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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE RESEARCH PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON SCHOOL TIP LINES

WASHINGTON – The Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice today published an article detailing how educators, law enforcement professionals, community leaders and school safety experts can benefit through using an NIJ-funded tool kit to implement tip lines to prevent violence, self-harm, and other disorders. School safety tip lines allow individuals to confidentially report threats and problems within a school system.

“When properly set up and effectively administered, school safety tip lines have the potential to prevent acts of violence and ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff,” said NIJ Director David Muhlhausen. “This resource will help school administrators, community leaders and law enforcement officials determine how to develop a tip line system that provides maximum utility and security and greater peace of mind.”

Students ages 12 to 18 experienced some 850,000 school victimizations in 2015, including 500,000 violent victimizations and 70,000 serious violent victimizations. The Department of Justice has been working to help school districts and local officials counter threats of school violence. Last year, OJP and the Justice Department’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services awarded more than \$85 million from the STOP School Violence Act to enhance school threat assessment efforts and develop technology-based solutions.

An NIJ-supported research team from RTI International developed the toolkit to help stakeholders navigate key decisions and consider the factors necessary for supporting and implementing successful and efficient tip lines as part of an overall school safety strategy.

TITLE: *Implementing a School Tip Line? New Research Provides a Blueprint*

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