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Submit Anonymous Crime Tips with "Text-a-Tip"

The Greater Springfield Area Crime Stoppers and the Springfield Police Department have worked together to initiate a new way to securely submit anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers through a program called "Text-A-Tip". Citizens now have the option to text confidential tips rather than calling them in. This is an innovative way to submit a tip and citizens can now choose which method works best for them – phone, web, or text.

"Creating another option for citizens to provide us with important crime information is a benefit for all. We recognize that a text can be more convenient than a phone call, and utilizing whatever method we can to help solve crimes will enhance our public safety mission.", said Chief Paul Williams.

Anyone with text messaging can simply text "417SPD plus your message" to 274637 (CRIMES). Upon reception of a tipster's first incoming message, the system will auto-reply with a confirmation containing their unique Tip ID number. To submit follow-up information, the tipster simply replies to the confirmation text or they can send a new text with their Tip ID number within the text. Nothing else is needed. To cancel a tip, text STOP into the system at any time.

(Text STOP to 274637 to cancel. Text HELP to 274637 for help. Msg & Data Rates May Apply. Terms and Conditions, Privacy Policy, Terms of Use)

For more information, go to www.SMSCrimeTips.com or the Springfield Police Department's website at www.springfieldmo.gov/spd/GeneralInfo/crimestoppers.html

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