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MEMORANDUM NO. 2007- 060

TO: School District Superintendents
Principals

FROM: Jim McBride, Ed.D. 

DATE: March 23, 2007

SUBJECT: School Safety Anonymous Tip Line

CRITICAL NEW INFORMATION

Starting on April 2, 2007, the schools in the State of Wyoming will have a new service. It will be a school safety anonymous tip line administered by a non-profit organization called WeTip.

A small number of districts have already used this service on a local level. The WeTip program (**1-800-78-CRIME**) facilitates anonymous tips by trained staff for various potential problems in your district or school—harassment, molestation, graffiti, crime, theft and others. Through anonymous tips, the fear of retaliation is eliminated and key information can be obtained about these harmful activities.

Through this anonymous information, we hope to be able to identify responsible parties in an effort to reduce crime, recover stolen property, and prevent similar problematic actions in the future.

The enrollment cost is covered by PSN (Project Safe Neighborhoods) funding for the remainder of this school year and the next. After that, it will be covered by the Wyoming Department of Education. At no time will districts be charged for this service.

Please take the opportunity to place or distribute the enclosed cards, brochures, and posters at visible places of your choosing. Principals will receive hard copies of all electronic enclosures through the mail. There should be enough reminder cards enclosed for each student in the school.

You may also make additional posters or request additional brochures, if necessary. **If the program is to be successful as a significant crime deterrent, information must be distributed to students, teachers, and parents.**

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Also included in your packet is a Crime Report Sheet. **Principals, please fill out the Crime Reporting Information sheet (for your school only) and fax it to WeTip (909.987.2477).** By so doing, you will be assured that any tip involving your school will be immediately communicated to the appropriate officials in your area. Those listed on the Crime Report Sheet will immediately receive a phone call or a faxed copy of all tips received for your school.

The WeTip toll-free telephone lines are staffed by bilingual operators (Spanish/English) 24 hours a day, 365 days per year. The Informant's identity remains completely anonymous. The program will assist in keeping your students and facilities safe from criminal activity. Please feel free to spread the word as opportunities permit.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your tip line contacts: Sue Mandell from WeTip (909-987-5005, extension 250) or Bruce Hayes, Facilities and School Safety Consultant (307-777-6198 or bhayes1@educ.state.wy.us).

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Enclosures



SCHOOL DISTRICT
Crime Reporting Information

P.O. Box 1296, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729-1296
(909) 987-5005 Fax (909) 987-2477
RETURN TO SUE MANDELL BY FAX: (909) 987-2477

Name of School District:		
Name of School Insurer if any:		
List School Names in District:		

Liaison #1 - School Resource Officer/Principal/Risk Manager (List One)

Name:		Phone Number:	
(Secured) Fax #:	Pager Number:	Cell Phone Number:*	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:

Liaison #2 - Local Law Enforcement

Name:		Phone Number:	
(Secured) Fax #:	Pager Number:	Cell Phone Number:*	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:

Liaison #3 - Additional Law Enforcement (If Desired)

Name:		Phone Number:	
(Secured) Fax #:	Pager Number:	Cell Phone Number:*	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:

** Used only in an emergency when tip comes in after normal school hours or on weekends.*

In this space, please provide the name, title, phone number, and fax number for the **school district** contact:

Please call Sue Mandell at (909) 987-5005 Ext. 250 with any questions!

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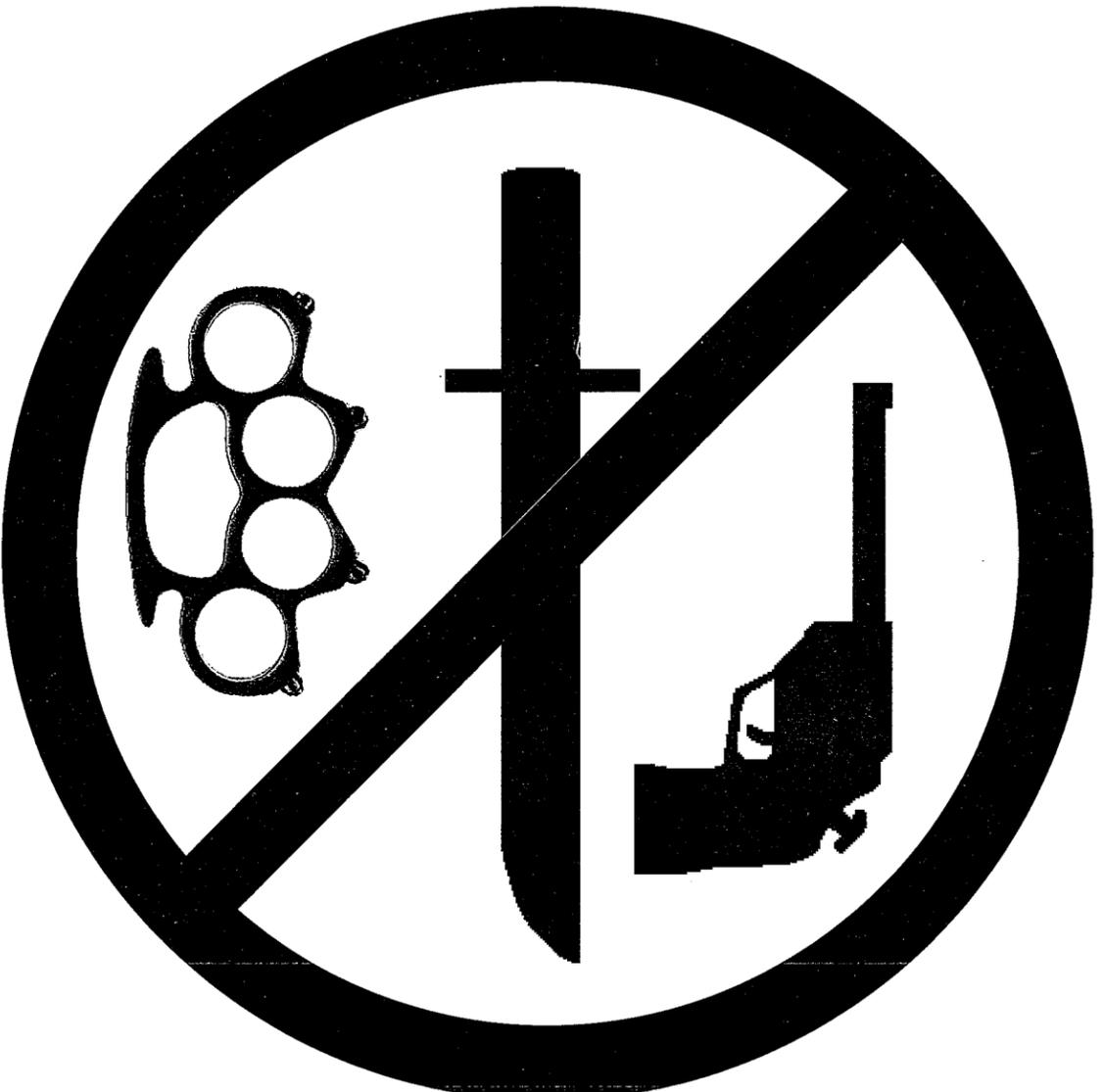
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Methamphetamine Labs are Hazardous

Methamphetamine labs represent a potential health hazard far greater than any other type of drug activity.

Many toxic and highly explosive chemicals are used to manufacture methamphetamine. There could literally be a bomb ready to go off in your own neighborhood.

Report suspicious activity immediately and leave the premises if you are anywhere near the suspected lab.

Call your local police department or remain anonymous by calling

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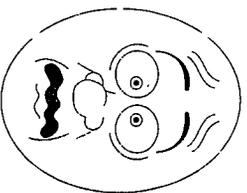
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Some Signs that Signal a

Methamphetamine Lab



**Suspicious
odors are a clue!**

*A strong ammonia smell
(like a cat's litter box)*

*A strong solvent smell
(like paint thinner)*

**Other clues that a
methamphetamine lab might be
in your neighborhood...**

Chemical drums or other chemical containers with labels painted over

Glass flasks, beakers and rubber tubing like the type found in high school chemistry classes

Milk bottles or jugs, refilled with mysterious liquids

Garbage containing broken flasks, bottles and dirty looking glass and other chemical paraphernalia

Maroon colored residue on aluminum materials in the house

What is Methamphetamine?

Methamphetamine is a stimulant. Nicknames include: meth, crank, speed, crystal, and others. Methamphetamine is usually ingested, snorted, smoked, or injected.

"Pharmaceutical" grade methamphetamine is a dry, white, crystalline powder. However, some methamphetamine sold on the street is yellowish, or even brown, and is sometimes the consistency of damp powdered sugar. The drug has a strong medicinal smell to it. It is often sold in tiny, sealable plastic bags.

Hard-core methamphetamine addicts get very little sleep and they look like it. Chronic users and "cooks"--those that manufacture the drug--may have open sores on their skin, bad teeth, and generally appear unclean. Habitual users may develop nervous twitching, lip biting, picking or tapping behaviors that they did not have before methamphetamine use. Paranoid and erratic behavior combined with the regular late-night activity are potential indicators.

If You Suspect a Methamphetamine Lab Near Your HOUSE...

Don't investigate yourself...

*LEAVE.....Make mental note of what
made you suspicious and get out.*

You have no way of knowing which chemicals are present, whether or not the place is booby trapped, or how clean the operation is. Do not stay around to figure it out. Do not open any containers. Do not turn on, turn off, or unplug anything.

DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING!

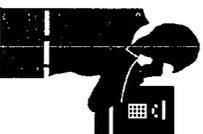


If you are extensively exposed to methamphetamine lab chemicals, wash your face and hands immediately. Call the local fire department by calling 911 if you are exposed to strong toxic chemicals or odors.

How WeTip Began

WeTip was founded in February, 1972, by Bill and Miriam Brownell. WeTip is the grandfather of all anonymous tip programs. Originally started as a citizen's self-help group to eliminate hard drug dealers, WeTip quickly expanded to take information on all major crimes.

Working together in support of trained law enforcement officers, citizens have used the WeTip system to launch a concerted attack against crime in their communities. The concept is a simple one; WeTip provides an anonymous, toll-free crime hotline to citizens who have information about a crime and want to report it to authorities without having to reveal their identity in any way.



TOTAL ANONYMITY

When you call the WeTip hotline, the first words you will hear from the tip operator will be, "this is the WeTip crimeline, please do not give your name." The operator will then ask a series of questions, designed by law enforcement, to obtain the maximum amount of information about the reported crime. After the information is taken a code name and number are assigned to the informant. The caller always remains absolutely anonymous.

WeTip information is immediately conveyed to the appropriate police, fire, and sheriff's agencies.

Arrests are never made on the basis of a telephone call alone. Arrests are only the result of verified law enforcement investigations.

Can You Identify the Methamphetamine Lab in This Neighborhood?



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COMMITMENT

Trust opens many doors that lead to progress, growth, and success, both for you and for us. We would like to put our philosophy to work for you.

The WeTip hotline service is tailored to fill the special needs of your city, county, school, governmental agency, insurance company or corporation. The results are impressive, but not surprising, because we have decades of experience in receiving and relaying highly sensitive information to law enforcement and corporate security.

Over 420,000 anonymous tips received at WeTip have led to 15,000 criminal arrests and over 8,000 convictions. Drug seizures have exceeded \$340 million and stolen property and cash recovered is nearly \$24 million.

“We Are Committed to Excellence”



Working in Cooperation with
 Cities, Counties and
 Communities Nationwide

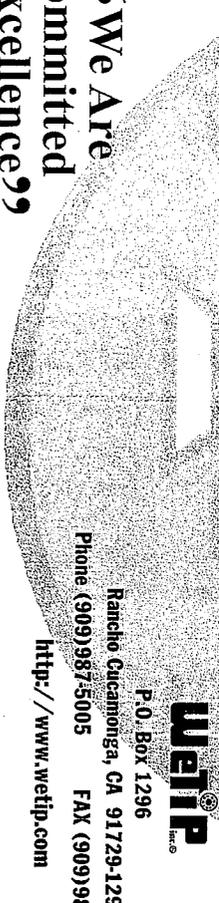
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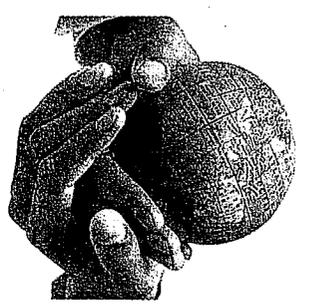
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TRUST

In a tradition of trust, WeTip's professional bilingual hotline operators are available to receive anonymous calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Safety, security and anonymity are WeTip's primary concerns. Caller information is immediately relayed to the indicated law enforcement or security liaison.

As a full service agency, WeTip is your anonymous hotline provider. You benefit from superior service that is professional and cost-effective.

WeTip was founded in February, 1972, providing the grandfather of all anonymous tip programs. Originally started as a grass roots program to eliminate crime, WeTip quickly expanded to take information throughout the Nation.

Working together in support of trained law enforcement officers; communities, schools, and companies have used the WeTip system to launch a concerted attack against crime in communities across the nation. The concept is a simple one: WeTip provides an ANONYMOUS, toll-free crime hotline to citizens, employees, and students, who have information about a crime and want to report it to authorities without having to reveal their identity in any way.

ANONYMITY

The fundamental basis for WeTip is anonymity. Caller safety and absolute anonymity are essential to the success of the WeTip hotline.

On the first phone contact, the caller is instructed not to give their name or identify themselves in any way. The caller is then asked a series of questions designed by law enforcement officers and corporate security professionals to obtain the maximum amount of information about a crime or violation.

If the caller requests a reward they are given a case number and a code name. Upon arrest and conviction of the suspect, the caller will use the code name to anonymously collect a reward at a designated postal location.

A reward is available upon arrest and conviction of the suspect.

The callers anonymity is always secure.

No one will know who you are.

Not us... Not ever!

Anonymity is our Business

SERVICE

WeTip provides a broad base of services to cities, counties, governmental agencies, and private corporations.

Taking calls 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, WeTip, Inc. offers around the clock hotlines answered by trained professionals.

WeTip provides hotline services for:

Major Violent Crimes

- ◆ Murder
- ◆ Rape
- ◆ Robbery
- ◆ Burglary
- ◆ Assault
- ◆ Threats

White Collar Crimes

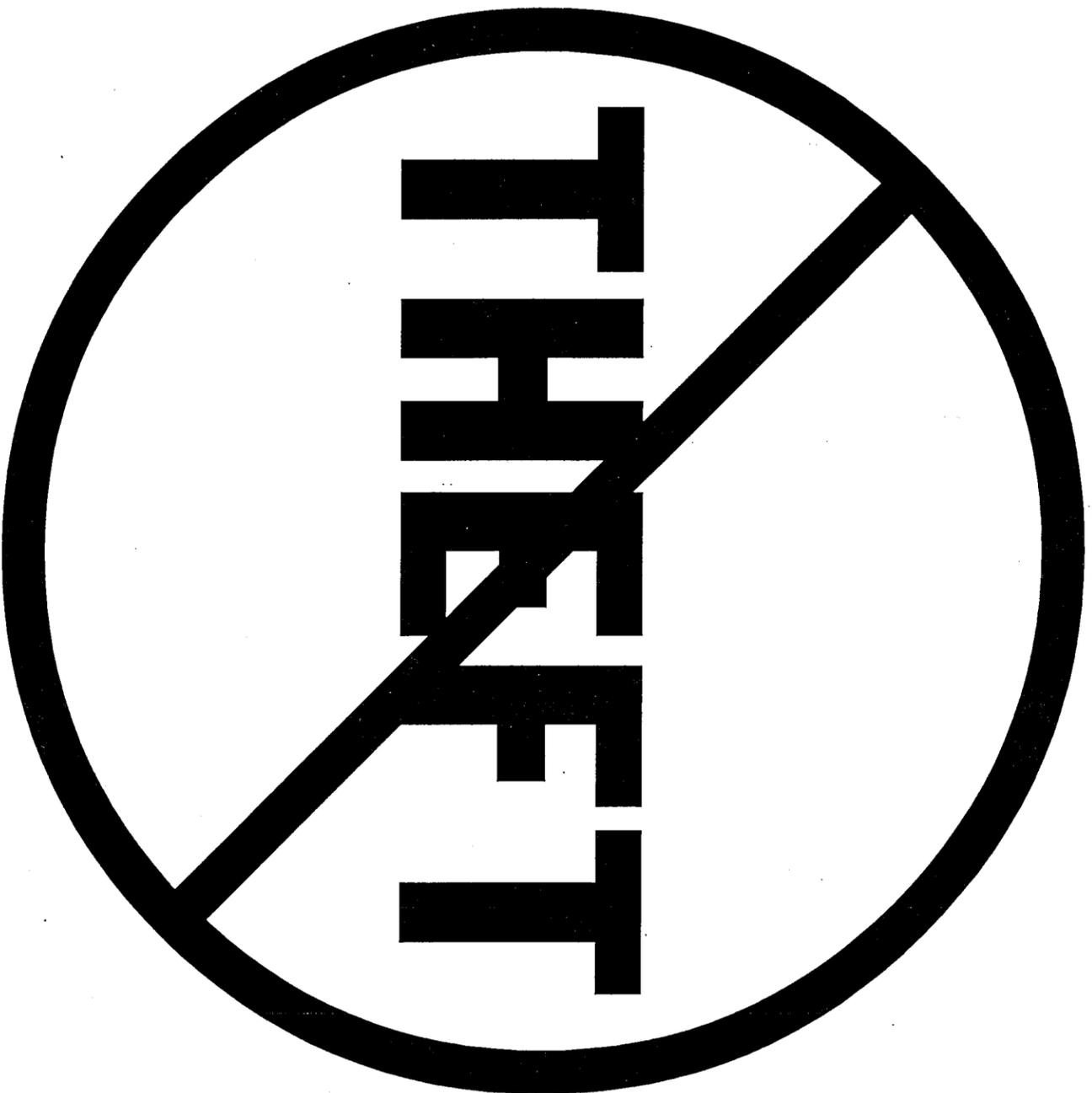
- ◆ Insurance Fraud
- ◆ Computer Fraud
- ◆ Workers' Compensation Fraud
- ◆ Welfare Fraud
- ◆ Identity Theft

Property Crimes

- ◆ Arson
- ◆ Vehicle Theft
- ◆ Vandalism
- ◆ Graffiti
- ◆ Theft

Corporate Issues

- ◆ Sexual Harassment
- ◆ Safety Violations
- ◆ Drug Activity
- ◆ Corporate Theft
- ◆ Illegal Accounting
- ◆ Embezzlement



STOP THEFT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

**If you have information regarding theft or any
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ABOUT ANY MAJOR
CRIME, CALL**

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1-800-47-ARSON
1-800-US-FRAUD
1-800-47-DRUGS

- Call the WeTip number. Do not give your name. A code name and number will be assigned to you.
- The WeTip operator will take the information and pass it on to appropriate law officers who then conduct their own investigation. Only calls made directly to WeTip will be eligible for reward.
- If your information results in an arrest and conviction, you will be given up to \$1,000 cash, depending upon the importance of the crime solved. Again, you will not give your name. Your identity will never be known to anyone.
- Stay anonymous on the Internet. Anyone with information about suspicious behaviors or criminal activities can use the WeTip website, at www.wetip.com, to submit a tip electronically by filling out the "submit tip" form located at the bottom of each page.

**WHAT IS WETIP'S
SCHOOL SAFETY HOTLINE?**

It is one of your schools best defenses against violence!

As a member of WeTip's School Safety Program, the district receives:

- Access to the toll-free, 24-hour hotline, open seven days a week and answered by trained operators. Students can anonymously report wrong doing and potential violence and remain absolutely anonymous. A Spanish speaking operator is available on each shift.
- Immediate notification of tips received.
- A safe and effective hotline that employs skilled operators to take information on tip forms that have been developed with the help of law enforcement to obtain the maximum amount of critical information.
- Student awareness public service videos and audio messages for schools.
- Appropriate posters, brochures, and school safety stickers are provided to the district as an informational reminder of the WeTip anonymous hotline solution.
- School safety communications tools designed to work within your existing internal procedures.
- Professional consultation seminars for implementing and using the WeTip School Safety program.



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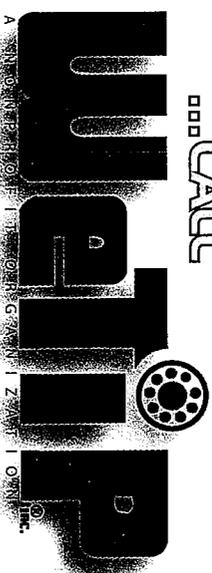
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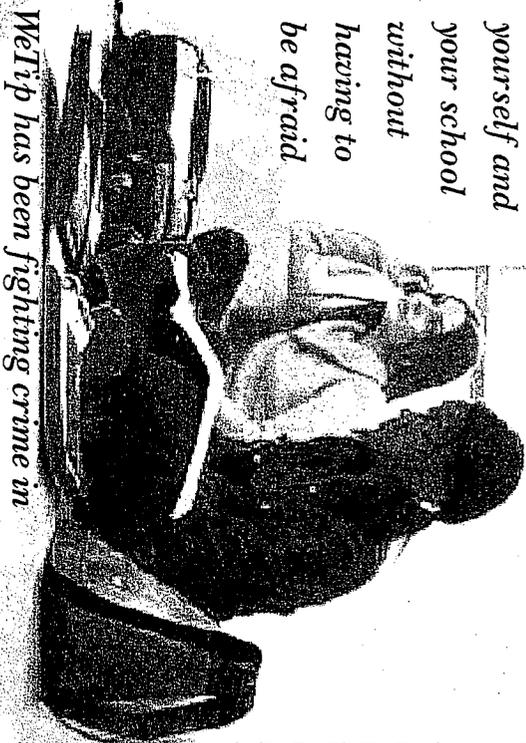
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WeTip gives you a way to protect yourself and your school without having to be afraid



WeTip has been fighting crime in schools since 1972

When someone calls WeTip, no one asks them who they are or where they live. The WeTip operator asks questions to find out about the crime and who committed it. The operator will give the caller a number so that they can call back if they find out more information.

WeTip sends the tip to the police department or the sheriff's department and they investigate the see if a crime has really happened. If their investigation proves that a crime has been committed an arrest can be made.

If the person who was turned in gets arrested and is found guilty, then a reward of up to \$1,000 is offered to the person who gave the tip.

The reward is paid at the post office where the person who gave the tip can receive the reward money by using a pretend name that was given at the time the tip was first given.

Half of teens have heard of a gun threat at school

More than half (52%) of teens know of somebody who has brought a weapon to school, but 61% of them did nothing about it, a study shows. More than half (52%) have heard a student make some kind of weapons-related threat, but again, most (56%) did not take action. Teens say they would stay quiet to avoid getting into trouble somebody who might be joking. Getting a gun would not be hard: 52% could get one if they wanted. -USA Today
This information comes as WeTip has been inundated with calls that have averted violent incidents in schools across the nation.

Be Aware...Be Alert...

If you see someone with a weapon at school, hear about a crime, or a dangerous situation, you can make a difference. Be aware and be alert. Write down everything you can remember about what you saw or what someone told you as soon as you can. Don't rely on your memory. It is easy to get things mixed up or forget details, especially if you were the victim or if you were at the scene of the crime. Be as exact as you can and try to avoid guessing. Wrong information is worse than no information at all. Keep a copy of the information that you write down. Then call the WeTip anonymous hotline and report the crime to the operator at 1-800-78-CRIME. That number is 1-800-78-27463.
The operator will ask you several questions about the crime and ask you to describe the situation as briefly as possible about what, where, when, how, and who did it.
Do not hang up until the operator gives you your case number and tells you that the call is finished.

WETIP SAVE OUR SCHOOLS PROJECT AN S.O.S. MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS EVERYWHERE

Weapons in schools is now becoming a problem of epidemic proportions. We must take action now before the problem gets totally uncontrollable. More than three million crimes are committed each year in and around the 8,500 public schools in the United States. The children committing these crimes have become progressively younger. Children are claiming that they MUST be armed to protect themselves and so the problem grows. The crimes have become more and more violent. School violence is of grave concern to parents, school officials, and teachers alike.

WeTip is now implementing a new project, as part of its SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM, to deal with school violence and keep weapons out of our learning institutions. Zero tolerance of weapons in our schools may be a key to stopping most of the crime and violence that engulfs our high schools, junior high schools, and is currently creeping into our elementary schools.

WeTip's SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM gives the young people who want to stay out of trouble an opportunity to do something about crime while staying absolutely anonymous. It also provides undecided youngsters a way to turn in information about crimes or weapons that they feel are bad without fearing reprisal. No one ever knows who they are. Not us... Not ever!

School Districts can urge their insurer to subscribe to WeTip and provide this valuable resource, a WeTip membership, as a portion of their insurance. Your J.P.A. can join or self insured schools can join for a very nominal fee. Your membership will provide toll-free lines, staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with a Spanish speaking operator on each shift, effective posters for your schools and a whole array of other materials that are available to members. ■