

In the early 70's America ran into a problem, Schools had so much trouble knowing where crime was, and how to stop it. But in 1981, Texas came up with a solution. The first crime stoppers committee was started. This program allowed students and other children of the community to report crimes going on in and outside of school. My name is Wyatt Willburn and I am lucky to say that I am a part of this amazing program. I am a part of the student crime stoppers of Amarillo and a Texas ambassador for the state crime stoppers program.

I have met many great people and leaders through this program. One of the people who stands out is officer Robertson. He is always involved with our community while also caring so much about the crime stoppers program. He helps us plan our community events and gives us the ability to connect with other people and other programs. Officer Robertson has been a part of the program for 12 years and has been our coordinator for 5 years.. He is truly a great leader and I hope that I can be a leader like him one day.

Our program in Amarillo is very supportive and interactive with the community. This past April 15th we had our 16th annual shred it day. This is a day where we get together with our local document shredding companies and host an event where the people can come bring personal documents and have them shredded. This event promotes community involvement by allowing people who need documents shredded to come out and support our program. This event also allows the people of the community to see that the program is really run by the great students involved. During this day we shredded close to 50,000 pounds of paper.

Another great event we participated in was our yearly haunted house walk. In Amarillo we have an amazing halloween attraction. It's called Amarillo scare grounds. At this event we walked through the haunted houses and promoted our crime stoppers program. This event allowed us to show the public that we are involved in our community. This program helped us gather money for our program so we can continue keeping our schools and kids safe.