

The Newark Police Department's Crime Stoppers have joined the social media craze and can now be accessed via its new Twitter account. Follow us on Twitter @1877NWKTIPS!

Since March 2007, the Newark Police Department has had its own Crime Stoppers, an organization that offers financial rewards of up to \$1,000 to people who help solve crimes – and also promises them anonymity.

Prior to Twitter there were two other ways citizens were able to use Newark's Crime Stoppers. The first way is to simply call 1-877-NWK-TIPS to report any crimes or 1-877-NWK-GUNS which is specific for complaints involving guns. Both are anonymous and could lead to rewards. The second way is to text us at 274637 with information.

Crime Stoppers would in turn provide the caller with a four-digit pin. If the information resulted in an arrest and conviction, the caller would be given another four-digit pin which he/she could use to collect the reward money by responding to the bank and asking for the manager. The caller would then give the manager the eight-digit pin and he/she would be given the reward money. Citizens never have to enter a police facility to report a crime or collect the reward money nor do they have to give a name or phone number.

Twitter is the newest means of reporting to Crime Stoppers. The reporting person needs only to send his/her text via Twitter. The message is processed using direct private messaging and can only be reviewed by the commander of Crime Stoppers. Responses would then be forwarded by the same means to the caller.

The Crime Stopper's Twitter page will also provide the public with information relevant to our most wanted, captures, crime prevention tips, etc.

“Over the past months I have been meeting with my constituents – the clergy, other police agencies and the public – in an effort to improve and enhance our working relationship. I am a firm believer in community-based policing and the concept of teamwork in solving crime,” said Police Director Samuel DeMaio.

“The public has been tremendous in using our anonymous tip-line to assist the police in recent cases. We appreciate the support from our residents and want to offer other ways that the citizens can join our ‘team.’ Crime Stoppers is another way. It empowers residents to make their neighborhoods, schools and businesses safer through anonymous reporting of crime. I encourage the use of any of several other avenues provided to the public including our newest means, Twitter, in our continued partnership as we move forward together to quash crime in Newark,” concluded DeMaio.

Crime Stoppers is a nationally recognized agency, established in 1976, that, with its local agencies, has been responsible for more than 539,800 arrests and has paid out over \$78,827,400 in rewards nationwide. Year to date Newark's

Crime Stoppers have paid out \$7,250; since its inception in 2007 that dollar amount is \$88,000.

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