

The Kentucky State Police is initiating a new proactive program where citizens are now able to text confidential tips from their cell phone. The program, "Text a Tip," is designed to report criminal activity, assist with neighborhood watch and serve as an additional resource for schools and college campuses.

"Text a Tip" is completely confidential and easy to use. Anyone with texting capabilities from personal electronic devices can simply text 67283 in the address field, then type KSPTIP in the message field, leave a space and then enter information about a crime. If your tip went through successfully, you will receive an instant confirmation text on your phone.

KSP Sgt Rick Saint Blancard explains more about the program:

{audio}<http://wcluradio.com/newscuts/1003text.mp3>{/audio}

Text-a-tip programs are being promoted in schools across the country to report weapon threats and reduce bullying.

KSP reminds citizens to keep safety in mind when texting tips.

The "Text a Tip" program is operational 24 Hours a Day / 7 Days a Week and is received and monitored by the KSP Communications Center. KSP openly solicits information from citizens on any type of crime occurring but encourages citizens to call "911" if the crime is in-progress or there is an emergency.

For more information about the "Text a Tip" program please contact the KSP Public Affairs Branch at (502) 782-1780.

NOW YOU CAN 'TEXT A TIP' TO STATE POLICE

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