest for Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration Requirements.
Meetings & Trainings

Texas Crime Stoppers Council Meeting
DATE: Friday, August 17, 2018
TIME: 9:30 AM
LOCATION: State Capitol Building, Committee Hearing Room E1.012
1100 Congress Avenue, Austin Texas 78701

More Training Opportunities

Statewide Training- Campus Crime Stoppers
As you know Governor Greg Abbott has charged Crime Stoppers with expansion in to all school campuses across Texas, in his School Safety Action Plan. As a result, the Governor’s Office, Texas Crime Stoppers Council and Crime Stoppers of Houston have partnered to create an expansion plan that includes tools, resources, collateral material, and most importantly training. Please join us for the kick-off of our Campus Crime Stoppers statewide training initiative!

Date & Time
Monday, August 20, 2018
Check-In 8:30 AM
Training 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

Location
Crime Stoppers of Houston Building
3001 Main St.
Houston, TX 77002

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
Please RSVP to mzarenchansky@crime-stoppers.org by August 17th.

The Office of the Governor is happy to offer a one-day (free) class of eGrants training, open to any grantee using the OOG’s eGrants system. https://egrants.gov.texas.gov Examples used in the class were initially tailored to HSGD border programs; however, any OOG grantee will benefit from the class by learning eGrants functionality. If you’re interested in attending, please click the link below to register for one of the upcoming courses.
Upcoming Training Dates & Locations:

Austin Wednesday, August 22