

For every group to function properly you need a good leader to take charge, and for Student Crime Stoppers of Amarillo, we are grateful to have Cpl. Scott Welling and Ofc. Jarrod Robertson as our leaders. Ofc. Robertson started his Law Enforcement career in October 2003, while Cpl. Welling started his career in June 2007. When asked why they chose to become police officers, they both replied that they have had family in law enforcement and wanted to follow in their footsteps. At the beginning of Ofc. Robertson's career, he rode evenings North, stayed in patrol for 11 years, and then became a liaison officer for 9 years, before becoming the Student Crime Stoppers coordinator in 2018. At the beginning of Cpl. Welling's career, he rode evenings South and stayed in patrol for 7 years, then for 18 months he was a part of the Crisis Intervention Team. After that he became a liaison in the schools for 5 years, then in 2018 he became the Coordinator of the Amarillo Crime Stoppers adult board. Jeffery Gilmer once said "To be a great leader of people- inspire them to follow you, not your rules." Ofc. Robertson and Cpl. Welling exceeds what this quote says. In November 2023, Ofc. Robertson won Crime Stoppers Coordinator of the year. He was nominated by Cpl. Welling. He nominated Ofc. Robertson for that award, because Ofc. Robertson is just what that award says. For example, this past February we had the annual Crime Stoppers Conference down in Houston. Ofc. Robertson and Cpl. Welling managed to book flights, and keep up with all 8 of us student crime stoppers who went on the trip. These two go above and beyond to help protect the schools of Amarillo. They've shown all the kids in Student Crime Stoppers how to become great leaders, and how to keep their community safe. If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be able to have the program that we have today. So with that being said, we cannot thank them enough for all they do for us, those in our community, and those in this program statewide. After being in the program for 3 years, they've inspired me to be a leader by showing their dedication to helping others. Their commitment to this program is something that not everyone has. To Cpl. Welling and Ofc. Robertson from the Student Crime Stoppers of Amarillo, we thank y'all for all you do.

- Bailey Dunn Student Crime Stoppers Ambassador

