



# BLOOMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## Bloomington Police Department Launches Anonymous Text To Tips System

**Bloomington, IL** - On Friday, 1/20/2023, the Bloomington Police Department launched Anonymous Text to Tips System

The Bloomington Police Department now empowers members of the public to share important public safety information anonymously with the department by sending a secure text message about crimes or suspicious activity in Bloomington.

The Bloomington Police Department is launching tip411, an internet-based tool from Citizen Observer that enables the public to text message an anonymous tip to police and as time allows, lets the department respond back to the citizen via text in an anonymous two-way conversation. The tip411 system is 100% anonymous, as the technology removes all identifying information before the department receives it and there is no way to identify the sender.

Anyone with a cell phone may send an anonymous crime tip to Bloomington Police by **texting the word BPDTIPS followed by their message/tip to 847411.**

Anonymous web tips can also be submitted through the department's website at <https://www.bloomingtonil.gov/government/departments/police/submit-a-tip>

"Our mission is to work in partnership with the community members of Bloomington to enforce the laws and to enhance the quality of life in our community," said Bloomington Police Chief Jamal Simington. "It is this partnership which will allow for collaborative problem-solving, crime prevention, and safer neighborhoods. We also believe that our pro-active use of new and existing technologies increases our capability to make the City of Bloomington safer."

"This system has been successful in communities across the U.S.," said Terry Halsch, President of tip411. "Departments have been helped tremendously by members of the public who have sent anonymous text messages to police with important information that often leads to arrests."

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If you wish to submit a tip and remain anonymous, please contact the Crime & Intelligence Analysis Unit (CIAU) at (309)-434-2963 or email [CIAU@cityblm.org](mailto:CIAU@cityblm.org). The CIAU office is staffed from 8am-4:30pm, weekdays. If no one is available to answer your call, please leave the information on the voicemail or send it by e-mail.



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