

Student crime stoppers of Amarillo started in 1991 as an independent campus program. Ran by a board made up of students from local highschools to help push the program out to the community and schools. Students first have to be on the board to participate within the meetings. During a meeting the students then discuss recent tips called in and upcoming events deciding how much a tip should be paid out for which can go up to \$1,000!

When getting into the program you talk to your schools liaison officer to make sure there is an available spot, now, that doesnt mean to get your hopes up. As an ambassador we can lose our spots. You first start off on the board eventually going up in the program learning more about certain positions and what they do such as President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sargent of arms.

During the meetings we schedule events that we attend but keep in mind this organization is mainly here for the people, the community. We give out kids ID cards to ages below 18 just in case your child goes missing. Having that ID helps us and the process of finding that individual. We carry neat prizes in front of the trailer that consists of coloring books, bouncy balls, light up police cars and my favorite, the frisbee. We love helping out the community in any ways possible while also giving back.

This program definitely doesn't take long to get used to things, everyone is so welcoming and I remember my first day there. The day I walked into a meeting nervously not knowing how to even introduce myself. I met a student who already was a senior there, her name is Skyla Ramsay. My first friend there, always letting me tag along their adventures and without her I wouldn't be who I am. When you join this group you make so many new friends and that's what I love about this program, everything you do always can make you a friend in some way.

Student Crime Stoppers is indeed a special and unique organization. The people within the group are like family and welcome you in. The officers and law enforcement are always there for you, that's what we want people to know. It's that we are there for everyone to feel safe and also feel loved. No matter what, this program will always hold a place in my heart.