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### **Cape Girardeau Police Department Launches Anonymous Tip Options for Mobile Phones**

*Free app or text option allows residents to send anonymous tips directly to police from their phones*

The Cape Girardeau Police Department has empowered the public to share important public safety information anonymously with police by sending them a secure message about crimes or suspicious activity via text or a free smartphone app called “CapePD Tips”.

“Working with the community, we reduced crime in the city by 11% last year,” said Chief Wes Blair. “We’re hoping these new tools will help more people partner with us in keeping Cape safe.”

While 911 should always be used for emergencies such as immediate threats to personal safety and property, the new anonymous tip system can help start the conversation related to other criminal activity. Unlike 911, anonymous tips are not monitored 24/7.

Anyone can send in anonymous tips by:

- Downloading the free mobile apps for Android or iPhone, or submitting tips online from [cityofcape.org/crimetips](http://cityofcape.org/crimetips)
- Texting “CAPEPD” to 847411 with any message or tip
- Calling the hotline: 573-339-6313

The app, website, text option, and hotline put powerful new crime-fighting tools into the hands of community members of all ages. Texting or using the app enables the public to share an anonymous tip with police and allows the officers respond back creating an anonymous two-way conversation.

For questions about the program, call Sgt. Jason Selzer or Cpl. Darin Hickey at the Cape Girardeau Police Department at 573-335-6621 ext. 1145 or ext. 1263.

