

# TIP SHEET

MARCH 2018 EDITION



## THANK YOU TO OUR 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL CAMPUS CONFERENCE

### HOST

#### Crime Stoppers of Houston

- Rania Mankarious
- Michelle Sacks
- Tania Cruz
- Carly Gray
- Paige Hollek



- Jenna McGaw
- Nichole Christoph
- Stuart Hudson
- Mimi Zarenchansky
- Cabell wood

### MASTER'S OF CEREMONIES

- Roula Christie, 104.1 KBRE The Roula & Ryan Morning Show
- Derrick Shore, Co-host- KPRC, Houston Life

### KEYNOTES

- Mario E. Figueroa, Jr. "GONZO"
- Dr. Jeff Temple, University of Texas Medical Branch
- Kristina Anderson, Kosha Foundation
- Lt. Wende Wakeman, Texas Rangers - DPS
- Pierce Bush, Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star
- Alan Rosen, Harris County Constable, Precinct 1

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# Do You Have UNCLAIMED PROPERTY?

What is Unclaimed Property?

Since 1963, Texas has required institutions, businesses and governmental entities to report to the state any personal property that has been unclaimed for up to five years, depending on the property in question. Unclaimed property can be abandoned assets.

Some examples:

- dividend, payroll or cashier's checks
- stocks, bonds or mutual fund accounts
- utility deposits and other refunds
- bank accounts and safe deposit box contents
- insurance proceeds
- mineral interest or royalty payments
- court deposits, trust funds or escrow accounts
- overpayments on insurance, utilities and other bills

Unclaimed property does not include real estate or vehicles.

There is no statute of limitations for unclaimed property. Funds reported will remain here indefinitely until returned to their rightful owner.

Search the Comptroller's Unclaimed Property: <https://claimitexas.org/>

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## AMBASSADOR'S CORNER WARM WEATHER REMINDER

When I interviewed Lt. McKown I asked him questions like, why he wanted to become a police officer, how becoming a police officer has helped him better his community, when he was a police officer why did he want to be in crime stoppers, and how did being in crime stoppers help him better his community.

He wanted to become a police officer because his father was one and enjoyed it. This drew him to the role of a police officer. He also liked the idea that he would get to help people. Becoming a police officer helped Lt. McKown better his community by stopping and preventing crimes.

Lt. McKown wanted to be in crime stoppers because it is a great organization. The idea of remaining completely anonymous helps people come forward that may not have originally come forward. Crime stoppers also helps the community by solving crimes.

After interviewing Lt. McKown, I have a better understanding of why he became a police officer, helping others. I also want to help people that cannot help themselves. That is one of the reasons I joined Student Crime Stoppers, helping others. A way to help our student community stay safe, by helping law enforcement solve crime.

- Aaron McKown, Student Ambassador  
Odessa Student Crime Stoppers

It's still winter and already a child has died in a hot car.

On 2/28, a 1-year-old boy was left in his mother's vehicle while she was at work at a salon in Miami, FL. The boy died from heatstroke.

Last year, a total of 43 U.S. children died in preventable hot car tragedies and we want to significantly lower that number in 2018. KidsAndCars.org hopes you will join us early this year to help bring awareness to these unthinkable tragedies.

KidsAndCars.org believes the solution to these preventable tragedies is a combination of technology and education. The HOT CARS Act would require all vehicles to come with a driver reminder system to prevent hot car deaths.

Simple safety tips for parents can be found at <http://bit.ly/2F5WqSB>.

For more information on child hot car deaths, please feel free to contact us or visit <https://www.kidsand-cars.org/how-kids-get-hurt/heat-stroke/>.



# CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS

Have you considered extending your Crime Stoppers reach to your local ISD? Maybe you have discussed starting a campus program but have been unsure of where to start. The State Team is here to help!

Campus Crime Stoppers has had a tremendous impact across Texas since its inception. Although there is no way to know exactly how many lives have been saved or incidents prevented in Texas schools, we DO know this:

Since Crime Stoppers was established on school campuses in Texas  
\$5,067,980 in drugs have been seized  
\$72,530 in stolen property has been returned to its rightful owner  
6,000 weapons have been removed from school grounds

Campus Crime Stoppers is not only an anonymous reporting tool but is also a prevention method, helping to stop harmful, illegal, and suspicious activity on campuses without the fear of retaliation. Reports of weapons, drugs, bullying, stolen property, vandalism, dating violence, harassment, fighting, sexual misconduct, child abuse, and self safety risks (suicide) can all be reported by students which protects our youth and allows them to focus on their academics and personal success instead of fearing for their personal safety while in class.



- Happy 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Kaufman County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Rusk County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary to Henderson County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Brazoria County Crime Stoppers
- Happy 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Trinity County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Moore County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary to Atascosa County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Tri-County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Heart of Texas Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Fort Stockton Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to La Marque Crime Stoppers Program, Inc.
- Happy 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Limestone County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Baytown Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- Happy 37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Tyler 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:**  
[www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)



**Learn more about eligibility and grant programs that are available.**



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

# 23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TEXAS BEST CAMPUS AWARD WINNERS

## PRODUCTIVITY AWARD WINNERS

GREATEST DOLLAR RECOVERY & MOST CASES CLEARED  
STUDENT POPULATION 501-1,500  
MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

GREATEST DOLLAR RECOVERY & MOST CASES CLEARED  
STUDENT POPULATION 1, 501-3,000  
POLK COUNTY CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

GREATEST DOLLAR RECOVERY  
STUDENT POPULATION 3,001-5,000  
KERR CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

MOST CASES CLEARED  
STUDENT POPULATION 3,001-5,000  
COPPERAS COVE CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

GREATEST DOLLAR RECOVERY  
STUDENT POPULATION 6,001-8,000  
HARLINGEN AREA CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

MOST CASES CLEARED  
STUDENT POPULATION 6,001-8,000  
BRAZOS COUNTY CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

GREATEST DOLLAR RECOVERY & MOST CASES CLEARED  
STUDENT POPULATION 8,001-10,000  
WICHITA FALLS CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

GREATEST DOLLAR RECOVERY & MOST CASES CLEARED  
STUDENT POPULATION 10,001-15,000  
BAYTOWN CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

GREATEST DOLLAR RECOVERY & MOST CASES CLEARED  
STUDENT POPULATION 15,001-20,000  
BRAZORIA COUNTY CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

GREATEST DOLLAR RECOVERY & MOST CASES CLEARED  
STUDENT POPULATION 20,001-25,000

## PUBLICITY AWARDS WINNERS

NEWSPRINT COMPETITION 2016/2017  
BEST GENERAL NEWSPRINT  
WICHITA FALLS CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

TELEVISION COMPETITION 2016/2017  
BEST SPECIAL PRODUCTION/PSA  
LA JOYA ISD CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

TELEVISION COMPETITION 2016/2017  
BEST CRIME OF THE WEEK  
WICHITA FALLS CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

BEST WEBSITE 2016/2017  
GRAND PRAIRIE SCHOOLS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

TEXAS BEST SOCIAL MEDIA AWARD 2016/2017  
NORTH LAMAR STUDENT CRIME STOPPERS

CREATIVE PUBLICITY AWARD 2016/2017  
DR. CANO FRESHMAN ACADEMY- RAVEN CRIME STOPPERS

## INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR 2017  
OFFICER MICHAEL CONKLIN  
NORTHWEST ISD CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR 2017  
MELODY SHANNON  
NORTH LAMAR STUDENT CRIME STOPPERS

JOE MARTINO ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD 2017  
JENNIFER ROBERTS  
TYLER-SMITH COUNTY CAMPUS CRIME STOPPERS, INC.



# 10 MOST WANTED PROGRAM, TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS

**UP TO \$10,000 REWARD**

**Featured Fugitive**



Carlos Rafael BENITEZ is charged with Aggravated Assault of a Public Servant against an Amarillo Police Department officer and Evading Arrest with a Vehicle stemming from a traffic stop on August 2, 2016.

BENITEZ was indicted in Potter County on October 12, 2016, and charged with the offenses. On March 8, 2017, multiple arrest warrants were issued in Potter County for BENITEZ for Bond Surrender (Original Offenses: Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant and Evading Arrest or Detention with a Vehicle) after BENITEZ failed to appear in court.

BENITEZ has ties to Amarillo, Texas, and Donley County (including the town of Hedley), Dallas, Grand Prairie, and Arlington. He has a history of working in the tire service business.

**TIP:** Sharing this information across Texas via Crime Stoppers Organizations on websites and social media pages help to capture Benitez! **TOGETHER WE CAN!**

## To Submit a Tip Click [HERE!](#)

John Wayne STONEHAM, a high-risk sex offender, was taken into custody on December 14, 2017, in Houston, Texas. Working off tip information, members of the U.S. Gulf Coast Violent Offender Fugitive Task Force, including DPS Special Agents, located and apprehended STONEHAM without incident.

In 1985, STONEHAM was convicted of Indecency with a Child-Sexual Contact after an incident in Grimes County involving a 13-year-old girl. He was discharged from TDCJ in April 1991. Later that same year, STONEHAM was convicted of multiple counts of Burglary of a Habitation with Intent to Commit Sexual Assault after two incidents in Pasadena, Texas, in which he broke into the residence of a 25-year-old female during the nighttime hours. STONEHAM subsequently was sentenced to 25 years in TDCJ prison.

STONEHAM had been wanted for parole violation since May 21, 2017, after he absconded from the Southeast Texas Transitional Center in Houston. In addition, he was also wanted out of Harris County for Failure to Comply with Sex Offender Registration Requirements. The arrest was the result of tip information received through Texas Crime Stoppers and a reward will be paid.



## MEETINGS & TRAININGS

### Texas Crime Stoppers Council Meeting

DATE: Friday, June 22, 2018

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Kester Conference Room, State Insurance Building  
1100 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX 78701

### Texas Crime Stoppers Basic Training Course (Registration Opening Soon)

DATE: June 25-26, 2018

TIME: 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM

LOCATION: Grand Prairie Police Department Public Safety Building, Community Room  
1525 Arkansas Ln, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

Note: Priority will be given to CS Organizations who need training for certification and to new board members and coordinators seeking an introduction to Texas Crime Stoppers.

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### More Training Opportunities

#### National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

**Technology Related Crimes Against Children Conference** comes to Beaumont March 27 and 28.

This conference focuses on the investigation, response, and prosecution of the crimes against children that utilize Internet technologies. For more information and to register click [here](#).

**Spotlight on Exploitation** is coming to Beaumont on March 29 and to Longview on April 12.

This training provides child welfare stakeholders knowledge and resources to address, combat, and prevent the exploitation and trafficking of youth in the child welfare system. For more information and to register click [here](#).

#### Office of Public Safety, Homeland Security- E-Grants Training

The OOG is pleased to offer a one-day (free) class of eGrants training, open to any grantee using the OOG's eGrants system. <https://egrants.gov.texas.gov> Examples used in the class were initially tailored to HSGD border programs; however, any OOG grantee will benefit from the class by learning eGrants functionality. If you're interested in attending, please click this [link to register](#).

**You MUST bring your own laptop**, or other device with a web browser, for this class; you'll connect to the training website via Wi-Fi. Handouts and student login ID's to access eGrants will be provided.

Time: 8 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Morning session: Overview of the eGrants system and a tab-by-tab explanation of the contents of an HSGD grant.

Afternoon session: Hands-on practice with creating and submitting Grant Adjustments, Budget Adjustments, and Financial Status Reports (FSR's).

Jason Buckner, HSGD Business Operations Manager, presents the class. Kimberly Hild, HSGD Compliance Specialist, and Debbie Jacaman, HSGD Border Security Grant Manager, are on hand to assist and answer questions.

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