

# Establishing an Effective Digital Presence

North Carolina Crime Stoppers

## **Our Path**



- Understanding Digital Presence
- Setting Goals
- Planning Your Approach
- Building your Digital Presence
- Expanding into Social Media
- Expanding into Advertising



# Digital Presence and its Importance

# **Digital Presence**

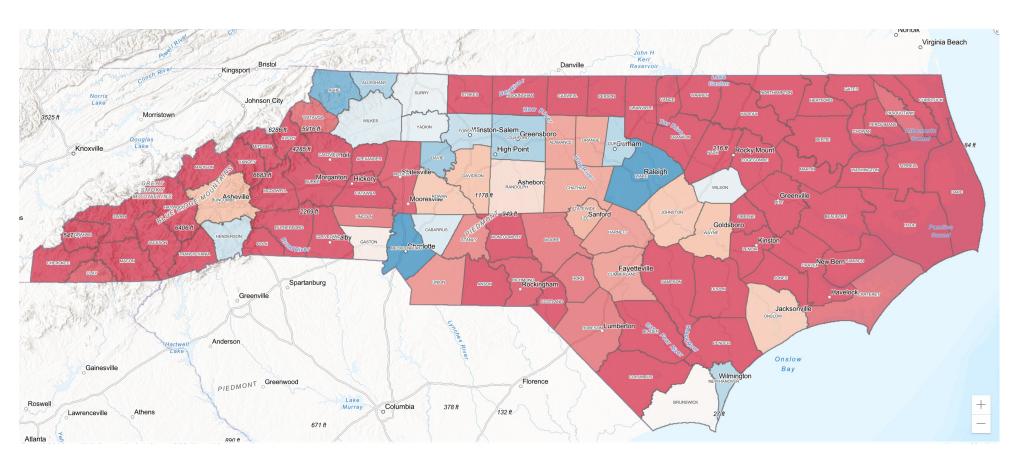


What people find when they search for your organization online.

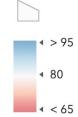
- Website
- Search Engines (Google, Bing, etc.)
- Business Directories
- Your Location
- Reviews
- Email Marketing
- Social Media
- Advertising

## **Broadband Use**



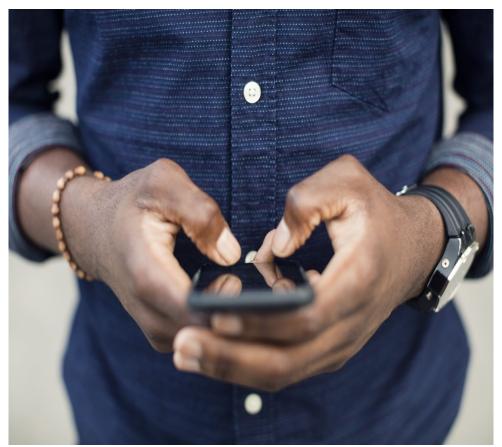


#### NC Broadband Availability Index - By County



# **Smartphones**

- Average American spends nearly 3 hours on their phone every day
- Average user checks their device 47 times per day
- Americans send more than 26 billion texts each day





# Settings Goals

# **Establish Digital Presence Goals**



- What do you want to accomplish?
  - Increase Crime Stoppers tips
  - Shorten time to arrest
  - Increase property recoveries
  - Increase arrest rates for specific crimes
  - Increase conviction rates for specific crimes



# Planning Your Approach

## **Target Audience**



- Identify characteristics (ex. age, gender, income)
- Describe pain points that motivate the audience
- Define the benefits that drive your audiences' motivations
- Determine how your audience finds you
- Identify who your audience trusts

## Sample Target Audience



- Women 18-54
- Member of a Latino community
- Rural resident
- High school graduate or less
- Concerned with crime in her community but are wary of law enforcement personnel











# Establish a Messaging Hierarchy



- What does your target audience MOST want to know?
- Using my sample target audience, I would propose:
  - How to report a crime
  - Crime tips are anonymous, really
  - Awards are anonymous, really
- Photos and images are part of messaging

# **Identify Content Must Haves**



- Calls-to-Action (CTAs)
  - Submit a Tip
  - Call Us
- When to call 911
- About Crime Stoppers
- Anonymity
- Sponsors
- Donations

**Buy Now** 



# Building Your Digital Presence

# Website Technology



- Who will host your website or page?
  - Your town, city, or county
  - P3 Tip Management
  - On your own (WordPress, Wix, Weebly)
- Choosing a URL (web address)
  - Use entire name spelled out if possible, Ex. Fayettevillecrimestoppers.org
- Creating the right email address
  - Ex. info@alamancecrimestoppers.org

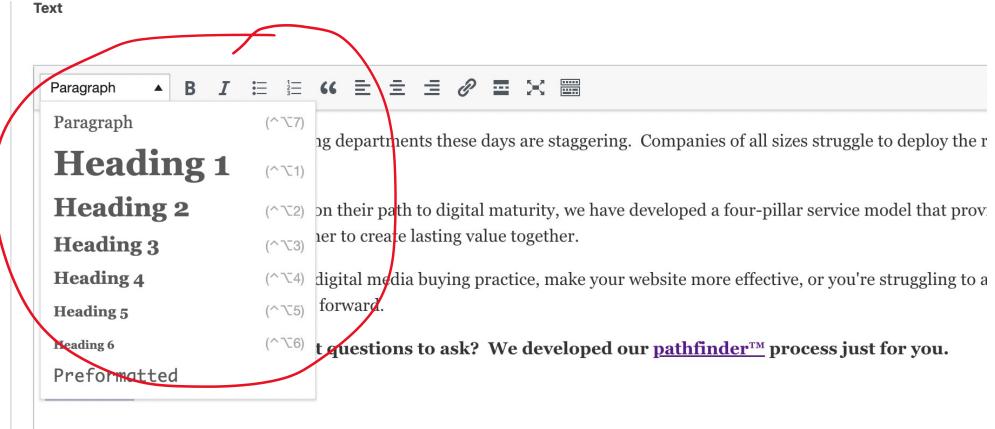
# **Copy Writing**



- Write for the target audience
  - In my sample, I would write at the 6<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade level (long sentences are harder to read on a screen)
- Spell and grammar check (ex. Grammarly or Hemmingway Editor)
- 6 second attention span
  - Use subheads and bullets
- Half second to site abandonment
- Make it accessible (ex. Alt Text)

# **Content Tagging**





## **Alt Text**



#### **Edit Image**



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October 9, 2020 7 MB 5184 by 3456 pixels Edit Image

Delete permanently

Alt Tex

Your Healthcare concierge can help explain your benefits

Learn how to describe the purpose of the image. Leave empty if the image is purely decorative.

Title

Nurse Making Notes During Home Visit With Senior Couple

Caption

Nurse Making Notes During Home Visit With Senior Couple

Description



# **Expanding Into Social Media**

## **Social Media**



- 72% of Americans use some type of social media
- Don't take on more channels that you can manage (start with one)
- Channel possibilities
  - Facebook
  - Instagram
  - Twitter
  - YouTube
  - TikTok

### **Risk Culture**



- Establish post policies
  - Existing and applicable privacy laws
  - Civil rights
  - Civil liberties
  - Safety warnings
  - Comment moderating
  - Conflicts
  - Account security
- PR Team notifications

### **Facebook Stats**



- People aged 25-34
- 57% male, 43% female
- The largest social platform
- User growth has slowed to 0.8%
- Time spent: 33 minutes per day

# Creating a Facebook Page



- Create a personal profile for your newly established email account (ex. <u>info@alamancecrimestoppers.com</u>)
  - Add profile photo
  - Add cover photo
- Create a business page
  - Facebook.com/pages/create#
    - You will need
      - Page name
      - Category
      - Description
      - Profile photo
      - Cover photo
      - Address





Pages > Create a Page Create a Page

#### Page information

Page name (required)

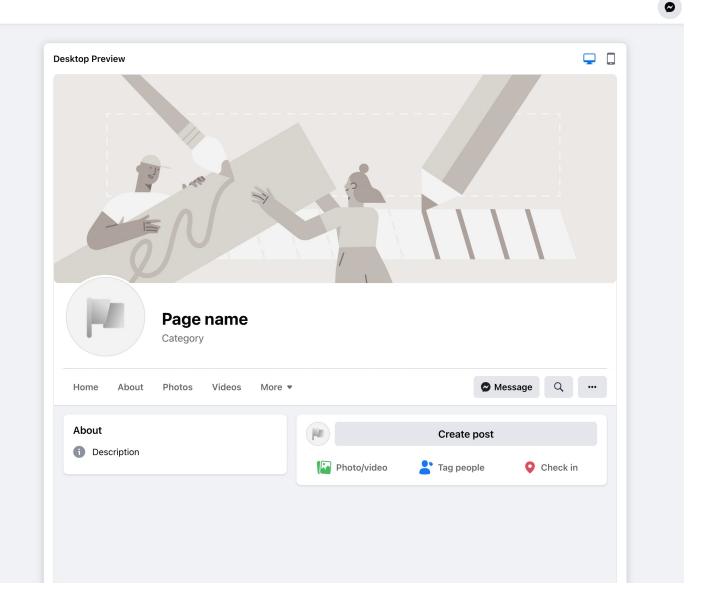
Use the name of your business, brand or organization, or a name that explains what the Page is about. Learn

Category (required)

Choose a category that describes what type of business, organization or topic the Page represents. You can add up to 3.

Description

You can add images, contact info and other details after you create the Page.





#### **Twitter Stats**

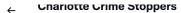


- 211 million users
- Largest group aged 18-29 (42%)
- 62% male, 38% female
- Time spent: 31 minutes
- Focused on Breaking News

# Creating a Twitter Account



- Profile and header photos
- Display name and account name
- Bio with link to your website/page
- A pinned tweet
- <u>business.twitter.com/en/basics/create-a-twitter-business-profile.html</u>



1.064 Tweets

MAKE A CALL. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. 704-334-1600





#### **Charlotte Crime Stoppers**

@CLTCrimeStopper

CRIME STC)PPERS

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit that solicits and anonymously gathers crime tips and rewards cash 🔢 to those who provide info that leads to an arrest. 🚔

Joined November 2017

703 Following 1,839 Followers

Tweets

Tweets & replies

Media

Likes

**♣** Pinned Tweet



Charlotte Crime Stoppers @CLTCrimeStopper · Jul 24, 2020

Do you have information about a crime in #CLT? @CLTCrimeStopper will protect your identity! Here is how... #cltnews #CharlotteNC #CrimeStoppers



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#### Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers

384 Tweets

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY



1-800-222-7463

DOWNLOAD OUR FREE MOBILE APP AT P3TIPS.COM



#### **Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers**

@SacCrimeStopper

We are a Non-Profit Organization where community members can help solve crime while REMAINING ANONYMOUS! Up to \$1,000 CASH REWARDS leading to an arrest!

97 Following 137 Followers

Tweets

Tweets & replies

Media

Likes



Sacramento Valley Crime Stoppers @SacCrimeStopper · 1h

Here are two victims of 2021 homicides in Sacramento - do you have any information?

STAY ANONYMOUS - CASH REWARD

Call 1-916-443-HELP (4357), \*\*TIPS, 1-900-AACRIME, or use the P3 app.

In April, Kathy Lynn Robbins, 64, was found dead along the American River bike trail, with visible injuries, possibly from an assault.







## **Instagram Stats**

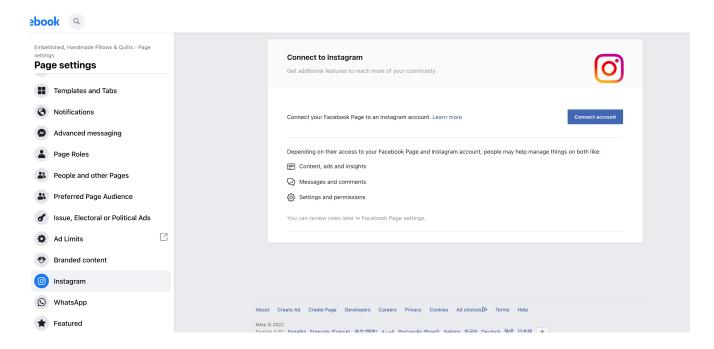


- 2 billion active users (about 1B less than FB)
- Image based
- Largest group aged 25-34
- 52% male, 48% female
- Maintains firm hold on Gen Z and Millenials
- Time spent: 29 minutes per day

# Creating an Instagram Page



- <u>business.instagram.com/getting-started</u>
- Connect to Facebook via Facebook page settings



### TikTok Stats



- 1 billions monthly users
- Video based
- Ages 10-19 (25%)
- 39% male, 61% female
- Time spent: 89 minutes per day

## Creating a TikTok Account



- Create a personal account using your designated email address
- Follow directions: <u>blog.hootsuite.com/tiktok-for-business/#Step\_1\_Get\_a\_TikTok\_Business\_Account</u>
- Explore other Crime Stoppers accounts, ex.
  - Crimestoppersofhouston (more prevention focus)
  - Macon Crime Stoppers (soliciting tips focus)
- You may want to use "restricted mode"

# Hashtags

- Awareness builder
- Examples
  - #CrimeStoppers
  - #BooneNC
  - #ReportCrimes
- Research before you hashtag



# Advertising

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- Print
- Direct mail
- Television
- Radio
- Podcast
- Mobile
- Social media
- Digital display
- Paid search
- Out-of-Home (billboards, bus shelters, benches, bus wraps, etc.)

# Free Advertising



- Some providers will donate advertising to Crime Stoppers
- Work with your PR team for local contacts
  - Digital Billboards
  - Newspapers
  - Radio

## **Questions?**



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