

Morganton-Burke Crime Stoppers Launches Anonymous Tip Service as Proactive Crime Tool

Anyone Can Submit Anonymous Crime Tips Via Web, Texting, Mobile Device or Telephone.

Morganton-Burke Crime Stoppers announced the availability of [TipSoft](#), a service for citizens to **anonymously** submit crime-related tips through the Web, a text message, or from any Android or iPhone mobile device with the FREE [TipSubmit mobile app](#). The use of TipSoft is part of the programs proactive efforts to prevent, reduce, and solve crime.

Tips can also be submitted by texting 274637 with the keyword BURKETIPS then your tip without having to use the App.

TipSoft is successful because it uses technology that is familiar to citizens, which allows them to carry on an anonymous two-way conversation with the agency without requiring them to speak directly to an officer. TipSoft is proven to help stop and solve crimes. To date, the TipSoft system used across the country has received more than two million tips, resulting in 145,000 arrests, 55,000 fugitives captured, and more than \$5.3 billion recovered in drugs and property - including 11,000 vehicles and 22,000 weapons.

In addition to encouraging the public to submit crime-related information using Web forms, mobile apps, and texting, TipSoft supports users' ability to submit videos or photographs using the FREE TipSoft mobile app. TipSoft can be used to submit information on crimes, missing children, fugitives, and other non-emergency situations.

“We welcome Morganton-Burke Crime Stoppers to the list of over 900 law-enforcement organizations that are effectively using TipSoft and applaud their commitment to public safety,” says William Kilmer, CEO of PublicEngines. “With TipSoft, agencies can invite the public to anonymously take an active role in making their communities safer.”

Citizens are encouraged to use TipSoft to report information about any non-urgent illegal activity, such as unsolved cases, vandalism, theft, wanted persons, the sale and distribution of drugs or information about crimes that are being planned in the community or in schools. Tips can be submitted by texting 274637 with the keyword BURKETIPS then your tip. For crimes in progress or emergencies, call 911.

Morganton-Burke Crime Stoppers still accepts anonymous tips at 828-437-3333.

Or simply click the below link and submit a tip:

<https://www.tipsubmit.com/webtips.aspx?AgencyID=1271>

Morganton-Burke Crime Stoppers serves all Law Enforcement Departments within Burke County including: Morganton Public Safety, Burke County Sheriff's Department, Drexel Police

Department, Valdese Police Department, Glen Alpine Police Department, Rhodhiss Police Department and the Burke County side of Long View.

Every call, web tip and text tip is valuable to Crime Stoppers, and your information could bring you a cash reward up to \$1,000.

Rewards are available for any caller who provides information leading to the arrest of a suspect or information leading to the location of a missing person or stolen property.

Not every piece of information is eligible for a reward, and not every caller wants a reward - in fact, our statistics indicate that less than 10% of callers who can claim a reward actually do so. All rewards are paid without compromising a caller's anonymity.

If a caller, web tipster or “*texter*” to the Crimestoppers office is eligible for a reward, they’re given a code number, then asked to call or text back after giving a reasonable amount of time to investigate the tip (usually a day or two) .

Tips that lead to the arrest of a suspect, as well as the recovery of stolen property/drugs/missing or wanted persons etc, are eligible for cash rewards of up to \$1,000 which are paid to tipsters on an anonymous basis.

If the information brings about an arrest, a reward is authorized by the Board of Directors. When the caller calls or texts back, they will be informed of the location to pick up their reward anonymously. They will go to the location on a given date and quote the code number to the staff.

As such, Crimestoppers continues to protect your identity and ensure your anonymity.

Four ways to submit a tip

- 1. Tips can be submitted by texting 274637 with the keyword BURKETIPS then your tip without having to use the App.**
2. Download the FREE [TipSubmit mobile app](#) (pictures and videos can be submitted)
3. Simply click on or go to the below link and submit a tip:
www.tipsoft.com
4. Call 828-437-3333

Regardless on how the tips are submitted, all tip givers remain anonymous.