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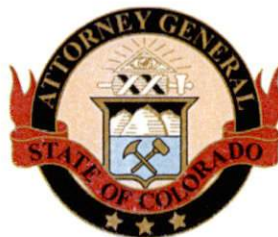## *Program Introduction*

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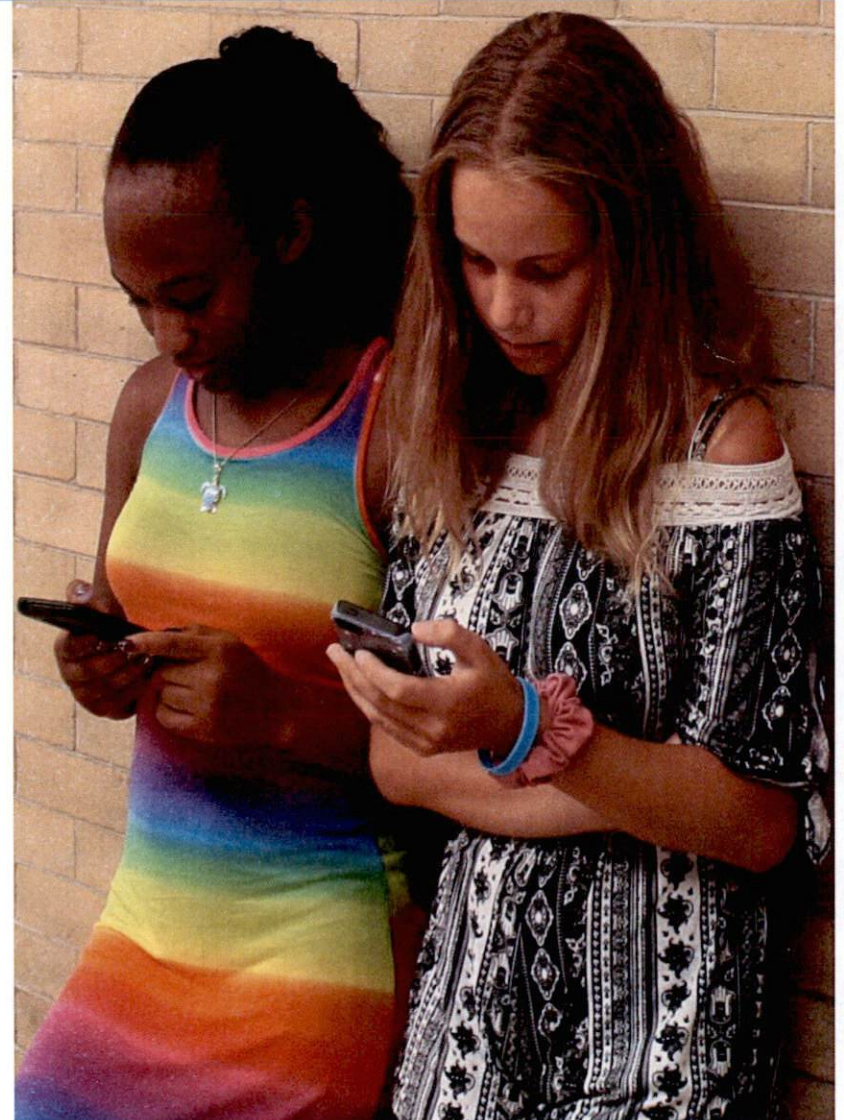
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Safe2Tell Mission

- Safe2Tell provides the ability to anonymously report information about unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities in schools.

- Safe2Tell empowers students and the community by offering a comprehensive program of education, awareness, and training.
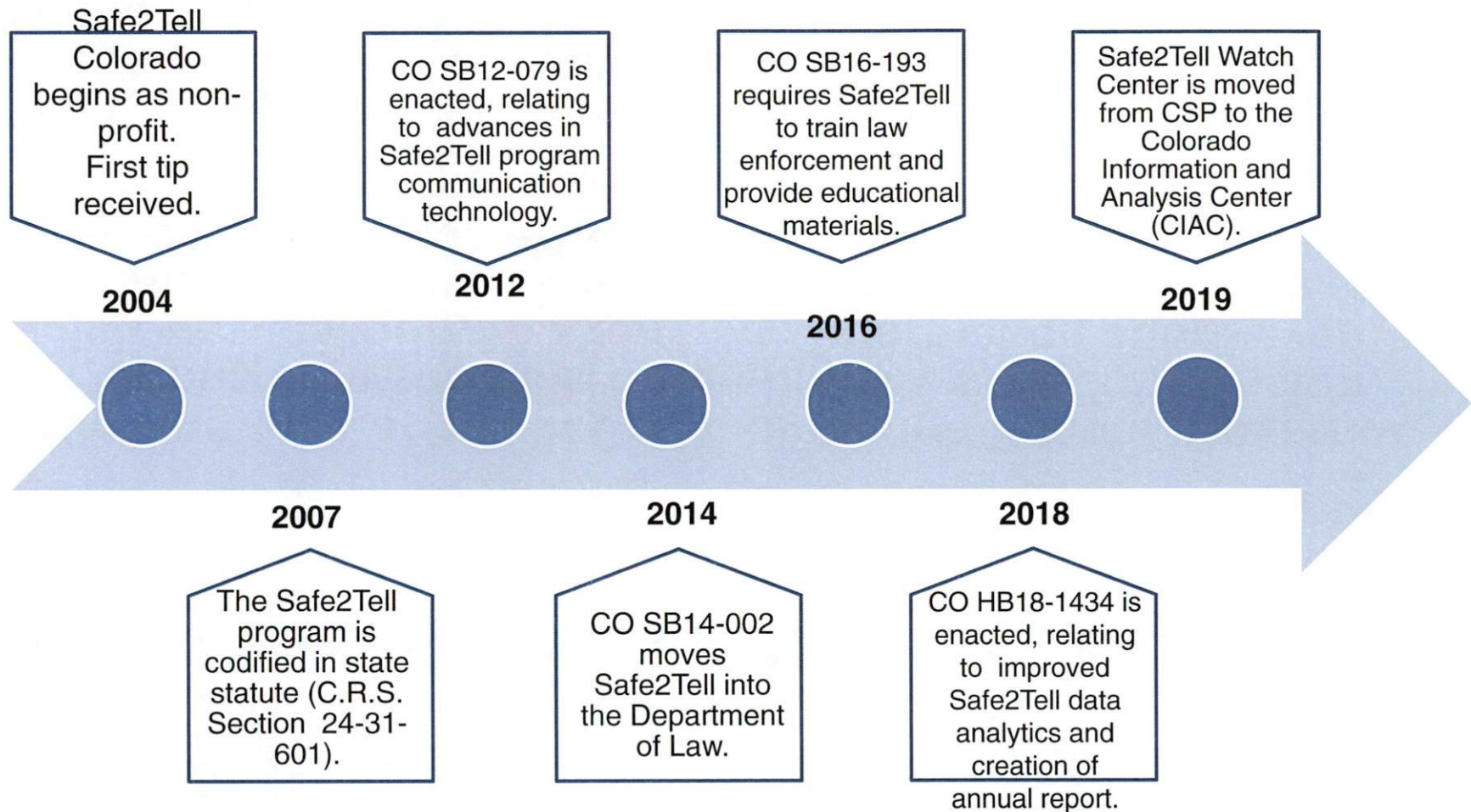
C.R.S.-24-31-602(1)

Why Safe2Tell in Colorado?

In the aftermath of Columbine in April 20, 1999:

- Following the tragedy at Columbine High School, Governor Bill Owens convened the Columbine Review Commission, which was tasked with examining information about events surrounding the shooting and identifying proposed strategies for future prevention efforts.

- The Commission's final report found that *young people are reluctant to report threats due to a student culture that fosters and enforces a "code of silence."*

- The Commission's key recommendation was for *Colorado to create an* <u>*anonymous process*</u> *whereby students or others could contact authorities to share concerns about potential threats of violence or other harmful behavior.*

Historical Timeline

Safe2Tell Colorado begins as non-profit. First tip received.

CO SB12-079 is enacted, relating to advances in Safe2Tell program communication technology.

CO SB16-193 requires Safe2Tell to train law enforcement and provide educational materials.

Safe2Tell Watch Center is moved from CSP to the Colorado Information and Analysis Center (CIAC).

2004

2012

2016

2019

2007

2014

2018

The Safe2Tell program is codified in state statute (C.R.S. Section 24-31-601).

CO SB14-002 moves Safe2Tell into the Department of Law.

CO HB18-1434 is enacted, relating to improved Safe2Tell data analytics and creation of annual report.

Tip Lifeline

Reporting

A report is made to Safe2Tell via phone, web, or mobile app.

Analysis

Safe2Tell CIAC analysts receive tip, gather necessary information from the tipster, and send the tip to the appropriate school/local law enforcement team.

Partnership

School partners with law enforcement (and other mental health/intervention teams, as needed) to determine appropriate intervention strategies.

Accountability

Team reports outcomes to Safe2Tell to ensure that action is taken on each and every report.

Intervention & Interruption

Local team intervenes to address the concern, interrupt potential harmful action, and provide support and resources to those in need.
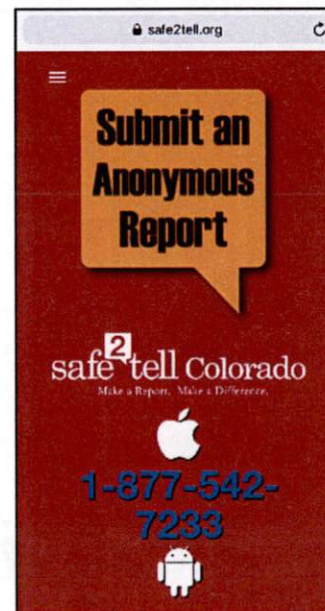

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Submit an Anonymous Tip →
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Make a Report, Make a Difference

1-877-542-7233

Mobile App (Apple or Android)

- Provides tipsters with options to *Submit a Tip*, *Review/Update a Tip*, and/or *Call to Make a Report*

- Analysts acknowledge tip receipt and can ask additional questions to tipster

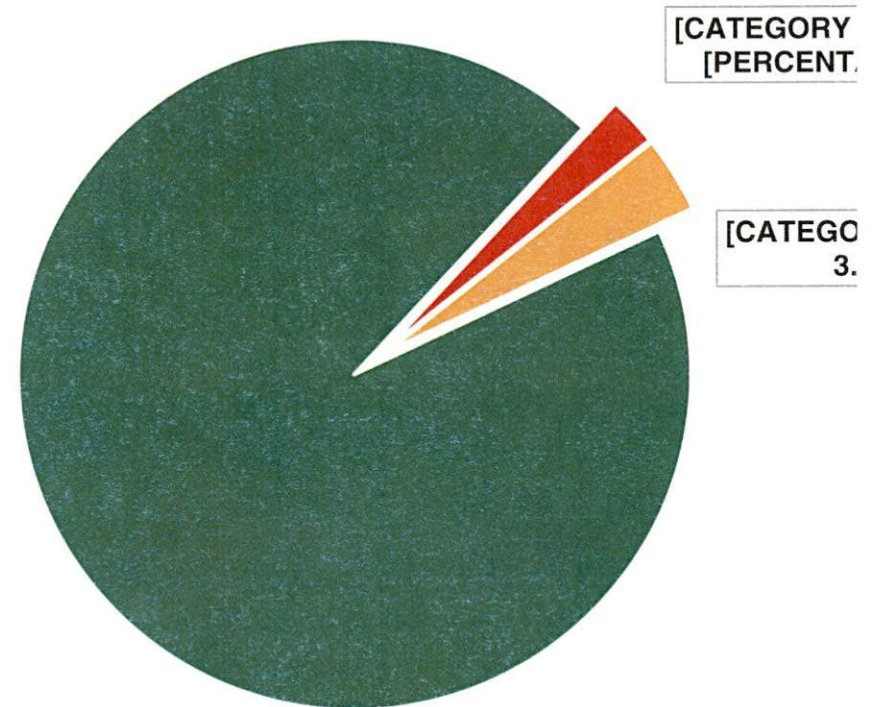- 31% of tips in 2018-2019 were reported through the mobile app

2018 – 2019 Tips

93.8% Actionable tips submitted in good faith for early intervention purposes.

- **7.7%** of total tips are duplicate reports received for the same concern or threat, indicating that students are breaking the code of silence and feeling empowered to make their schools and co safer.

3.8% Non-actionable tips received with NON-malicious intent (misuse, prank calls, and hang-ups).

2.4% Tips received with malicious intent that contain false information to

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[CATEGORY NAME]
93.8%

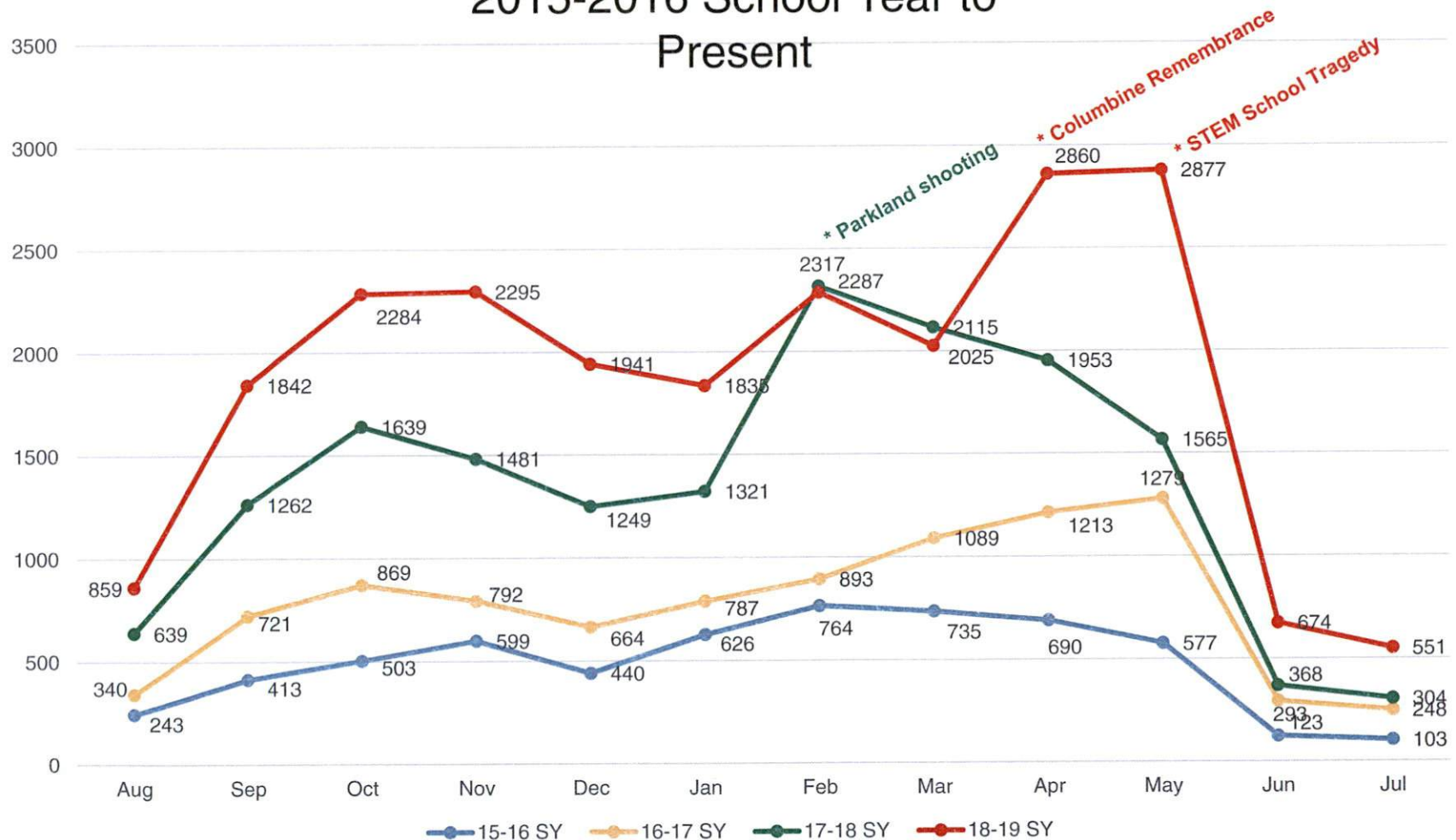**Actionable vs. Misuse & False Tips
2018-2019 School Year**

Top Substantive Tip Categories 2018-2019

- Suicide has been the most frequently reported tip for the last 33 consecutive months (except for February 2018 – Parkland, FL)

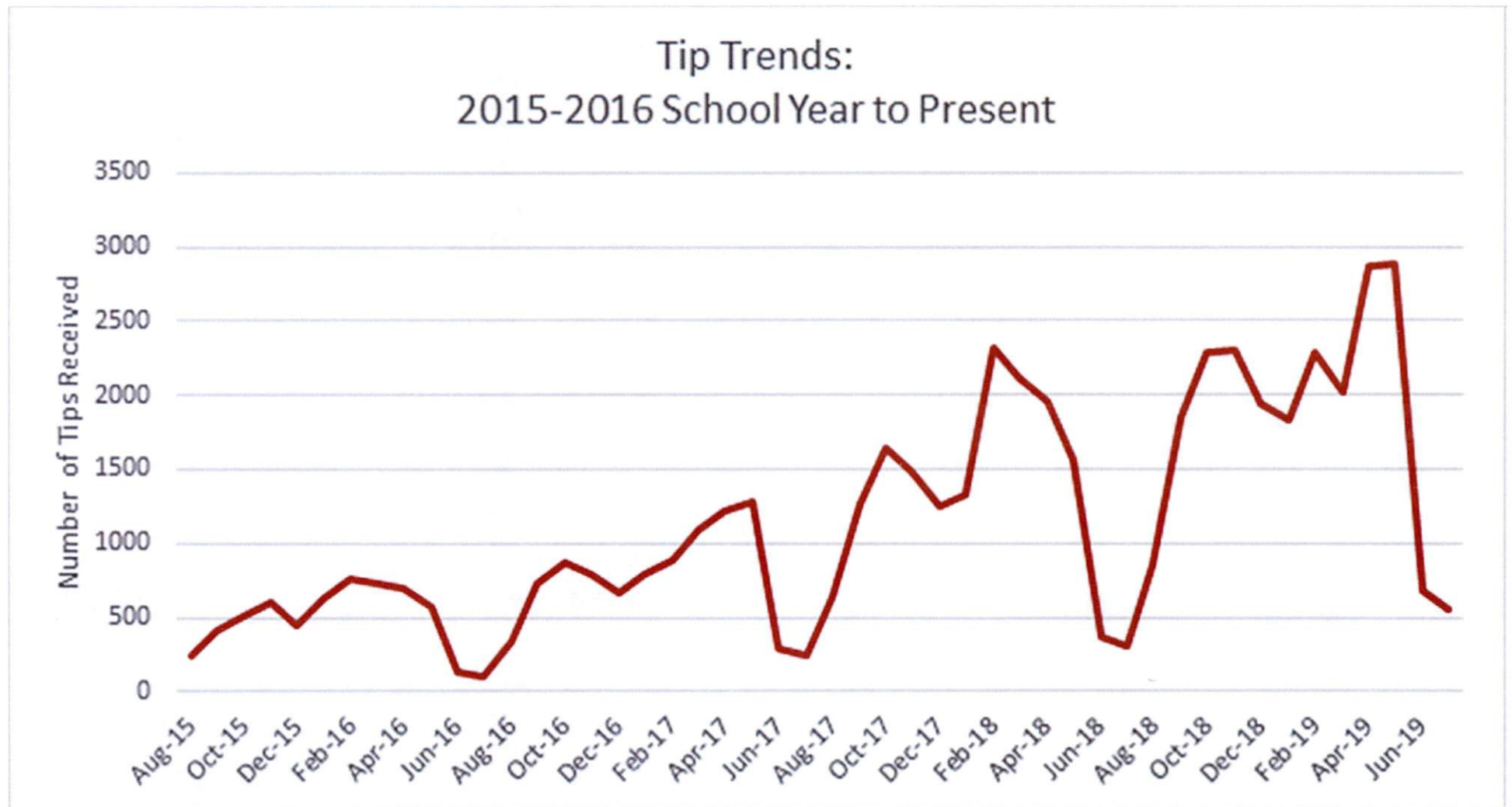- Planned school attacks comprised 2% of tips received during the 2018-2019 school year

Tip Category	Percent of Total Tips Received
1. Suicide Threats	16.4%
2. Drugs	9.7%
3. Bullying	8.4%
4. Self-Harm	5.4%
5. School Complaint	4.8%

Year to Year Comparison

Tip Trends: 2015-2016 School Year to Present

Line chart showing tip trends by month (Aug–Jul) across four school years.

* Parkland shooting
* Columbine Remembrance
* STEM School Tragedy

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
15-16 SY	243	413	503	599	440	626	764	735	690	577	123	103
16-17 SY	340	721	869	792	664	787	893	1089	1213	1275	293	248
17-18 SY	639	1262	1639	1481	1249	1321	2317	2115	1953	1565	368	304
18-19 SY	859	1842	2284	2295	1941	1835	2287	2025	2860	2877	674	551

Legend: 15-16 SY, 16-17 SY, 17-18 SY, 18-19 SY

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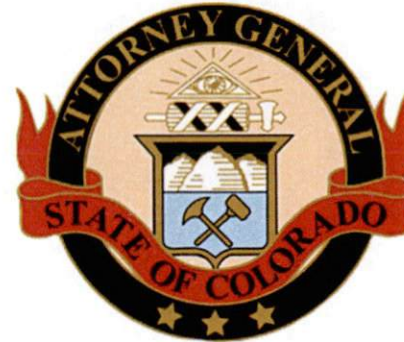2015-2016 School Year to Present

Key Goals for 2019-2020

- Educate and increase awareness to encourage reporting and breaking the "code of silence."

- Continue to engage, equip, and empower youth and community members to be part of the solution.

- Create safer schools and communities through prevention and early intervention.

- Enhance efforts to assist schools with cultivating positive cultures and climate.

- Continue to foster high functioning local early intervention teams between school officials and law enforcement - also to include mental health, and other appropriate intervention partners, as needed.

Thank you!

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