# LOS ANGELES REGIONAL ANONYMOUS CRIME TIP PROGRAM

Increasingly, members of our communities have requested a means to submit anonymous tips – through text-enabled cell phones and via the web. Law enforcement agencies within Los Angeles County and representatives from local communities have joined together to present a new anonymous tip program. Tips submitted under this program remain <u>anonymous</u>.

## How to Submit a Tip...

First of all, if this is an emergency or a crime in progress, call 911!

### **How to Submit a Web Tip**

Follow this link to submit an anonymous web tip about a crime:

## **Anonymous Web Tips**

When you fill out the form and click the Submit button, the tip is delivered through a secure server that masks the sender's identity from the investigators. A number will be assigned to the tip. This will allow investigators to ask questions, but will not let them see your identity.

### How to Submit a Text Tip from a Cell Phone

Anonymous text tips can be submitted from any text-enabled cell phone, with a cell phone plan that allows text messaging.

To start your session:

- 1) Enter CRIMES (274637) in the address for a text message.
- 2) Type TIPLA, followed by a space, and then your tip information.
- 3) Press the SEND button to send the message.
- 4) You will receive a response from Crime Stoppers shortly, which will start a text dialogue. Your message will be encrypted and your identifying information will removed. Your tip will be sent to the proper agency without revealing your identity.
- 5) After you finish your session, we recommend you erase all messages sent to and received from 274637 for your safety.

Remember, this is an anonymous program. However, if you wish to opt out of any further contact regarding your tip, you may text the message "STOP" to CRIMES (274637). You will receive a one-time opt-out confirmation message.

If you need help on using the text messaging system, you may text the message "HELP" to CRIMES (274637) for program information. This will provide assistance with tip program, it will not contact a law enforcement agency. Remember, if this is an emergency, call 911.

There is no cost to participate in the program. However, standard messaging fees may apply – please check your cell phone plan for details.

### **Privacy**

Your identity, e-mail address, and/or phone number are hidden from the participating law enforcement agencies. You are only identified by a tip code that will be provided to you.