



(912) 234-2020 – Anonymous Crime Tip Line

(912) 652-3560 Office

Savannah-Chatham County CrimeStoppers

Post Office Box 1027

Savannah, Georgia 31402

Answers to the most frequently asked questions regarding
CRIMESTOPPERS REWARDS up to \$2,500

1. Rewards go up to \$2,500 for the more serious violent crimes but average fewer than 10 individual rewards presented per month and less than \$500 per award. Eligibility excludes crime victims, defendants & law enforcement.
2. Rewards are for *new* information leading to an arrest and are paid from donations, not tax dollars. Eligibility excludes crime victims, defendants & law enforcement.
3. Following recommendations from law enforcement and staff, only the CrimeStoppers board of directors is authorized to determine and approve rewards. The board raises money for the reward fund and ensures the policies and procedures are consistent with CrimeStoppers USA guidelines for members.
4. CrimeStoppers cannot verify or confirm the identity or details about the reward even if an informant lets someone else know of their reported tip or an approved reward.
5. More than one tipster may be rewarded depending on the level of new detail and the investigator's recommendation.
6. CrimeStoppers only communicates reward information with the informant who can provide their original code number AND answer questions from the content of that report.
7. An informant must re-contact the tip line to learn if their tip assisted in leading to an arrest. The informant is instructed where and how to pick up their reward.
8. Only a code number is required to receive the cash payment. No name is ever asked, no ID required, no tracing, no taping, no recording of calls or of the pick-up of the reward.
9. The reward transaction takes place in a local bank and is cross checked on-site by two authorized bank employees to ensure procedures are followed. This service has been generously donated by different banks since the inception of the program.
10. Designated a private non-profit charity, board members are elected annually and include representatives from the community, the Chamber of Commerce, the media, universities, the Savannah-Chatham County Police Department, the Sheriff's Department, & other law enforcement agencies which may include state or federal law enforcement representatives.

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HOW CRIMESTOPPERS WORKS

1. During a crime tip interview, CrimeStoppers does not ask, take, or maintain the name of the informant. If an informant volunteers their identity during the interview, the name is not included in the report.
2. Since 1983, more than 40,000 crime tips have been received. Up to 150 calls per month are received. More than 80% of callers call only once.
3. Our services are free to all victims and witnesses of crime and concerned citizens. CrimeStoppers serves all victims of crime and law enforcement regardless of the jurisdiction. Savannah-Chatham County crime tips have been distributed to more than 180 different law enforcement agencies worldwide.
4. Informants never come to the CrimeStopper office. The CrimeStopper office is housed at a secured location with law enforcement agencies. Interviewers answer the crime tip phone line 24/7/365.
5. An estimated 20% of callers request contact information and volunteer to work directly with investigators to solve crime. Those callers are no longer considered a silent witness and are not eligible for a reward through CrimeStoppers.
6. Anonymous callers are only identified by a specific code unique to the caller. Reports exclude information identifying the caller.
7. The interview, on average, may last 15 minutes while other interviews may last up to one hour. Tips are primarily received by phone, but crime tips are also received through the CrimeStoppers' web site or via text.
8. Area law enforcement agencies supply CrimeStoppers with photographs, profiles, and case updates of fugitives and unsolved cases featured in CrimeStoppers' website, billboard, newspaper, TV, and radio outreach to the community. Media annually donate more than \$1 million in advertising space to CrimeStoppers to support our mission.
9. Although nearly \$393,000 has been paid in rewards, approximately half of the rewards go unclaimed by tipsters with no interest in a reward for their help to solve a crime. More than 80% of our callers are motivated by civic duty and not monetary reward.
10. CrimeStoppers is a private non-profit but receives housing, staffing, and other support from the City and County through the Criminal Investigative Division of the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

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