



Community Bulletin

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Crime Stoppers Awareness Month

January is Crime Stoppers Month

Happy New Year and welcome to another edition of *Crime Stoppers Community Bulletin*. January not only marks the beginning of a new year for Crime Stoppers, but it is also the month when Crime Stoppers programs around the world take an opportunity to raise awareness about this very successful community-based, crime fighting program.

How can you help celebrate Crime Stoppers Awareness Month? Crime Stoppers is asking businesses and individuals to post the message "Cold Cash for Hot Tips - Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS" on any advertising signs that they may have access to in order to help spread the word about Crime Stoppers. For more information call 519-426-3434 ext 4240/41.

Since our last bulletin

Cigar Night

Talk about a "smokin' fundraiser!" Crime Stoppers was successful in holding its 3rd annual "North Shore Big Smoke" Cigar Night fundraiser this past November. Approximately \$6000 was raised at this year's event which was held in Tillsonburg. Ensuring a successful evening, guests were treated to a martini bar, an oyster/mussel bar, a four-course gourmet dinner (created by Elm Hurst Inn), several quality cigars, wine with dinner, a silent auction & a first class evening of fun.

The evening was titled, "A Tribute to New York" & sounds of the 1950's rat pack swooned in the background. Crime Stoppers felt that this theme was appropriate considering the devastation that occurred in New York on September 11. Consequently, Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg donated a portion of the funds raised that evening to the New York Police and Fire Widow's and Childrens' Fund.

A huge thanks goes out to the evening's sponsors including: Ontario Tobacco Growers Magazine, AgraTurf Equipment Services, Royal LePage-R.E. Wood Realty, JTI MacDonald Corp, The Tillsonburg News, Country Home Candle Co, The Michael Bossy Group, Cyril J Demeyere Ltd, DeCloet Ltd, Succession Strategies Inc, Agrospray Ltd, Verspeeten Cartage, Townsend Lumber, DeGrootte Hill Pontiac-Buick-GMC & Kelsey's Restaurant.

Thanks also goes out to Maxxium Canada, CD 106.7 FM, Dale Flynn & Elm Hurst Inn, Pelee Island Winery, Henry Scholten, Keith Ashley, Starlight Smoke Shop & the Tillsonburg Golf Club as well as the many individuals who donated items and attended the evening's activities.

Crime Stoppers Littlest Donor...

When 4 year old Timmy S heard recently that Crime Stoppers was holding a fundraiser and that a donation was going to be made to the relief efforts in New York City, he knew what to do. An avid collector of police and fire department shoulder flashes, Timmy offered to donate two prize possessions from his collection of almost 50 shoulder flashes. His donation included a New York City Police patch and a New York City Fire patch. These items brought in \$140 in Crime Stopper's cigar night silent auction. Way to go Timmy!

Coming Events

Black Tie Dinner and Auction

Dig out your tux and tails and get ready to attend Crime Stoppers newest fundraiser. Scheduled for May 2nd, 2002 Crime Stoppers will be holding a black tie dinner and auction in Dunnville. The committee is busy planning an evening that is sure to be filled with fun. Stay tuned for more details!

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Other News

What's up with "Stat?"

2001 was another great year for Crime Stoppers and our statistics prove it. Check out what was achieved in 2001.

Arrests	90
Charges Laid	335
Narcotics Seized	
\$2,195,616	
Property Recovered	\$384,255

When you add these figures to what has been achieved since our program was created in January 1988, the figures are outstanding! Especially when you note that these figures relate only to what has been achieved locally throughout in Tillsonburg, Norfolk and Haldimand!

Arrests	1,251
Charges Laid	3,488
Narcotics Seized	
\$16,424,068	
Property Recovered	\$3,026,354

Who Knew?

Did you know that Crime Stoppers is owned by the community and that it is not a police program? Very often when people think of Crime Stoppers, they automatically think that it is a police program, but *in fact* Crime Stoppers is a non-profit program that is owned by 15 members from the communities of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg. This group of volunteers is responsible for the financial survival and administration of the program. The board of directors owns all files related to Crime Stoppers and they are responsible for determining all rewards. Of course, the police play an integral part in the Crime Stoppers program by working to solve crimes through anonymous tips and by supplying staff to work in the program, however they do not own the program.

Other Donors to Date

Donations continued to come into the Crime Stoppers program. Since our last *Community Bulletin*, donations have been received from:

- Delhi Catholic Women's League
- Jarvis Lions
- Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 158
- Mrs. P. Macdonald
- St Williams Lions

Thanks to Target Convenience

Crime Stoppers would like to thank Chic and everyone at Target Convenience for all their help over the past several years with Nevada ticket sales and the fight against crime.

Email anyone?

We would like to add your name / business to our list of email recipients for the "Community Bulletin." Please notify us (marked "re Crime Stoppers Community Bulletin") of your email address:

coordinators@helpsolvecrime.com

Student News

Brainstorming Session

Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg will be holding its annual Student Crime Stoppers Appreciation Luncheon and Brainstorming Session on February 12, 2002 at Dallas in Simcoe. Start thinking of who you'd like to send to represent your school and look for your invitation arriving shortly!

Pass the pancakes please....

Congratulations to both Hagersville Secondary and McKinnon Park who were involved in Student Crime Stoppers breakfasts in the fall of last year. Hagersville celebrated their new partnership with JC Hill Elementary and held an awareness breakfast at JC Hill to bring community support to their initiative. McKinnon Park's breakfast was held to raise money for their school and to thank the community for all its support. Both breakfasts were very successful.

Bursary Broadcast

Don't forget that bursary nominations are due by March 15th. If you know a student who is interested in finding out more about these \$1000 bursaries, tell them to contact their guidance department or give our office a call.

Poster Contest

Crime Stoppers is pleased to announce that in conjunction with January's Crime Stoppers Awareness Month, it is holding a "Student Crime Stoppers poster contest." Check out our website (helpsolvecrime.com) under "upcoming events" for details on how to show of your artistic abilities!

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