

## Crime Stoppers of NE Florida 1-888-277-TIPS

## Student Crime Stoppers Program and Poster Contest Information

Crime Stopper of Northeast Florida is a non-profit organization that offers anonymity and rewards to people who provide information leading to an arrest. *Anonymity overcomes fear of involvement and cash overcomes apathy*.

The Student Crime Stoppers Program and Poster Contest promote the Crime Stoppers' Tip Line by encouraging students to submit original artwork depicting their idea of the anti-violence message "See It, Say It, Stop It." Winning artists receive awards and the grand prize winning posters are displayed in classrooms and on VOTRAN buses throughout the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. The initiative was prompted by the Columbine High School shooting. In this event, along with other school shootings, the incidence could have potentially been prevented if someone knew about students' intentions and reported them ahead of time. The poster contest works to motivate students to report any information they may have regarding violence that has happened or may happen in hopes of preventing potential school violence.

Crime Stoppers works with the State Attorney's Office, the four school districts and the Sheriff's Offices in our jurisdiction (Volusia, Flagler, Putnam, and St. Johns counties) to promote the Student Poster Contest as well as getting local students in the elementary, middle and high schools involved.

Attached are the rules/guidelines for this year's contest.