

TEXAS ASSOCIATION *for* CRIME STOPPERS

Purpose

Texas Association for Crime Stoppers, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization, exists to promote and encourage member Crime Stoppers programs by providing developmental and operational support and guidance, and serving as an advocate for all Texas Crime Stoppers programs.

Membership Questions

At TX4CS.com, you'll find answers to many of your questions concerning the Association and membership. Additionally, you may submit your questions to info@TX4CS.com

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Social media has some great advantages, but also can have some draw backs that you should consider. First the advantages, our information can reach more people and reach them faster than our webpages, and local media. It is a fact that one post that is reposted multiple times can reach far more citizens than our local media (i.e.; radio, TV, and newsprint). Using social media is not without some draw backs we all should be aware of and be prepared to deal with.

First, once posted and then reposted multiple times, it is very difficult to retract or remove a post, especially if there was a mistake made (e.g.; wrong photo, or a warrant was withdrawn or issued by mistake). Another problem is when would be anonymous Tipsters provide information via Facebook, messenger, email, etc.; they are no longer anonymous, and this violates our contract in offering anonymity if we take "tips" that are outside our operational scope.

We all need to remember and let everyone know that there are limited ways by which we receive tips. For most organizations, these are our telephone tipline, webpage, P3 Tips app, and, possibly for some, SMS tips.

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Membership Benefits

Membership benefits of the Texas Association for Crime Stoppers for member organizations include (see membership welcome packet for complete list of benefits with examples and restrictions):

- **Legal advice** to Member Organizations from attorney Richard W. Carter, formerly: Arlington Municipal Court Judge, Chair of Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council, General Counsel & Executive Director of Crime Stoppers International; and current Director of Legal Services for Crime Stoppers USA.
- Operational and procedural **advice, guidance, and training** from JB Smith, Executive Director, Crime Stoppers of Lufkin, Inc. and Past Chairman, Texas Crime Stoppers Council.
- **Access** to this quarterly newsletter.
- Access to the "**Members Only**" area of www.TX4CS.com with its growing list of resources.
- **Voting rights**; each adult member and member program may vote as a member of the organization and have direct influence over its direction and operation.
- **Legislative influence**; monitoring, reviewing, and suggesting changes to Crime Stoppers-related legislation is a major portion of the Association's work to protect the rights as each Texas Crime Stoppers organization to continue to operate as independent, nonprofit entities. Members will have many opportunities to help guide Texas Crime Stoppers towards a more successful future.

Disclaimers with each social media post can help to reduce and ease some of the burden. The best practice is being diligent in checking your post to ensure you have the correct photo and verify the warrants or case information using multiple sources before you publish.

Always double check any videos or photos provided by a law enforcement agency or officer. When forwarding items for release, it's not uncommon to attach the wrong file and we must have the correct ones. This has occurred to many Crime Stoppers organizations when using videos and images from stores and banks.

Abilene Crime Stoppers experienced this with a video from a bank in a stolen check case. The bank sent the wrong video so the person appearing in the video we aired was a customer cashing their own pay check not the suspect. This was before we started using social media and we dodged a bullet because it was easy to pull down the video.

How we refer to the subject(s) of a release or post is as important as having the correct images and information. A wanted person is different than a fugitive. A fugitive knows he is wanted and is taking steps to avoid capture. A wanted person, even one who has committed a crime, might not know a warrant was issued for his arrest. Crime Stoppers should not refer to a person as "*armed and dangerous*"; if law enforcement believes that description to fit, say "*XYZ agency/officer warned that this person might be armed and dangerous*". The same goes for the terms' offender, suspect, and person of interest. Each has a meaning and must be appropriately used to avoid a mistake, or to at least lessen the impact of a mistake.

For your organization's webpage, having detailed Terms of Use and identifying information as copyrighted may deter some unauthorized copying, use, and dissemination and might assist you in a future battle over the terms of use being violated.

These are suggestion for everyone to think about and might help your organization avoid a major problem. Remember, nothing is absolute but doing everything you can to lessen a problem before it becomes one is good practice and can help protect the reputation of all Crime Stoppers organizations.

Peace Officers Memorial Day & Police Week

A joint resolution of Congress in October 1962 and a proclamation by President Kennedy in May 1963 designated May 15 of each year Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week during which May 15 occurs Police Week. 55 years later, Police Week remains an annual tribute to law enforcement service and sacrifice.

The words of the Congressional resolution are as true to as the day written:

Whereas the police officers of America have worked devotedly and selflessly in behalf of the people of this Nation, regardless of the peril or hazard to themselves; and

Whereas these officers have safeguarded the lives and property of their fellow Americans; and

Whereas by the enforcement of our laws, these same officers have given our country internal freedom from fear of the violence and civil disorder that is presently affecting other nations;

Whereas these men and women by their patriotic service and their dedicated efforts have earned the gratitude of the Republic...

Just as Crime Stoppers could not succeed without our three partners (community, law enforcement, and media), Peace Officers cannot successfully protect the lives, liberties, and property of the citizens they serve without the support of the community.

Next month, individually and as an organization, take a moment to recognize "*law enforcement officers, past and present, who by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities have rendered a dedicated service to their communities, and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.*" *President John F. Kennedy, May 4, 1963*



The banner features a black background with a blue horizontal stripe. The text "Peace Officers Memorial Day May 15" is in white at the top left. The website addresses "www.NLEOMF.org" and "www.POMF.org" are in white at the top right. The central text "RESPECT. HONOR. REMEMBER." is in white on the blue stripe. A blue shield with a red rose is positioned on the right side. A circular seal for the "PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION CLEAT" is also visible. At the bottom, "Police Week May 14 - 18, 2018" is written in white.

From the Treasurer

William (Buddy) Heuberger
Executive Director Lamar & Red River County Crime Stoppers
Treasurer, TX4CS



990 Annual Tax Return

The filing deadline is fast approaching, for those of you who haven't already filed your crime stoppers organization's 990 tax return. Almost all tax-exempt organizations are required to file an annual return. Which form an organization must file generally depends on its financial activity, as shown below.

- Gross receipts normally \leq \$50,000..... 990-N*
- Gross receipts $<$ \$200,000, and Total assets $<$ \$500,000..... 990-EZ or 990
- Gross receipts \geq \$200,000, or Total assets \geq \$500,000..... 990

**Note: Organizations eligible to file the e-Postcard may choose to file a full return.*

The return is due on the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of the organization's fiscal year. As an example, the 2016 return of an organization whose fiscal year ended on June 30, 2016, would have been due November 15, 2016. For taxable years starting after December 31, 2015, there is an automatic six-month extension granted upon request by filing IRS Form 8868 before the due date

Business Organizations Code

The Texas Business Organizations Code, Chapter 22 contains several provisions which are very important to Crime Stoppers.

You are required to give notice of meetings of the corporation. Corporations, other than a church shall provide written notice of the place, date, and time of a meeting of the members of the corporation and, if the meeting is a special meeting, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. The notice shall be delivered to each member entitled to vote at the meeting not later than the 10th day and not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the meeting. But, you may provide in the corporation's bylaws that notice of an annual or regular meeting is not required. I suggest you include the place, date, and time of your regular meetings in your bylaws.

Contrary to information you might have received from other sources, there is no set number of directors for a Texas nonprofit corporation, but three is the minimum. You determine the actual number based on what works best for your organization. The officers of a corporation shall include a president and a secretary and may include one or more vice presidents, a treasurer, and other officers and assistant officers as considered necessary. Any two or more offices, other than the offices of president and secretary, may be held by the same person.

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From the Treasurer

A corporation shall maintain current and accurate financial records with complete entries as to each financial transaction of the corporation, including income and expenditures, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on the records maintained, the board of directors of the corporation shall annually prepare or approve a financial report for the corporation for the preceding year. The report must conform to accounting standards as adopted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and must include:

- (1) a statement of support, revenue, and expenses;
- (2) a statement of changes in fund balances;
- (3) a statement of functional expenses; and
- (4) a balance sheet for each fund

A corporation shall keep records, books, and annual reports of the corporation's financial activity at the corporation's registered or principal office in this state for at least three years after the close of the fiscal year.

The corporation shall make the records, books, and reports available to the public for inspection and copying at the corporation's registered or principal office during regular business hours. The corporation may charge a reasonable fee for preparing a copy of a record or report.

A corporation commits an offense if the corporation fails to maintain a financial record, prepare an annual report, or make the record or report available to the public. An offense under this section is a Class B misdemeanor.

The secretary of state may require a domestic corporation registered to conduct affairs in Texas to file a report not more than once every four years (*Form 802, Periodic Report – Nonprofit Corporation*). The notice requiring submittal of a report will be sent to your registered agent.

If your registered agent has died or no longer receives mail at the address on file with the secretary of state the request will not be delivered to you, and your right to conduct affairs in Texas will be forfeited without judicial action.

If you don't know who your registered agent is, you can do a search at:

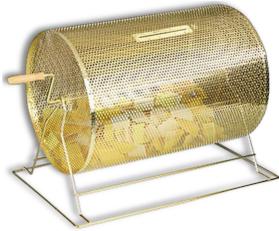
<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/sosda/index.shtml>

There is a nominal fee for conducting the search.

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From the Treasurer

Raffles



The Charitable Raffle Enabling Act permits "qualified organizations" to hold raffles, with certain specified restrictions.

A raffle is defined as the award of one or more prizes by chance at a single occasion among a single pool or group of persons who have paid or promised a thing of value for a ticket that represents a chance to win a prize.

As the definition pertains to Crime Stoppers, a qualified organization is a nonprofit organization that has existed for at least three preceding years and is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c), Internal Revenue Code; does not distribute any of its income to its members, officers, or governing body; does not devote a substantial part of its activities to attempting to influence legislation; and does not participate in any political campaign.

A qualified organization may hold only two raffles per calendar year but only one raffle at a time. Any prize maybe offered, except money or anything readily convertible to money. If the raffle organizers offer a prize which they have purchased or have given other consideration for, the value of the prize may not exceed \$50,000, or \$250,000 if the prize is a residential dwelling. There is no value limit on the value of prizes donated to the organization. Texas lottery tickets may be purchased and offered as prizes, even though the tickets' payoff may exceed \$50,000.

The organization must have each raffle prize in its possession or ownership or must post a bond for the full amount of the value of the prize with the county clerk of the county where the raffle will be held.

Proceeds from ticket sales must be used only for the charitable purposes of the qualified organization.

Raffle tickets may not be advertised statewide or through paid advertisements.

Each raffle ticket must state:

- the name of the organization conducting the raffle;
- the address of the organization or of a named officer of the organization;
- the ticket price;
- a general description of each prize having a value of more than \$10; and
- the date on which the raffle prize(s) will be awarded.

No one may be compensated directly or indirectly for organizing or conducting a raffle or for selling raffle tickets.

An unauthorized raffle is considered gambling under the Texas Penal Code. Conducting such a raffle is a Class A misdemeanor. Participating in an unauthorized raffle is a Class C misdemeanor.

Complete raffle rules are available at: <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/charities-nonprofits-charitable-raffles> and <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/OC/html/OC.2002.htm>

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Crime Stoppers & the Law

Judge Richard W. Carter, Retired
Legal Counsel to Texas Association for Crime Stoppers, Inc.



Best Practices

I periodically may refer to "Best Practices" when providing answers to questions submitted to me. Occasionally, organizations such as Crime Stoppers of the United States of America, Inc. may publish articles or documents referred to as its "Best Practices". Yet "Best Practices" may not necessarily be contained in a single list or document.

"Best Practices" is nothing more than the sharing of information, policies, procedures which have been proven effective in governing a Crime Stoppers organization and operating its program. It can also be the sharing of practices which have proven to be ineffective and sometimes even disastrous.

I have advised a Crime Stoppers program it was not wise to allow a person onto the board of directors as secretary-treasurer who was fired from a local law enforcement agency and placed on deferred adjudication for embezzling bail bond money. I told them it was not a "Best Practice". Sadly, some organizations are controlled by individuals who care little or nothing about adhering to "Best Practices" because "it's not binding upon us" or "show me exactly where it says we cannot do this?" The book of common sense is simply too heavy for me to lift down off the shelf, and too lengthy for me to have time to thumb through. It should be inherently a part of one's mindset and activities. The Crime Stoppers program decided they liked the secretary and wanted the person on their board. You can only imagine what a slap in the face this was to the local law enforcement agency with whom Crime Stoppers was ostensibly a partner of sorts.

Only in Texas?

If your Crime Stoppers organization is certified and receiving court-generated funds which are to be spent in accordance with Section 414.010 (d) of the Texas Government Code, you might not be in good graces with me and Crime Stoppers Founder Greg MacAleese if you have gone off-track, and are ignoring a common sense "Best Practice" that I will now discuss.

Years ago, when we had to fight very hard to obtain legislation which allowed judges to order defendants to pay money to a Crime Stoppers fund locally, and to obtain a share of the distribution pie on Class C misdemeanor (citation/ticket) offenses, it was necessary to assure members of the Texas Legislature that the funds would be properly spent. The Legislature trusted Crime Stoppers even further by allowing a Crime Stoppers organization to use its excess funds on a variety of statutorily designated purposes. We also had to assure the legislators Crime Stoppers would not use the funds in a political manner.

I have no problem with a Crime Stoppers organization distributing its excess funds PROVIDED the Crime Stoppers program is being properly run and is as efficient and effective as possible.

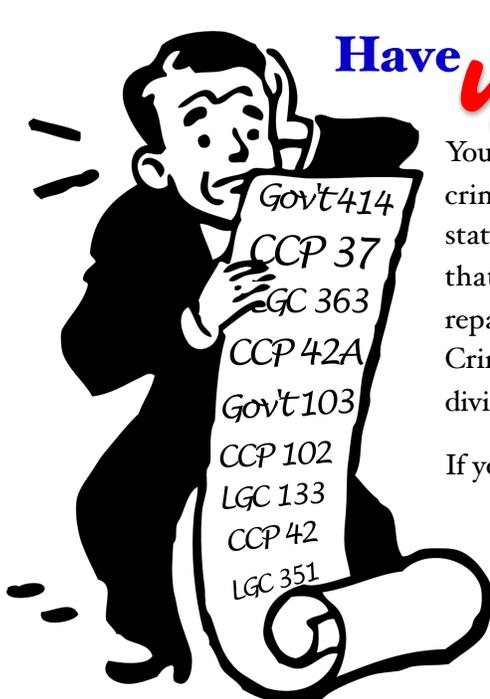
Crime Stoppers & the Law

If a Crime Stoppers organization in one year solved only a handful of cases (the average human hand has a thumb and four fingers, upon which one can count to five), and paid out less than a total of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) in rewards, I am not impressed. If it is in a geographical area that has more than one red light, a post office, and a Wal-Mart, I am more than just disappointed. The program is an operational failure. I am not through venting. Please read further.

A Crime Stoppers organization, especially a stand-alone corporation, i.e. one that does not operate other crime-solving and/or crime prevention programs, is a charitable organization, but it is NOT a grant agency whose business is to routinely solicit, review, and distribute funds. Would anyone be shocked to learn the Crime Stoppers organization described above, with such a poor performance, was able to give away more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) of statutory court-generated funds in one year?

What happens after such distributions? Do the recipients become dependent upon such funding to the extent they will ask/demand a recurring gift? Will the recipients become politically obligated to the non-political Crime Stoppers charity? Are those who did not receive gifted (re-gifted?) money from Crime Stoppers be resentful enemies of Crime Stoppers?

Does a Crime Stoppers organization which redistributes the funds to an agency or organization have a duty to require any type of accountability from the recipient? Is there a contract (such as the contract required if a county were to give money to Crime Stoppers under Section 351.901 (b) of the Texas Local Government Code? Giving away money with no criteria requiring the recipient to use and account for the use with a financial report is irresponsible. Best Practice. Common sense.



Have *you* prepared *your* Prosecutors

You're prepared. You know the law. You're receiv'n tips, help'n solve crimes, and pay'n rewards...but do your local prosecutors understand the statutory protections afforded Crime Stoppers Tipsters? Do they know that you're a certified organization and eligible to receive reward repayments and probation fees? For that matter, do they even know that Crime Stoppers is a private, nonprofit corporation or do they think its a division of the police department?

If you don't know the answers, you'd better find out.

You can't wait for your tip records to be subpoenaed to court before trying to explain Chapter 414 of the Government Code. Go now—right now, you can read the rest of this later—and educate your prosecutors and judges. Remember, what you do impacts all of us.

Know Your Worth

JB Smith

Executive Director, Crime Stoppers of Lufkin

Board Member and Trainer, Texas Association for Crime Stoppers

Past Chairman, Texas Crime Stoppers Council



If you know me, you've probably heard me speak about the value of every member of an organization. Whether you're part of a nonprofit, a law enforcement agency, or a sports team, you have a vital role to play.

Too often, I hear someone say "I'm just an officer" or "I'm just a board member," as if throwing the "just" in front of their title removes some responsibility or lessens the knowledge they are expected to possess. Those statements cause me physical pain. Any statement beginning with "I'm just a..." is bothersome on many levels. "I'm just an officer or a board member, so I don't know how things work or why", indicates a lack of understanding of one's purpose and importance (and likely indicates a lack of proper oversight of the organization's operations). "I'm just a teacher, so don't blame me for the school's shortcomings", expresses a desire to not be held accountable. "I'm just an officer, so I don't deserve any credit for the decreased crime rate," diminishes the work of others of the same standing. For now, let me speak to one: I'm-just-a group—Board Members.

Anyone who has attended one of my classes has heard me preach about the duty of a board of directors to maintain ownership of THEIR tips and records, about voicing an opinion concerning THEIR law enforcement coordinator, and about encouraging the chief or sheriff to participate in but not allowing them to control THEIR organization. You're wrong if you believe that being a member of a board of directors for a Crime Stoppers organization is a position of little importance, with little authority, with even less accountability, and without the ability to impact the citizens and law enforcement personnel of an entire community. Crime Stoppers organizations are nonprofit CORPORATIONS and "Board Members" are Crime Stoppers.

Yes, every Crime Stoppers organization needs a peace officer as a coordinator and liaison, citizens as tipsters, and media partners as promoters, but the organization derives its authority and power from the individual board members and Crime Stoppers ends without them.

If you're a board member and feel unimportant or don't understand your purpose, you'll benefit from attending training—contact me to discuss scheduling a class tailored specifically for your organization. With a quality instructor, you'll leave the class with a sense of purpose and excitement and with the knowledge that you can and do make a difference in your community.

When evaluating yourself and others, you must figure out what role you play. Are you the board's worker, showing up early, leaving late, setting up, taking down, running errands, and serving as a productive member of committees? Are you the board's wisdom with knowledge of Crime Stoppers operations or an expert in some field that benefits the organization? Or, are you the board's wealth and able to donate,

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cause to be donated, or raise funds for the operation of the organization? Worker, wisdom, or wealth, which are you? For some board members, the answer is none. They enjoy attending meetings and functions but limit their participation to saying "aye", defer to others on decisions that impact the course of their corporation, refuse to raise funds, and are unwilling to be accountable for the organization's successes and failures. A properly run board calls them "ex-board members". Most boards have an advisory committee, a group of non-voting members who receive all the social perks of being "on the board" without the burdensome responsibilities. Moving non-productive board members to an advisory role will open a spot for one of the three Ws and might serve as motivation for them to get actively involved again in the future.

Some of you think the organization will end if you leave the board. While I doubt that's true for most organizations, I know it is a sad reality for a few. If that is your reality and you are, in your opinion, just a board member, then closing shop is perfectly acceptable. Nearby Crime Stoppers organizations can pick up the slack and your local law enforcement agencies and officers will survive. Plus, Texas Association for Crime Stoppers will help you restart if the community's interest returns.

To repeat my point; there is no such thing as "just a board member". Board members make Crime Stoppers possible; they merely need the occasional reminder of their authority, accountability, and importance. We're all part of the same puzzle but we won't see the whole picture until we know where we fit.



RESOURCES FOR NONPROFITS

GuideStar

GuideStar's mission is to revolutionize philanthropy by providing information that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions, and encourages charitable giving. You'll find training, guidance, and current Events for nonprofits at guidestar.org

The Fundraising Authority

The Fundraising Authority strives to help nonprofits of all sizes fund work that matters by offering information and counsel on how to raise money. TheFundraisingAuthority.com

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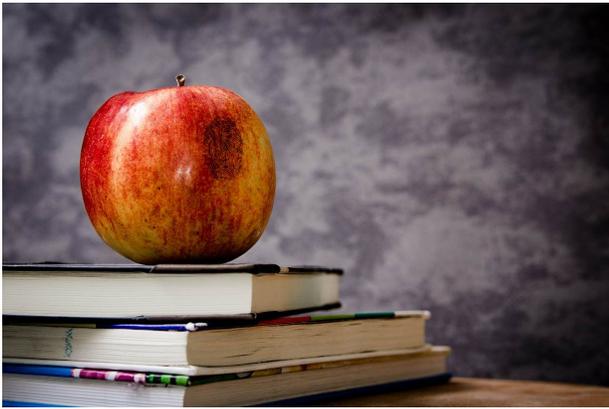
TechSoup is a technology product philanthropy service serving nonprofits across the country, and around the world. Through TechSoup, nonprofits can obtain software, computers, and equipment at a fraction of the retail price. TechSoup.org

Operating on Campus

JB Smith

I read recently in another publication that there are two ways in Texas to establish a Crime Stoppers program on school campuses; bringing the campus under the umbrella of a community program and creating a new, independent nonprofit corporation. While both umbrellaed and independent are options for bringing Crime Stoppers' crime prevention and crime-solving program on campus, they are not the only options.

An umbrellaed program operates under the "umbrella" of an existing community CS organization. It is comprised of and operated by a student board of directors; it is defined in the community organization's bylaws as a Campus CS program; it is and operated under the policies and procedures of the community organization.



An independent campus crime stoppers organization is just that, an independent non-profit corporation recognized by the Internal Revenue Service under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code and by the Secretary of State under the Texas Business Organization's Code. Creating an independent campus CS organization is no different than creating a community CS organization; each have their own board of directors, bylaws, and operating procedures; each has a defined area of operation; and each may seek certification, probation fees, reward reimbursements, and Texas Crime

Stoppers Assistance Fund grants.

The third option, the one not mentioned in the other publication, is the School Safety program and it's the easiest to start. In fact, you're probably doing it already and might not know it. Under the School Safety model, the community CS organization operates on a campus as it does in every other part of the community. The community CS board of directors sets the rules, determines reward amounts, promotes the programs, etc. Think of each school campus as another city within the county already covered by the community organization.

There are advantages to each model, and we can discuss those in detail during training, but be aware that you have school campuses within your operational area and crimes are occurring on those campuses. Even without a formal agreement with the school district, you're likely to receive campus-related tips and those tips cannot be ignored. Make sure your bylaws and policies permit you to receive, process, and pay rewards for campus offenses (crimes, bullying, administrative discipline issues, etc.), and then contact your schools. Let them know how you can help and make them aware that students, teachers, staff, and parents will submit tips whether Crime Stoppers is officially "on campus", or not.

Training

June 25 and 26, Texas Crime Stoppers plans to hold a two-day basic training class at Grand Prairie Police Department. Anyone needing to fulfill the training requirements certification should attend this class.

Register at:

gov.texas.gov/apps/cjd/crimestoppers/CStraining.aspx

Any TX4CS member organization in need of individualized training or training that goes beyond the Basic Crime Stoppers course may contact JB Smith at jbsmith@639TIPS.com

Meetings

The Texas Crime Stoppers Council will meet in Austin at 10:00 AM Friday, June 22, 2018. The meeting will be held in the Kester Conference Room of the State Insurance Building (1100 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX 78701). This is the location used for the Council's December 2017. Although Council meetings are regulated by the Open Meetings Act and are open to the public, the location necessitates each attendee sign in and be escorted from the building's lobby to the meeting room; the meeting will be open to everyone but arrive early. TX4CS will attend to represent all Association members and to provide you with video of the meeting (follow facebook.com/TX4CS for updates).

Important Dates

Under [Rule §3.9013](#), Texas Administrative Code (*Title 1, Part 1, Chapter 3, Subchapter H*), all certified Crime Stoppers organizations must submit quarterly statistical reports. Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) at Texas A&M University manages the reporting for the Office of the Governor and reports, due no later than January 31, **April 30**, July 31, and October 31 of each year, are submitted online at: <https://cjd.tamu.edu/>

October is half a year away, but it's time to start planning, fundraising, and budgeting to attend the 30th Annual Texas Crime Stoppers Conference October 08-10 in Schertz. Now also is the time to prepare your submissions for the Texas Best Awards. Gather your articles, photos, videos, and recordings so you won't be scrambling to find them just before the conference. More information is available at: gov.texas.gov/organization/crime-stoppers/texas-best-awards



Monday, April 09, Crime Stoppers organizations using P3 Global Intel to manage their tips should have received from Anderson Software a notice regarding the software's Internet Protocol (IP) address tracking preferences setting.

According to the notice, P3 Intel is capable of capturing IP addresses of web and mobile tip submissions. IP tracking is disabled by default for all accounts and JB Smith, operational and procedural advisor for TX4CS, recommends leaving it disabled.

"As an investigator," JB explained, "I understand the desire to have as much information as possible 'just in case we need it' but, as a policy maker, I always weigh the need for information against the potential for misuse. The reality is, an IP address has little prosecutorial value since courts ruled that the addresses are insufficient evidence of identity, but the potential damage to the Crime Stoppers community of tracking tipsters is immeasurable. No matter how nuanced you believe your situation to be, tracking tipsters is a recipe for disaster."

The notice, sent by Kevin Anderson, President/CEO of Anderson Software, makes this same point, noting; "it is advisable for Crime Stoppers to Opt-Out of IP Tracking by default...". The notice provided a verification code and each organization must either Opt-In or **Opt-Out** of IP Tracking.

For those who envision a time when your organization will receive threats or other information that could warrant tracking an IP address, and you believe the submitting person will do so maliciously and without the knowledge necessary to mask their IP address, P3 offers the means to temporarily enable IP Tracking (contact them directly request temporary tracking).

Not only is Anderson Software a corporate member of TX4CS, they are an integral part of Crime Stoppers. We thank them for their continued support and we appreciate greatly their having the forethought to make this an Opt-In option. At a time where Facebook and others freely share and sell our information, Anderson Software is working to protect us.

If you did not receive the notice, contact Anderson Software directly: support@andersoft.com.

If you don't use P3 to manage your tips, contact a CS organization that does and ask why they do. Ease of use and interoperability are better than anything Crime Stoppers has ever had.

