

WHAT IS LA REGIONAL CRIME STOPPERS?

LA Regional Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that allows you to report crime without getting involved. You remain anonymous. So, you don't have to be afraid of someone hurting you or your family for reporting a crime.

LA Regional Crime Stoppers works with law enforcement, television, radio, newspapers, bloggers, and community members to provide a safe and efficient way to report and solve crimes.

HOW DID IT START?

Crime Stoppers started in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1976, when a young gas station attendant was brutally murdered. There were no witnesses and no leads. The lead detective knew *someone* had seen *something*—but was too afraid to tell the police for fear of being retaliated against..

So, the young detective made a video re-enacting the crime and talked local TV stations into running it. He offered anyone who came forward total anonymity. And, he offered a cash reward. Within days, the crime was solved.

Today, Crime Stoppers is international with nearly 1500 separate groups. There are dozens of groups in California alone.

HOW CRIME STOPPERS WORKS

If you know a crime has been committed or may be committed, you can:

- ◆ Call the Crime Stoppers Hot line,
- ◆ Text the information,
- ◆ Place an online tip on our website, or
- ◆ Use the mobile App.

Your identity will never be known. You will receive a secret code (four to six digits) that you will use to identify yourself if you call back to see if your tip has resulted in an arrest. If your tip results in an arrest, you may be eligible for a cash reward up to \$1,000.



TIP BY PHONE: 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

The hot line is staffed 24/7. Call anytime with your anonymous tip information. You will never be asked for your name, address or any other personal information. And, there is no caller ID on the line. Everything is encrypted.



TIP ONLINE:

Go to our website and click on the "Give a Tip" link:
<http://www.lacrimestoppers.org>.



TEXT YOUR TIP

To text a tip to Los Angeles Regional Crime Stoppers, follow these steps:

Step 1: Text to **274637** in the "to" line on your phone's keypad. (The number spells "**CRIMES**.")

Step 2) In the message space, type the word "**TIPLA**." Then type a space. Now, enter your crime information.

Include detailed information such as the name of the person committing the crime, his/her address, the vehicle he or she drives, and a clear description of the crime so the tip can be fully investigated.

Step 3) Hit "**Send**."

Step 4) You will receive a text with your secret code number. Keep this code—it will start the secure text dialogue with the operator.

Step 5) Delete your message from your out box so no one can see it. And, always delete all your text messages to and from the **274637** number.

MOBILE APP

You can download a free mobile App from either the Apple or the Android site. Instructions are provided there for the use of the App.



WE RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY

We do not collect any phone or online personal information for you. Your texts and your web tips, as well as your phone tips are completely anonymous to Crime Stoppers and anyone else. You will only be known as your code number. The information you send is given to the appropriate Police or Sheriff's investigator.



If this is an emergency, dial 911.