

## COST

Although the **TXT2TIP** service is free and requires no purchase or fee to participate, standard messaging rates and other fees may apply. Check your cell phone plan for more details.

## HOW DO I CHECK THE STATUS OF A POTENTIAL REWARD

You may check the status of your case by calling Cook County Crime Stoppers at 1-800-535-STOP (7867) and providing your "alias." You will not be asked to disclose your identity. Simply provide the "alias" you were issued via text message.

## PRIVACY

No cell phone information is collected by the Chicago Police Department as part of the program. Your tip is completely anonymous to the Chicago Police Department and is only identifiable via your "alias." Any information you submit is directed to the CPD's Crime Prevention Information Center Unit (CPIC) who will disseminate the information to the appropriate CPD unit.

**Cash Rewards up to  
\$1,000 for tips leading  
to any arrest**

for additional information visit the  
**TXT2TIP** website:

[www.chicagopolice.org/txt2tipt](http://www.chicagopolice.org/txt2tipt)



# TXT2TIP



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**IF YOU SEE A CRIME IN PROGRESS  
OR NEED TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY,  
PLEASE CALL 911**

The Chicago Police Department is committed to working with the community to make our City safer. In order to provide citizens a secure and anonymous method of providing information to the police, the Chicago Police Department has expanded the **TXT2TIP** program citywide.

**TXT2TIP** allows the public to send tips (including pictures, video or audio) via text message about criminal activity to the Chicago Police Department from any cell phone. Cook County Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$1,000 dollars for information leading to arrests.

## HOW TO SUBMIT A TIP VIA TXT2TIP TEXT MESSAGING

To text a tip to the Chicago Police Department, you must have text messaging enabled on your cellular phone and subscribe to a participating cell phone carrier. To begin your tip message, enter the number "274637" (which spells out the word CRIMES) in the phone number line. Then start your message with CPD (to ensure the tip is routed to the proper police department) and enter your tip with as much detail as possible.

Once you send your tip via text, the information is received by an independent party in service provider that will assign each tipster a random system-generated "alias." The purpose of this is to ensure the anonymity of the tipster.

Tipsters will automatically receive a response text providing them their "alias." This so that the tipster can potentially seek a reward from Crime Stoppers for information leading to an arrest. The response message reads:



Please be aware that the Chicago Police Department will send a response text if more information is needed to process the tip. However, the anonymity of the tipster remains secure because the information is sent to a third party service provider that is independent of the police department. The police department will only know the tipster by their "alias."

If the tipster does not wish to participate in two-way communication with the police department they can text the word STOP to 274637 (CRIMES.) Doing so will block the CPD from responding.

## WHAT IS TEXT MESSAGING?

Text messaging is also known as SMS or "short message service." Text messaging is a way to communicate on your mobile phone by sending or receiving text messages.

The **TXT2TIP** program will also accept pictures, video or audio files pertaining to criminal activity.

## TYPES OF CRIMES TO SUBMIT

The CPD wants information on every type of crime. The **TXT2TIP** program will allow the public to actively but anonymously help rid their neighborhoods of crime *safely*.

If the crime is in progress or if there is an emergency, please call 911.

## WHEN TO SUBMIT A TIP

You may submit a tip anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.