



SAFE COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Houston's top non-profit that keeps you safe everyday.

ESTABLISHED 2013

The function of the Safe Community Program is to **identify crime affecting the Greater Houston Area** and take profound steps to prevent crime before it occurs through **citizen empowerment and education**. Initiatives include Human Trafficking, Teen Dating Violence, Animal Cruelty, Financial Crimes, Child Abuse, Elder Abuse, Summer Safety, Fire/Firework Safety, Back to School Safety, Counter-Terrorism, Victim Services, Domestic Violence, Anti-Bullying, Safe Shopping, and Situational Awareness.

The program educates citizens through in-person presentations, trainings, community events and written material. In 2020, the program introduced additional educational resources like safety videos and the Styling Social Justice podcast.

PRESENTATIONS

Animal Cruelty

Discusses animal abuse and neglect, the prevalence of the issue, ways to report, and the link between animal abuse and criminal violence.

Child Abuse

Provides insight on child abuse prevention, forms of abuse, signs and symptoms, and how to follow set protocols in a child abuse situation.

College Safety

Discusses current crime trends amongst college students, tips to avoid becoming a victim, identifying threats and potential dangers, and how and where to report victimization.

Crime Stoppers 101

Explains each program Crime Stoppers of Houston offers, the three ways to report a tip, and how to get involved with Crime Stoppers.

Domestic Violence

Discusses the signs, dangers, and potential outcomes of domestic violence while also bringing awareness to the subject and emphasizing the importance of reporting.

Elder Abuse

Exposes various types of elder abuse, signs of abuse, and how to report.

Financial Crimes

Provides tools to help avoid financial scams, loss, and crimes.

Home Security

Offers safety tips to ensure a secure home and an effective exit strategy if faced with home invasion.

Human Trafficking

Discusses current human trafficking trends, signs of trafficking, and how to report.

Seasonal Safety

Offers safe shopping tips, ways to protect your identity, and how to avoid becoming victimized during the busy holiday season.

Tip Line

Educates on crime prevention, current criminal activity trends, identifying threats and potential dangers, and how to safely and anonymously report tips through the Crime Stoppers of Houston Tip Line.

PARENT PRESENTATIONS

Cyber Safety

Discusses potential online dangers, cyber crime trends, popular social media and gaming platforms, and online monitoring tools to assist in keeping our youth safe while using the internet.

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Emphasizes the significance of mental health in adolescent and how parents can identify signs and symptoms, when and where to seek professional help, and protocol for handling dangerous situations such as potential suicide.

Substance Use Prevention

Explains the effects of substance use on an adolescent brain, signs and symptoms of abuse, and laws surrounding underage use.

Teen Dating and Sexual Misconduct

Identifies the difference in teen dating violence, abuse, sexual assault and sexual misconduct as well as discusses various forms of victimization, signs and symptoms of abuse, laws surrounding teen dating violence and sexual misconduct, and where and when to seek help if your child is victimized.

PRESENTATION REQUESTS

To request a presentation or inquire about an upcoming community event, contact szuiker@crime-stoppers.org.

The Victim Services and Advocacy Program provides the following to crime victims and survivors:

- Advocate for crime victims through all stages of victimization
- Ensure crime victims and survivors in efforts to assist in the rebuilding of their lives
- Assist in collaboration between law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, probation and parole departments, juvenile justice systems and social services.
- Accompany crime victims and survivors to Court and Parole Board hearings.
- Guide crime victims and survivors through media inquiries and speaking engagements.
- Refer crime victims and survivor to local, state-wide, and national victim assistance organizations.
- Work toward legislative improvements to enhance victims' rights and public safety.



In 2019, Crime Stoppers enacted and assisted in the following legislation:

- **House Bill 2079 and Senate Bill 2210**, also known as the 'Sir Romeo' bill, which allows families whose children are victims of attempted murder to apply for relocation expenses via the Crime Victims Compensation Program.
- **House Bill 1769**, also known as Clear Alert', which allows law enforcement to send out alerts for missing adults when criminal conduct is involved.
- **Senate Bill 4372**, also known as the Summer Camp Safety, bill which enhances the overall safety of campers and families.

COLLABORATIONS & TASK FORCES

Harris County Animal Cruelty Task Force (HCACTF)

The Greater Houston Area now has a centralized reporting tool for citizens to report suspected animal cruelty, abuse, neglect and abandonment. Led by Harris County Constable Precinct 5, the Taskforce was formed to streamline the process of where and how animal cruelty is reported in Houston and Harris County.



Concerned citizens can report cruelty through the website www.927paws.org or by calling 832-927-PAWS(7297).

Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition

As active members of the Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition, Crime Stoppers of Houston works collaboratively with over 50 human trafficking focused organization across Houston to be a united voice in the improvement of standards of care for trafficking victims.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC)

Crime Stoppers of Houston serves two roles as a proud member of the Houston Metro ICAC Task Force, providing prevention and awareness in the community and schools across Greater Houston; and assisting in the capture of wanted criminals associated with internet crimes.

Launched in 1998 with only 10 Task Forces across the United States, ICAC has grown to a national network of 61 coordinated Task Forces representing more than 3,000 federal, state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. These agencies are engaged in reactive, proactive, and forensic investigations, and criminal prosecutions.

ONGOING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Crime Stoppers of Houston offers various ongoing community engagement and educational opportunities.

Bus Tours

In partnership with Elijah Rising, human trafficking bus tours of high-probability trafficking areas in Houston are offered quarterly. This is an opportunity for community members (18+) to learn about current human trafficking trends and to see for themselves what human trafficking looks like in our city.

Counter-Terrorism Seminars

Seminars focusing on counter-terrorism are hosted bi-annually. In these seminars, prevention, detection and intervention are discussed as well as current domestic and international terrorism trends.

Self-Defense Classes

Offered on an ongoing basis, these hands-on self-defense classes are designed to teach you basic skills and moves to protect yourself from danger. This training covers situational awareness, a plan of action in the face of danger, tools to quickly evaluate the situation, and simple self-defense skills for close range encounters.

Styling Social Justice Podcast

Crime Stoppers CEO Rania Mankarious and Crime Stoppers board member Donae Chramosta, The Contessa host a weekly podcast with local and national personalities to style conversations around current events, social injustice, safety and health.