

# Importance Of Community

## Safety and Community

The Campus Crime Stoppers group plays a crucial role in enhancing campus safety. It encourages students and staff to contribute actively to a secure environment. Safety on all campuses is a concern for schools all across the board.

I am one of the Ambassadors of Texas Campus Crime Stoppers. My name is Kallina Rodriguez, and I'm a junior at Johnson High School. I am happy to be a part of this wonderful community that lies within the Campus Crime Stoppers program, but the community takes more than a few people to make.

Our society as a whole is reactive rather than proactive, which is why Campus Crime Stoppers serves as a way to prevent incidents by creating an open and safe relationship between school authorities, such as SROs and students. However, it does react to any anonymous tips received which allows for further investigation and quick resolution of

various incidents which prevents the situation from taking a turn for the worse. The Campus Crime Stoppers program contributes to overall safety among schools by emphasising prevention, anonymous tips, thorough resolutions, creating a strong campus community, and collaboration with law enforcement. By creating a sense of shared responsibility and providing an efficient system for reporting, the program empowers the community to be involved and participate in maintaining a secure learning environment.

This leads me to my point that without strong support and connection among students, there is little space for improvement. Effective collaboration between Campus Crime Stoppers and law enforcement is key to its success. This program acts as a link, which connects the campus community and local law enforcement agencies. In trying to collaborate more with our local law enforcement and community in general, I was able to help decorate jars for Buda PD Blue Santa event. Those jars have been placed in business locations throughout the city. In a few weeks, the police department will use the money collected to invite nominated, underprivileged kids to shop with some of the cops. They will get to choose items for their families at Walmart. I am fortunate enough to be able to help with this event. I will also be helping the Buda police department wrap gifts for these kids, along with a few of the Crime Stoppers Club members at Johnson High School. Through this collaborative community effort, we will continue to build trust and relationships that will contribute to an overall safe environment.

### What is Buda Blue Santa?

Officers are paired with low income children in Buda. These children have a day of shopping at Walmart. The gifts are then wrapped by community volunteers and delivered for christmas.

### Theft during the Christmas season:

Larceny and theft increase about 20% every year in December across the country. Be sure to lock your cars and remember Crime Stoppers tip line.

