**Wyoming School Safety Anonymous Tip Line**

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WeTip Fact Sheet

1. The anonymous tip line is **1-800-78-CRIME**.
2. WeTip is a non-profit organization that has been in existence since 1972.
3. Operators are trained and bilingual (**Spanish/English**).
4. The service operates **24-7, 365 days a year**.
5. The **program costs the districts nothing** and a nominal $.06 per student per year from the state’s Department of Education.
6. Calls are truly anonymous; **operators *never know* who called**.
7. A **deterrent factor** can lower crime.
8. Kids deserve a place to speak without fear of retaliation.
9. About **548,557 tips** have been received (as of week of Oct. 14 to 20, 2013)
10. Insurance companies have often been able to offer lower rates because of the We Tip program in the schools.
11. One can **scan a QR code** from a poster and make a smart phone tip.
12. Tip lines have averted many tragedies and helped solve crimes.
13. **Avoiding a crisis** is the optimal solution.
14. The program was piloted in Laramie County School District #1 since the 1999/2000 school year. It came to cover all Wyoming schools in 2007.
15. Specialty posters can be made for a specific crime.
16. About **$1,009,790** **has been paid** out in rewards since the service started.
17. We Tip operates in concert with other services, i.e. students uncomfortable with a national line can call the local police number, students who don’t want to call the local number can call We Tip.
18. **Training is available** from WeTip to principals, administrators, teachers, and students.
19. Contact Agency – **Wyoming Department of Education**, call Bruce Hayes, Program Manager, at 307-777-6198.
20. More information can be found on **www.wetip.com**.