

TIP SHEET

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23rd ANNUAL TEXAS CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS CONFERENCE

February 26 - 28, 2018
Houston, TX



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Crime Stoppers of Houston is excited to be hosting the 23rd Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference on February 26-28, 2018 at the Omni Westside Hotel.

This conference will be led by the Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe School Program team and provides an interactive and fun learning environment for both students and adults who care about keeping their schools safe.

Middle and high school students, as well as adults, from across Texas are invited to attend this three-day educational conference that will address common school concerns. Participants will have the opportunity to learn new skills in hopes that they can take back the knowledge and safety information learned and implement at their home campuses.

Crime Stoppers of Houston has an array of speakers and breakout sessions focused on pertinent safety topics such as cyber safety, human trafficking, healthy relationships, drugs and alcohol abuse, etc.

Sixteen hours of TCOLE credit for law enforcement and continuing certification credit are available upon completion of the conference requirements. Attendance at the Texas Crime Stoppers Conference will satisfy training requirements for certification for all certified Crime Stoppers Organizations.

We hope you are able to join us!



HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FROM THE STATE TEAM

Again we find the holiday season us upon us. In the spirit of keeping Texans safe during this festive time we would like to remind you of a few safety tips to keep in mind over the coming weeks.

At Home:

Be vigilant about locking doors and windows whether you are at home or out
When you leave the house leave a few lights on inside as well as a front porch light, television and/or radio.
Large gifts should not be visible through windows
Automatic timers are suggested for both indoor and outdoor lights
Have your keys in your hand before you reach the car door or front door
Keep a secure hold on your belongings when arriving home after dark

Shopping:

Stay alert to your surroundings when at the malls and in parking lots
Be aware of strangers approaching you for any reason; pick-pockets, thieves, and con-artists may try to distract you in order to take your money or valuables
Avoid carrying large amounts of cash
Park under lights in parking lots or along the streets and when possible avoid shopping after dark.
Park as close to your destination as possible.
Shop in pairs or with a group
Ask mall security for an escort before leaving your location

Traveling:

Keep a close eye on wallets, purses, etc. when in crowded areas like transportation terminals, bus stops, on buses or other public transit.
Ensure car doors are locked and windows are closed when you exit your vehicle.
Protect your PIN number at ATM machines and gas stations by shielding the key pad
Arrange for a neighbor to collect mail while you are out of town for an extended period of time

Happy Holidays from our Team to Yours!

We wish you and your families a very safe and happy holiday season.



RECRUITING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Joining a nonprofit board can be life changing, however, you can only truly know that once you've joined one. We have all experienced the struggle of trying to find passionate board members with connections and ambition to make positive changes. What we've learned is that the delivery is everything when "selling" the idea to a potential board member. Consider the following "selling features" of joining a nonprofit board at your next recruitment event!

10 REASONS TO JOIN A NONPROFIT BOARD

10. You will learn patience. A group of smart and passionate folks sitting around a conference room table can argue and pontificate. They can say stupid things and make the most brilliant observations. And you will learn patience to wade through it.
9. You will learn how to ask for money. You did it when you were eight years old carrying that orange UNICEF box but the skill might have lain dormant since. I believe every grownup should know how to ask for money for a worthy cause. I'll take it one step further. I'd argue that until you ask for money for a worthy cause, you have not reached "grownup" status.
8. You will have an experience that enriches your resume. OK, this one is a bit selfish but it's true and it's OK to be honest about it.
7. You will meet interesting people who will add to your sphere of influence. People who join boards are a wonderful breed. They have chosen to get off the bench and onto the field. You will be enriched by being in their company.
6. You will learn to play nicely in the sandbox. This is about diplomacy and making sure that your colleagues get their say (even if you think your comment said it all). The very best board members are teams.
5. You will learn to appreciate that assets = liabilities. I mean this quite specifically. You will be able to read and understand financial statements and ask a related question or two that actually makes sense.
4. You will have another excuse to skip the gym. OK, just wanted to be sure you were paying attention.
3. You will learn how to run an effective meeting of people who don't work for you. Perhaps you will find yourself as a committee chair. Trust me, you learn a very different set of skills than in a staff meeting. These fellow board members are volunteers, not paid employees, and they may have more business experience than you do.
2. You will stretch all your intellectual and emotional muscles. Board service at its best allows you to bring your full self to the organization — your emotional connection to the work, your commitment to the overall sector, your life experience, your skills, and the good head you have on your shoulders. There are precious few tables you will sit at that will need all of what you bring the way a nonprofit does.
1. You will fall more in love with your organization. The closer you are to the work of your nonprofit, the more that work comes to life for you, the more passionate you will become. And you will feel another emotion. You will feel lucky.

Information Source: <https://www.joangarry.com/reasons-join-nonprofit-board/>

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HIGHLIGHTS & REMINDERS!



- ◇ Early Bird Registration is open for 23rd Annual Campus Conference
- ◇ Annual PFRR due no later than January 31st, 2018
- ◇ Q4 reports due January 31st, 2018
- ◇ January is Crime Stoppers Month; how will you celebrate?



The fence builders were listening to LA Lay radio station & when the station played Officer Sofie Martinez's Crime Stopper Commercial, they couldn't believe the famous "Sofia" was in the truck.

They were SO excited to meet her and wanted pictures with her.

- Waco Crime Stoppers



Happy 8th Anniversary to Grand Prairie Schools Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 19th Anniversary to Bluebonnet Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 26th Anniversary to Northeast Texas Area Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 27th Anniversary to Pharr Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 29th Anniversary to Perryton-Ochiltree County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 31st Anniversary to Erath County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 34th Anniversary to Victoria Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 36th Anniversary to Galveston County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 37th Anniversary to Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Happy 38th Anniversary to Plainview/Hale County Crime Stoppers, Inc.

Have you ever considered the funding opportunities that might be available to your Crime Stoppers Corporation but just have not had the time to research those opportunities? Here's a helpful starting point



Visit:
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eligibility and grant
programs that are available.**



**Search Grants
by keywords i.e. nonprofit,
state, crime prevention, etc.**

10 Most WANTED PROGRAM, TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS

UP TO \$10,000 REWARD

Raul Ambrosio JIMENEZ, Jr., is identified as a member of the Texas Syndicate gang from the San Antonio, Texas area and has relatives in the Bexar County vicinity. He has a lengthy criminal history dating back to 1987, with arrests for Prostitution, Burglary, Vehicle Theft, Counterfeiting, Possession of Marijuana, Resisting Officer, and Traffic Violations. In 2006, JIMENEZ was convicted of Manufacture/Delivery of Heroin and was sentenced to federal prison. He received supervised release in 2011.

In November 2011, JIMENEZ was involved in the sexual assault of a female juvenile, resulting in a four-count indictment. On December 12, 2012, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for JIMENEZ's arrest for Sexual Assault of a Child.

On February 6, 2013, the US Marshals issued a warrant for JIMENEZ's arrest for Probation Violation (Original Offense: Manufacture/Delivery of Heroin). On February 19, 2013, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office issued an additional warrant for his arrest, charging him with Traffic of Person Under 18--Prostitution.

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Dakota Marcus STEWART is a high-risk sex offender required to register annually for life. He has ties to Tarrant County, including the cities of Mansfield, Fort Worth, and Arlington. STEWART also has previous arrests in Dallas.

In 2009, STEWART was convicted of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child and Indecency with a Child by Exposure after incidents in Tarrant County involving two young girls.

He subsequently was sentenced to 5 years in TDCJ prison. On August 2, 2017, the Mansfield Police Department issued two warrants for STEWART's arrest for Failure to Register as a Sex Offender.

An additional warrant was also issued in Dallas County for Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration Requirements. STEWART has a history of providing false or fictitious information to police, including the use of different names.

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Tx Crime Stoppers

HOST A CRIME STOPPERS CONFERENCE!

This is a unique opportunity for your Crime Stoppers corporation to collaborate with Texas Crime Stoppers in planning and hosting an annual conference while featuring all of the highlights in your city/county. We are currently seeking hosts for future campus and community conferences. Ask for more details from Associate Director, Liana Curtis at txcrimestoppers@gov.texas.gov.

Texas Crime Stoppers Council Meeting

DATE: Monday, February 26, 2018

TIME: TBD

LOCATION: Omni Hotel

13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas 77079

In Case you Missed It: Texas Crime Stoppers Website got a makeover!!

It's been a long and immense project and through the process and the wait is finally over! We are thrilled to share with you that our new Texas Crime Stoppers website has launched and we have a new look! Take a trip to the familiar www.texascrimestoppers.org and find yourself in a bright and user friendly world of Crime Stoppers information. We are very proud of how far we have come and we hope that the new layout and design assists you in all of your Crime Stoppers related searches. The purpose of our new website is to equip our local organizations with the tools and resources needed to build, manage, and grow the Texas Crime Stoppers organization and community. We hope that you visit our page when you have questions and are looking to reach out to fellow organizations for assistance and brainstorming!

Website features worth noting:

- Organization Directory
 - Nonprofit toolkit; designed to provide resources relevant to 501(c)(3) foundations
 - Crime Stoppers in the Media; Texas Crime Stoppers makes a great impact and we want to share your successes with others!
 - Great information, resources, and for everything else the State team is here for you!

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