



PRESS ADVISORY
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Colorado Safe2Tell Seeing Record Number of Tips Early in the 2018-2019 School Year

Attorney General Releases School Legal Guide to Help Support Information Sharing, School Violence Prevention

DENVER– Today Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman announced that the Safe2Tell program is on track to have another record-breaking school year for number of tips reported. The program has continued to see growth every year since the inception of the school safety initiative in 2004. In September of 2018, a total number of 1,842 total reports were received— a 46% increase in monthly tip volume as compared to September 2017.

In order to continue the office’s support of critically important information sharing between and among schools and districts, their law enforcement partners, social services agencies, mental health providers, and the judicial system, today the Attorney General is releasing the newly revised edition of “*Colorado School Violence Prevention: A Legal Manual.*” Since 1999, the Manual has been a resource on the legal tools available to school administrators and personnel committed to creating a safe learning environment, preventing school-related violence, and taking the information provided by young people and using it appropriately in order to keep them safe. Some of the updated subsections in the new manual include, information on search and seizure, the use and possession of medical marijuana on campuses, and cooperation with law enforcement.

“The numbers alone show the impact the Safe2Tell program has on breaking down the code of silence and empowering students to speak up for themselves and their friends,” said Attorney General Coffman. “In order to protect kids, we cannot operate in silos, and information sharing is critically important when taking the necessary holistic approach to keeping young people and schools safe.”

Safe2Tell was founded on the idea that prevention and early intervention are key to stopping violence and saving lives. The guiding principles of this safety and prevention initiative model include educating young people and school staff on critical issues; encouraging them to play a role in prevention; and equipping them with a tangible, direct way to report anonymously, while empowering them to make a difference.

A copy of the “Colorado School Violence Prevention: A Legal Manual” can be found at:

https://coag.gov/sites/default/files/filefield_paths/final_as_of_october_11_2018.pdf

Since, 2004, Safe2Tell has received over 48,000 calls, web tips and mobile app reports. The Safe2Tell Data Report from the 2017-2018 school year, and the Data Report so far for the 2018-2019 school year can be found at:

<https://www.safe2tell.org/results>

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