



## **WETIP HOTLINE *HOW IT WORKS***

The informant calls the WeTip Hotline. All calls are anonymous--not just confidential. Confidential means that someone knows your name and promises not to tell, until they are subpoenaed. Anonymous means that nobody knows who you are and there is absolutely no way to find out. We have no taping, tracing or caller ID. We have no way of knowing who the caller is.

The very first thing they hear is "This is the WeTip Crime Hotline, do not give your name, or identify yourself in any way." If at any time the caller starts to identify him or herself, the operator will interrupt telling the caller "I have to disconnect this call, please call back, and speak to another operator." The reason for this is that we absolutely cannot know who is on the other end of the phone line, but we do want the information.

Once the anonymity has been established, the operator takes the caller through a series of about 65 questions. These questions have been developed through the aid of law enforcement and the purpose is to elicit as much information as possible. Many times the caller actually has more information than they realize.

The very last question asked is "If there is an arrest and conviction, are you interested in a reward?" If the answer is yes, the caller is issued a 3-part fictitious code name in addition to their tip number. This is how they will identify themselves to us later. Our rewards are paid anonymously. The caller picks up their cash reward in the city of their choice with nothing more than their 3-part code name. They have 30 days in which to pick up that cash reward.

**You can call this number 24 hours a day and  
Report your concerns to us.**

**No one will ask your name, you will remain anonymous.**

**(800) 78-CRIME**

**(800) 782-7463**

