



Crime Stoppers USA

Certification of Member Programs

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Why Certification?

To have local programs adhering to Crime Stoppers Best Practices to keep out of trouble!

To ensure consistency of Crime Stoppers programs' policies and practices in their shared pursuit toward safer communities.

Hopefully all Crime Stoppers programs will try to achieve this Certification.

Best Practices

Include

Must be a current dues paying member of Crime Stoppers USA.



Must meet requirements as a member in good standing.



Must be up to date as a registered non-profit in your state.



Must be a 501(c)(3); file IRS Form 990 every year; be registered in good standing as a tax-exempt organization in Publication 78 with the IRS.

Best Practices

Rewards

Must have an anonymous infrastructure.



Tips must be looked at every 12-24 hours.



Anonymous methods to pay rewards.



Rewards are offered for resolved cases.

Best Practices Crime Stoppers Board of Directors

Must have Board Meetings at least bi-monthly.



Must have a Board of Directors with a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary & Treasurer.



No felons on your Board.




Must have clearly defined by-laws that also define the number of years of a board member's term before the need for re-election.

Best Practices

Crime Stoppers Board of Directors (Continued)

Must have these policies established:
Conflict of Interest
Confidentiality
Document Retention (which includes a Tip
Retention Policy)
Whistleblower




Board & Committee Members must sign a
Confidentiality Statement at the start of their
Board Term and a Conflict-of-Interest Statement
yearly.

Best Practices Crime Stoppers USA Requirements

Stats for your program must be uploaded into the CSUSA database quarterly.



At least one board person must attend *Crime Stoppers Legal Training* and *Tax & Governance Training* each year via webinars, Mike Blatman Learning Center, or CSUSA's Annual Training Conference.



Individuals who administer a program's Tip Management system must have attended a *CSUSA Tip Management Training*.

The Certification Application

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Certification shall be in effect for one year from the date the application is approved by CSUSA.
Must apply annually for renewal.



Certification is based on the true and accurate application by a local program.
CSUSA will randomly audit applications to verify submitted content is accurate.



There will be a small fee to obtain certification.
CSUSA Member Programs will have opportunity to proudly display this seal when approved.



Questions & Input

Certification expected to launch
in early 2023