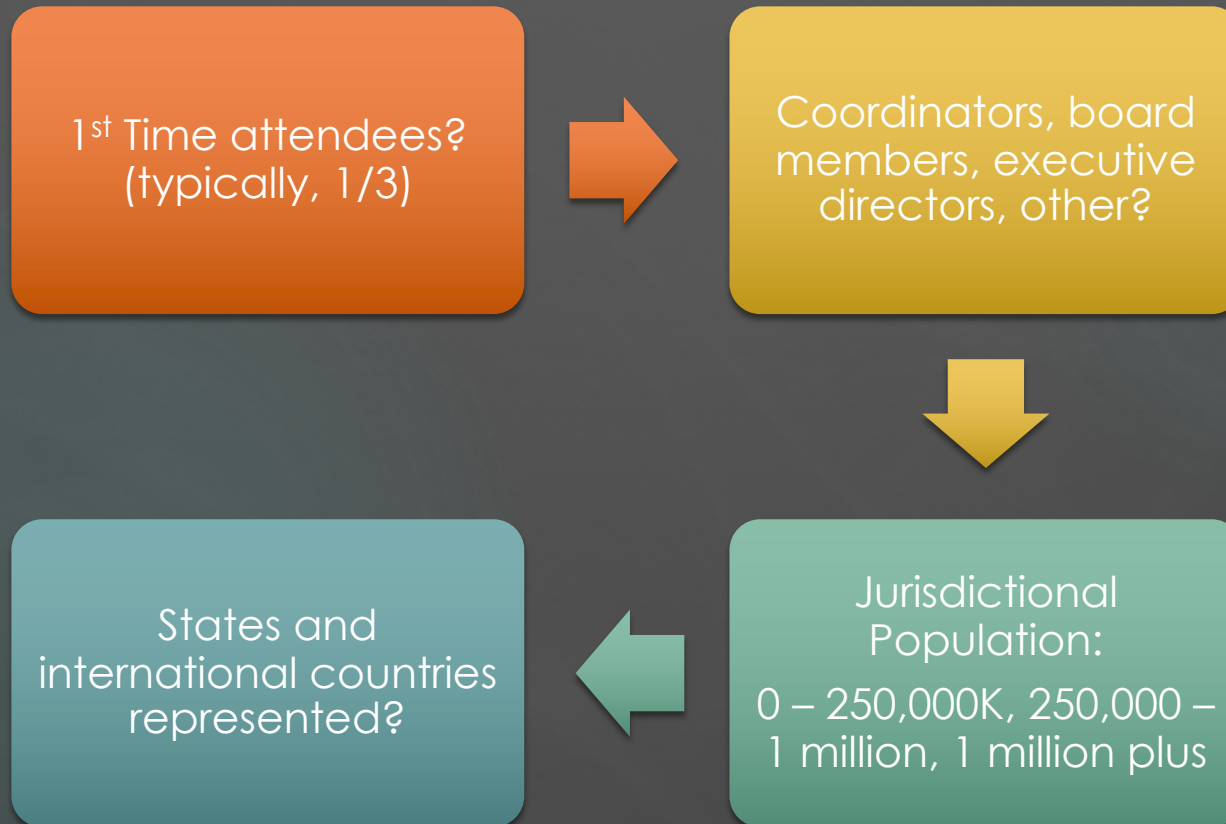




Crime Stoppers ABC's (101)

- DET. (RET.) KEVIN BOEHM, GREATER KC CRIME STOPPERS TIPS HOTLINE, SCHOLASTIC CRIME STOPPERS COORDINATOR (SEPT. 3, 2022) – FORMER LE COORDINATOR
- K. SCOTT ABRAMS, CPA, CGMA CSUSA PAST CHAIR, WISCONSIN CRIME STOPPERS, CRIME STOPPERS INT'L, PARAGON SOLUTIONS, FINANCIAL WIZARD

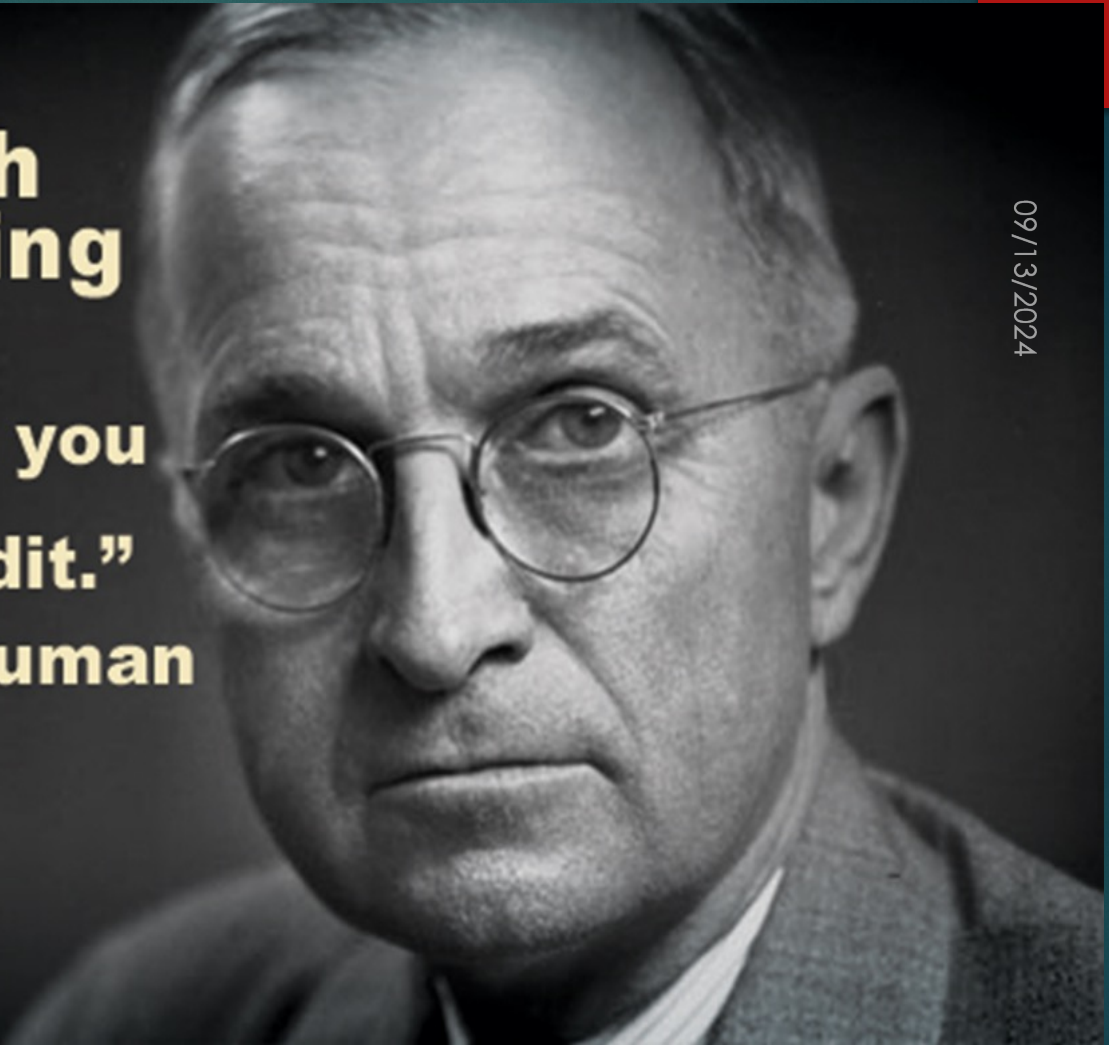
What About You?!?



**“You can
accomplish
anything**

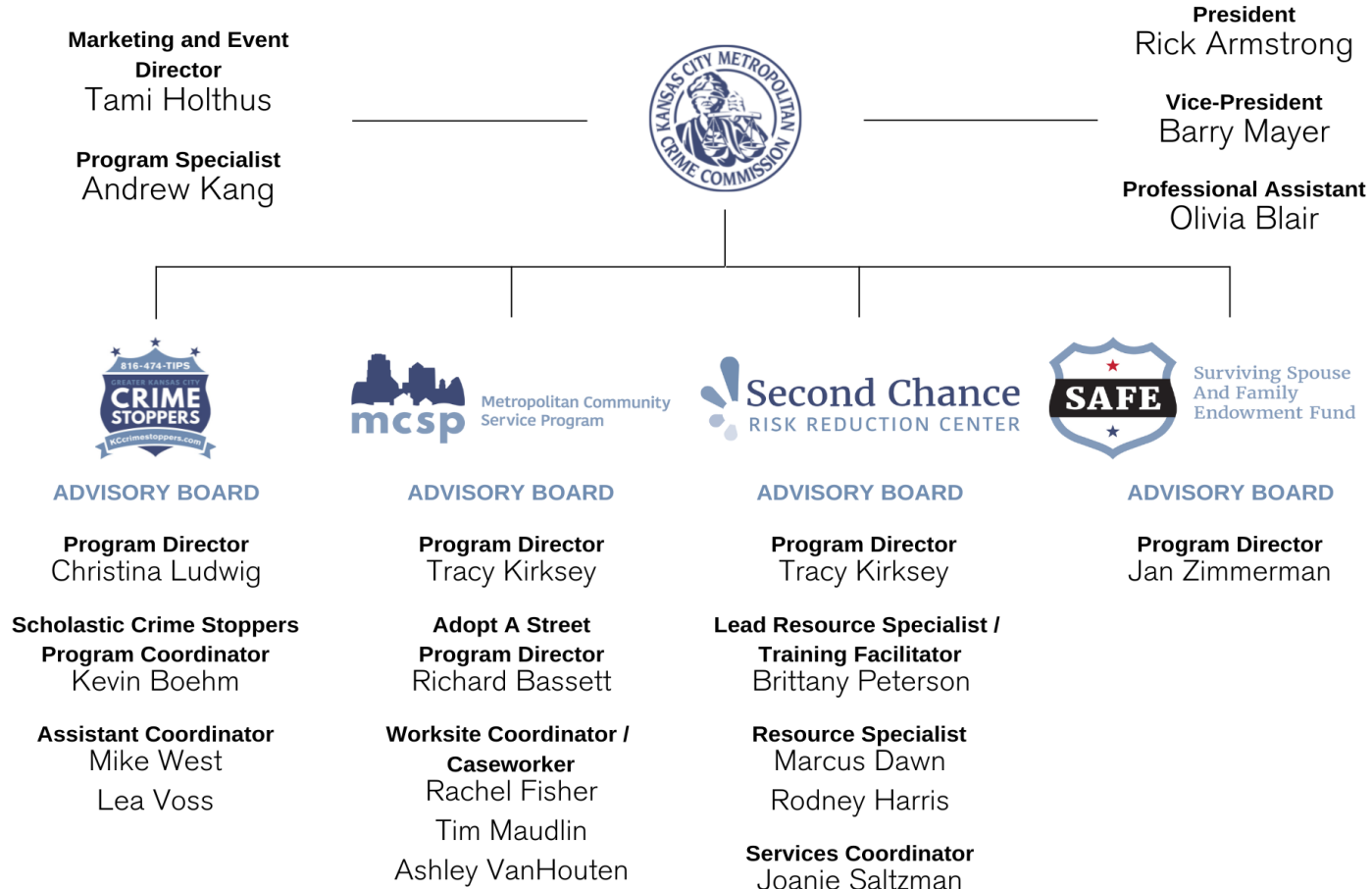
**provided that you
do not mind
who gets credit.”**

-Harry S Truman



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Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission Board and Directors



KC Crime Commission

Why this course?



FOUNDATION FOR
CONFERENCE



PROVIDES “TALKING
POINTS” TO ALL CS
REPRESENTATIVES
(LE,
COORDINATORS,
BOARD MEMBERS,
EXECUTIVE
DIRECTORS ETC.)



INTRODUCTORY
“BIG PICTURE”
VIEW OF
OPERATING A
LEGITIMATE CS
PROGRAM



COORDINATOR,
FINANCIAL AND
LEGAL
PERSPECTIVE

objectives

Understand
basic History of
Crime Stoppers

ability to explain
the “Crime
Stoppers
Concept”

understand the
Role of Board of
Directors

understand the
Role of the
Coordinator

understand the
Role of the
Media

why “Tip
Processing”
(sanitizing) is so
important

how to Protect
Crime Stoppers

History

- ▶ September 8, 1976
- ▶ Albuquerque, New Mexico
- ▶ Robbery/homicide – Michael Carmen (July 1976)
- ▶ Det. Greg Macaleese
- ▶ Crime of the week
- ▶ 3 arrested within 72 hours – case was 4 months old
- ▶ Caller ID'ed the car – “didn't want to get involved”



Essential Elements of Crime Stoppers Concept

▶ WHY CRIME STOPPERS ?

▶ FEAR OF REPRISAL

▶ AN ATTITUDE OF APATHY

▶ RELUCTANCE TO GET INVOLVED
– “SNITCHES GET STITCHES”

Know The Competition

Someone Knows Something. We are not alone.....

Local law enforcement - Social Media; “anonymous” report by leaving a message or e-mail us. Usually, no offer of rewards

National Crime Tips - Associated with Police/Fire Magazine. Reward based on arrest & conviction

Schools - Anonymous using “Forms” for tips that often ask for your name, phone number, e-mail. May have phone lines into School offices. Sprigeo

Tip 411/Nixle - Tips go directly to subscriber, usually law enforcement agency with no review of tip info.

WeTip – Not-for-profit, takes crime tips but moving toward services for companies.

Sandy Hook Promise – Creating an entire program for schools to include tipping programs. (CS Tips by Response Angel)

Record Keeping

- ▶ Disclaimer
 - ▶ The anonymous information contained in this TIP DOES NOT constitute reasonable suspicion or probable cause for arrest and is the exclusive property of the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline. This information is NOT to be included in any investigative file.
 - ▶ This form is the exclusive property of Crime Stoppers of _____. Any disclosure, copying, distribution or use of this document is STRICTLY prohibited. DO NOT include this form in any investigative file.
- ▶ Corporate vs. Public Record (Check with Your State)
 - ▶ Corporate: **Corporate records** are such **records** that are required by a **corporation** to show that it is functioning according to the rules of the Internal Revenue Service. **Corporate records** usually have a **corporate record** book which includes all the required documents. **Corporate records** can also be kept online or in a file cabinet. (US Legal, Inc.)
 - ▶ Public: **Public records** are documents or pieces of information that are not considered confidential and generally pertain to the conduct of government. Reference your specific state "Sunshine Law" procedure. (Wikipedia)

Record Keeping (Cont.)

- ▶ **Ownership:** A) Crime Stoppers
 - ▶ B) Law Enforcement
 - ▶ C) Prosecutor
 - ▶ D) Defense Attorney
 - ▶ E) All the Above
- ▶ **Corporate vs. Public:**
 - ▶ State to State Variance
 - ▶ Release and Retention defined by State and/or Federal statute
 - ▶ Could be both – who took the tip (me vs. staff), where is the tip stored, was tip included in case file, do state specific protections exist?

Inculpatory vs. Exculpatory

Inculpatory

- **Inculpatory** means causing blame to be imputed to; to incriminate. For example, **inculpatory** statement is a statement which attribute liability on the person making such statement. It incriminates or places guilt or responsibility on someone. (US Legal, Inc.) **98%**

Exculpatory

- Exculpatory evidence is evidence favorable to the defendant in a criminal trial that exonerates or tends to exonerate the defendant of guilt. It is the opposite of inculpatory evidence, which tends to present guilt. ([Wikipedia](#)) **2%**

How Crime Stoppers Works?
It's what makes us different

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Anonymous vs Confidential Tips

Anonymous vs. Confidential

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Anonymous Tips: The anonymous informant, however, lacks the advantages of both the professional and the lay informant. By definition, anonymous informants lack a "track record," and they also cannot be presumed to be credible, since police have no means of gauging their possible motives for making false accusations or of holding them accountable for false tips. On their face, such informants would thus appear to have almost no credibility. Yet the Supreme Court has allowed for the use of anonymous informants' tips in substantiating both probable-cause and reasonable-suspicion determinations, in *Illinois v. Gates* and *Alabama v. White*, respectively. The Supreme Court held that the combination of the anonymous informant's tip and police corroboration of some of the information were sufficient to make out probable cause.

Confidential Informant: A confidential informant is a person who provides information about criminal activity to law enforcement officers. The identities of these individuals are privileged in order to protect these individuals against retribution from those involved in crime. Statements made by a confidential informant are testimonial in nature, and therefore, may not be offered by the government to establish the guilt of an accused absent an opportunity for the accused to cross-examine the informant. However, evidence that is provided merely by way of background or is offered only to explain how certain events came to pass or why the officers took the actions they did, is not offered for the truth of the matter asserted. [United States v. Warman, 578 F.3d 320 (6th Cir. Ohio 2009)]

Take a Break



See you in 10 minutes





Protect Tipsters

- ▶ Protect the Tipster from Themselves
 - ▶ Reveal too much
 - ▶ Try to “sell” you on the information
 - ▶ Gender Neutral
 - ▶ Be general when discussing “how” the info. is known
 - ▶ Use “they” as opposed to “he” or “she”
 - ▶ Edit info. but be careful not to “add” your own commentary
 - ▶ Don’t accept e-mail or Social Media tips!

Greater Kansas City Crime Stopper

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Tip Manager

Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers

Settings

Menu

Tip ID

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Status

Offense Type

452-M42774

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Open

Drugs

Main

Dialog

Attachments

Deliver To

Disposition

Notes

Map

Misc

Query

Audit

Content

Translate

Edit

Narrative

2022/10/9 10:27 PM

James Rimel Jr
6103 E 148th Terrace
Grandview, MO
816-809-1664

My ex husband knew this guy through the Plumbers Union. My ex husband also hired him at his non union company. My ex husband bought marijuana at his house behind the QT, just off 150/71. From my understanding, he's been selling for years.

General Information

Offense Type: Drugs

Are you the actual Victim in this matter? NOTE - If YES, DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM. Contact local law enforcement to file a report. No

Are you reporting a possible crime in progress? If YES, DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM. Contact local law enforcement directly. No

Add Additional Information

Templates

Enter additional information here and click Save

Filters

1 Unread

100+ Dispo Rcvd

100+ Open Tips

0 Not Delivered

Last Updated

More...

Live Chat is On

Tip ID	Offense	Source	Status	Created	Delivered
✓ 452-M42776	Weapons Offense	Mobile Web	Information Only	2022/10/10 08:11 AM	
✓ 452-M42775	Abduction/Kidnapping	Mobile Web	Open	2022/10/10 07:21 AM	2022/10/10 07:27 AM
✓ 452-M42774	Drugs	Mobile	Open	2022/10/09 10:27 PM	2022/10/10 07:07 AM
✓ 452-C42773	Hit & Run	Call Center	Open	2022/10/09 10:44 AM	2022/10/09 11:45 AM
✓ 452-M42772	Other	Mobile Web	Information Only	2022/10/08 09:11 PM	
✓ 452-C42771	Drugs	Call Center	Open	2022/10/08 07:47 PM	2022/10/08 08:50 PM
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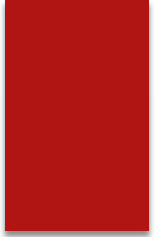
SANITIZATION PRIMER

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- ▶ **“John Doe is my ex-husband. I have been letting him stay at my house** at 123 Main Street since he was released from jail in 2011. **I left the property two years ago to live with my new husband.** He let Jane Doe move in two months ago. **When I went to collect the rest of my belongings from the house at 123 Main Street , Ms. Doe told me that she and John are doing meth on a daily basis and showed me the meth she had been holding back from John.** John was arrested in 2008 for growing marijuana in the shed in the back of the house. I have good reason to believe he is now cooking meth in that shed as I can think of no other way that they could afford to smoke meth everyday. In addition, Ms. Doe was recently arrested with meth and oxycodone. Finally, **when I asked John if I could see the house and shed he said** the police had already been there following Ms. Doe’s arrest. I called to confirm that this morning and was told there have been no deputies called to that address recently. I understand that cooking meth can be very dangerous as explosions can happen and am concerned for my property. **I am currently in the process of having them evicted but that may take a few weeks.** Thank you for your help.

SANITIZATION (CONT.)

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Citizen Board

Coordinator

Rewards

Media

Law Enforcement

Anonymity

Crime Stoppers Resolves Problems



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Crime Stoppers Minimum Standards

Legally incorporated by
State

Obtain IRS tax exemption

Establish Operating
Procedures – Best Practices
(Articles of Incorporation, By-
Laws, MOU's, SOP's)

No law enforcement or
elected officials as voting
Board

Members

- Maintain membership with CSUSA
- Maintain and report program statistics
- Establish reward policy
- Establish and follow good Financial Policies

Training

- Ensure basic training for Coordinator and Board

Board:

- Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- D & O Insurance
- Confidentiality Agreement
- Consent to background check
- Attendance/Periodic elections

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Role of Board of Directors

Creates Policies and Procedures (Coord. Responsibilities, Payout and Retention & Anonymous TIP Taking Procedure)

Provide oversight for Program

Raise Reward funds

Determine Reward amounts

Keep business records: Agenda, Minutes & Sign-In

Promote to media

Develop short and long- term goals – Strategic Plan

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► Role of Coordinator

Multi-faceted job with multiple hats.

Responsible for day-to-day operation of program.

Handle tips, follow up, screen and disseminate information.

Liaison between Law Enforcement Agencies and Board of Directors.

Coordinates between Media, Police and Board of Directors.

Maintains record keeping system for the program.

Prepares reports for Law Enforcement Agencies, Board of Directors and Media.

Role of Law Enforcement

Provide Coordinator & Department contact

Screen Crime Stoppers Tips

Coordinate with Investigators

Maintain files & Case Status

Provide dispositions to tips

Select cases for "Crime or Fugitive of the Week"

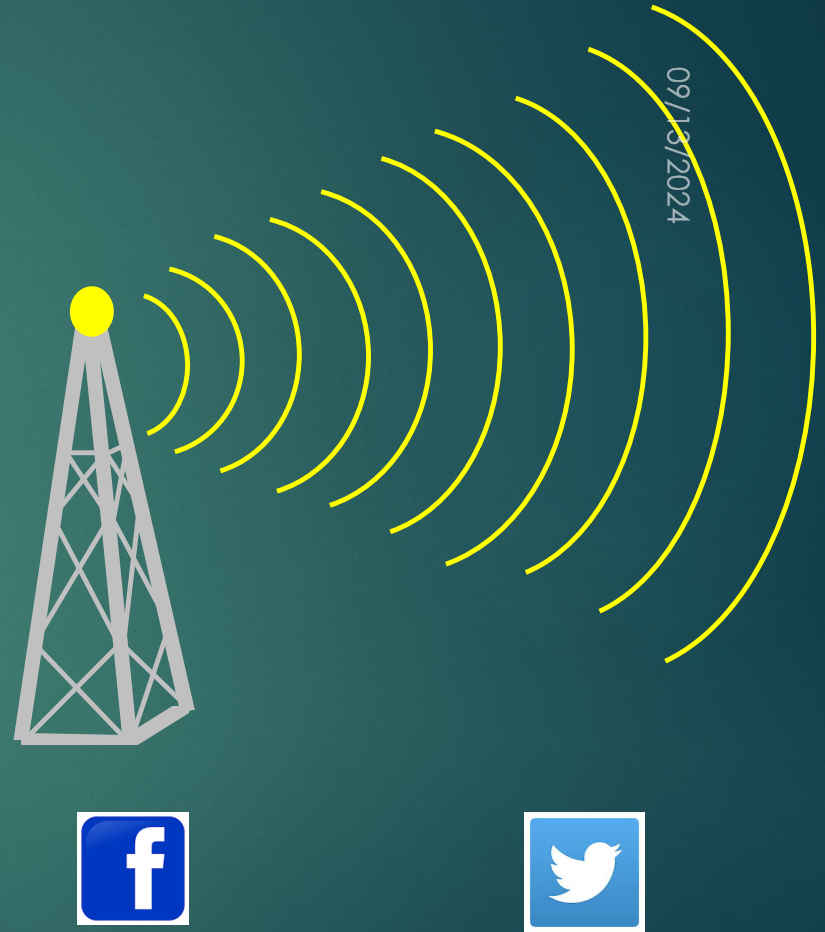
Promote program within Department

Member Agencies provide representative to Board of Directors

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Role of Media

- Social Media
 - [FaceBook](#)
 - [Twitter](#)
- Newspapers
- Television
- Radio
- Cable TV
- Wanted Posters
- [Web Site](#)



Tip Taking

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- ▶ **Phone**
Answering Service vs.
Local Answering

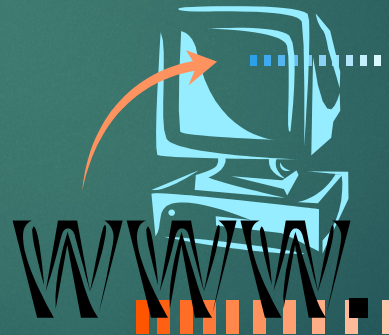


- ▶ **Web Tips**

- ▶ **App Tips**

- ▶ **QR Code**

- ▶ **Text (KCCS to 738477)**



Rewards

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- ▶ **Determining Reward Amounts**
 - ▶ Special Rewards
 - ▶ Enhanced Rewards
- ▶ **Paying Rewards**

Partnerships



- ▶ Student Based/Scholastic
- ▶ Partnerships -
 - ▶ Domestic Violence
 - ▶ Animal Abuse
 - ▶ Elder Abuse
 - ▶ Auto Theft
 - ▶ Construction Site Theft
 - ▶ Enhanced Homicide Reward

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Scholastic program

PROVEN HISTORY IN KANSAS CITY

- Colorado Springs in 1980
- Brought to KC Metro in 1990's (Lee's Summit School)
- Reintroduced as Text-A-Tip in 2014
- P3 Mobile App introduced in 2016
- QR code introduced in 2022



KCCrimeStoppers.com

ANONYMOUS TIPS SAVE LIVES



- Weapons offenses, burglary, stealing and drugs
- 1 potential mass school violence incident averted
- Prevented 19 suicides
- Over 1,700 scholastic specific tips have been received

STATISTICS ARE CURRENT AS OF APRIL 2023

OUR MISSION

As a nationally recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit, we advocate, develop strategies and operate innovative programs that bring people and public safety agencies together to **POWER A SAFER, BETTER GREATER KANSAS CITY COMMUNITY**

"CONFLICT RESOLUTION CAN BEGIN WITH ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION"



SCHOLASTIC CRIME STOPPERS

**10+ School Districts
105+ Schools
Potential 700+ Schools**

KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION
3100 BROADWAY BLVD. SUITE 1234
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI 64111
816-960-6800 | WWW.KC-CRIME.ORG

TREMENDOUS BENEFITS



- FREE membership
- Local administration
- Anonymous
- Potential cash rewards
- 24/7 access
- Available to students, staff and parents

P3 APP MAKES REPORTING EASY


PROACTIVE/PREVENTION

134% increase in "mass violence threats towards schools" from 2018-19 to 2021-22 ⁽¹⁾



- 93% exhibited "Concerning Behavior" ⁽²⁾
- 81% At least 1 person KNEW ⁽²⁾
- 59% 2 or more KNEW ⁽²⁾
- The USSS suggests developing strategies to report/encourage reporting by utilizing "Crime Stoppers" and/or anonymous options if necessary ⁽²⁾

(1) JULY 2022 KC REGIONAL FUSION CENTER STRIKE
(2) "2022 AVERAGING THREATS SCHOOL VIOLENCE" A U.S. SHOOTING SERVICE ANALYSIS OF PLOTS AGAINST SCHOOLS

- 
- COMPLY WITH BY-LAWS
 - DO NOT PUT YOUR IRS TAX EXEMPTION AT RISK
 - MAINTAIN GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING AND HAVE ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR REWARDS
 - ACT CAREFULLY WHEN DEALING WITH LARGE OR SUPPLEMENTAL REWARDS
 - PROTECT YOUR TIPSTERS (SANITIZE) - JOB # 1
 - NO CRIMES OR SCANDALS
 - HANDLE TIPS PROPERLY
 - MAINTAIN ACCURATE PROGRAM STATISTICS
 - PROVIDE WRITTEN BOARD REPORTS
 - CONDUCT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS
 - COORDINATE PAYMENT OF REWARDS
 - WORK WITH ALL MEDIA
 - KNOW YOUR STUFF - HAVE YOUR ELEVATOR PRESENTATION READY AT ALL TIMES

Protecting Crime Stoppers

CSUSA/GKCCS Statistics

	CSUSA	GKCCS (1982)
Suspects Arrested	781,555	11,604
Cases Cleared	1,131,093	25,707
Homicides		679
Rewards Paid	\$116,278,454	\$1,735,280
Property Recovered	\$1,244,148,378	\$10,587,652.50
Narcotics Seized	\$2,982,179,282	\$29,325,744.67
Total Recovered	\$4,226,327,660	\$39,913,370.17

Don't Re-invent The Wheel

- ▶ Contact Crime Stoppers USA
 - ▶ 4info@CrimeStoppersUSA.com
 - ▶ www.crimestoppersusa.org
- ▶ CSUSA Regional Directors
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