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Informational Release

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Citizens can share anonymous tips via their smartphones, help solve cases.

The University of Delaware (UD) and Delaware.gov, in conjunction with Delaware Interactive, LLC (DI), recently launched a new mobile Crime Tip application on both Android and iOS platforms. The Mobile Crime Tips application provides a convenient method whereby anyone can submit a tip straight from his or her mobile device.

"Research tells us that by 2014, more people will access the web from a mobile device than from a traditional desktop computer," said Chief Patrick Ogden, Chief of Police for the University of Delaware. "The UD Police Department is committed to leveraging the popularity of mobile apps. We already provide crime mapping information through our Raids Crime Mapping App and feel strongly that it is important to complement this service with a smartphone app. This is another tool for our citizens to anonymously share information that could be the key investigative link to solve a case."

The UD Crime Tips application provides a mobile way for accepting crime tips, allowing users to report information such as location, activity description, subject description, vehicle description, and even a photograph. The user also has the option to submit anonymously. All crime tips are passed directly to the UD Police for assessment.

Although reported crime is relatively low at UD, it is still important for the community to remember that the university is not immune from criminal activity. Members of the UD community can assist police efforts by promptly reporting suspicious activity and by discouraging participation in careless practices and behavior. The UD Police department works to create an environment where the campus community feels safe to learn, work, and live. They are committed to providing quality service and protection to the entire university community.

You can learn more about the University Police by visiting http://www.udel.edu/police/.

The Crime Tips app is free to both Android and iOS users and available for download on the <u>Play Store</u> and <u>Apple Store</u>.

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