



## **TEXT a TIP**

**WHO:** You

**WHAT:** Text Messaging Tips (about crimes) to the Police to help Solve Crimes

**WHERE:** Hartford, Bridgeport, Stamford, Waterbury, New Haven and for statewide coverage the Connecticut State Police

**HOW:** by using your cell phone you can text a message (anonymously) to the police any tip or information that may help them solve crimes

**WHY:** we need the involvement of witnesses in the community to help the police solve crimes

- Text Messaging also known as MMS or SMS (short message service) is a way to communicate on your mobile phone by sending or receiving text messages.
- Text Messaging from cell phones is a common feature by some. If you are not sure if you have this service, call your provider for details and an explanation.
- The popularity of text messaging, especially among young citizens, has created an opportunity for the police to get current, accurate tips/information.
- Because most people have their cell phones on them at all times it is easy for the tipster to submit a tip anytime, anywhere 24/7, 365.
- The system is set up so that the identity of the tipster is stripped from the message before getting to the police, however the police will be able to respond back to the tipster (if needed) through the server without identifying the tipster.

• This is strictly a system set up for tips from the public to the police-  
**IT IS NOT TO REPORT CRIMES OR BE USED FOR EMERGENCIES**

**FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911**