



# THE SOURCE

*Keeping you informed on what's happening in the world of Crime Stoppers.*

## FROM THE TIPS LINE

### CHRISTMAS TIME CRIMES



As the temperature drops "Christmas time crimes" can rise to dampen a families festivities. At the same time that you are out shopping for presents for your friends and family, criminals may be targeting your home or vehicle.

"Christmas time crimes" involve break and enters to both businesses and residences, thefts of snow machines or other cold weather items, thefts of recently purchased gifts from your car and other property crimes of opportunities.

If you have any information on these "festive felons" call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-263-6966 or 1-800-222-TIPS. A cash reward will be paid for successful tips.

You can also lessen your chances of being victimized by keeping valuable out of view in both your house and car. Do not put Christmas presents under the tree before Santa arrives, secure outdoor property and improve your outdoor lighting system.

### "STATS" INCREDIBLE!

Take a look statistics to date in 2002:

<b>Criminals Arrested</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Charges Laid</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Drugs Taken Off the Street</b>	<b>\$3.2 million</b>
<b>Stolen Property Recovered</b>	<b>\$182,000.00</b>

### WHO KNEW?

Have you always wondered how Crime Stoppers pay rewards to callers, if they remain anonymous? First off, callers are asked to call back to the program for an update on their tip. If the information they provided lead to a successful conclusion of the case, a reward is presented to the

civilian Board of Directors. Once approved, a board member puts a cash reward in place at one of the many payout locations throughout our program's area. The caller chooses that award over the phone when they call in for their update. The caller is then given instructions on how to pick up their reward. They must use their confidential code number and another piece of information Crime Stoppers gives them. With over \$100,000.00 in rewards paid out since 1988, this system obviously works.

## SINCE OUR LAST BULLETIN

### GOLF TOURNAMENT ANOTHER SUCCESS!

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Central & Erie Insurance Brokers Association Crime Stoppers Charity Golf Tournament was another overwhelming success raising over \$16,000.00. A sincere thank you goes out to Pilot Insurance, this year's major sponsor in addition to all the participants, volunteers, donors and sponsors who contributed to another great event. For an entire list of contributors, log onto [www.helpsolvecrime.com](http://www.helpsolvecrime.com) under Events.

### INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION RECEIVED

Crime Stoppers locally continues to uphold its award winning reputation. At the 2002 Crime Stoppers International conference in August, the following awards were received:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Most Stolen Goods Recovered
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Most Drugs Recovered
- Most Improved – Cases Cleared

In addition, Crime Stoppers received the following awards on behalf of local media for the hard work they do for Crime Stoppers:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Website, Jeff Cunningham HWCN
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Radio PSA, CD 106.7 fm Simcoe
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Newsprint PSA, Dunnville Chronicle
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Newsletter, "Community Bulletin"

## STUDENT NEWS

### NEW POSTERS & BROCHURES



Alicia Komejan of Holy Trinity high school won first place in the Student Crime Stoppers poster contest. Hagersville Post Office was generous enough to donate a Cellular phone as the prize. The poster design was used for both new posters and brochures to help kick off the scholastic crime-fighting program for the 2002-2003 school year.

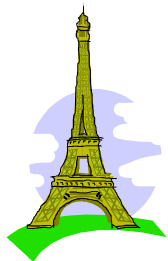
### STUDENT AWARDS

Congratulations to Haley Smith and Ashley Doroszkiewicz who both received the 2002 Hagersville Secondary School Crime Stoppers award. Each year this award is given to the HSS Crime Stoppers student(s) who contribute significantly to the school's program. Congratulations ladies!

HSS receives this special award because it was the first Student Crime Stoppers program in Ontario, forming in 1994 under the leadership of teacher coordinator, Mrs. Janice Schweder. More details will be available in regards to the celebrations planned for HSS Crime Stoppers' 10th anniversary!

## COMING UP...

### "NORTH SHORE BIG SMOKE" CIGAR NIGHT



The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Crime Stoppers Cigar Night and Silent Auction is fast approaching. To get your tickets for the November 14<sup>th</sup> event contact David Demeyere at (519) 842-3691 ext 227. This year's event will feature a French theme.

### CRIME STOPPERS RE-ENACTMENT

#### AIRS

Tune into CH News Channel 11 Hamilton on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of November for the "Crime of the Week" re-enactment. An unsolved crime

committed in Haldimand, Norfolk or Tillsonburg will be featured in hopes of bringing in new information that could help solve the case. CH shows the "Crime of the Week" every Monday during segments of the daily news. Don't miss it! You could help solve a crime and earn cash rewards.

### POLAR BEAR SWIM "DIP FOR TIPS"

Once again, some brave supporters of Crime Stoppers will be taking the frigid dip in Port Dover to raise funds for the program. Last year, Crime Stoppers coordinator Krista Schaus and her husband, Pete Koning, raised over \$750 in less than two weeks. Crime Stoppers invites others to join them in the frigid dip if they dare. Consider this, it's supposed to be a mild winter! For more details email [office@helpsolvecrime.com](mailto:office@helpsolvecrime.com).

### FREE DRAW!

With the holidays approaching, Crime Stoppers is in a giving mood. Fill out the entry form for a **free Crime Stoppers prize package** including a polar fleece sweatshirt, hat and much more (\$100 value).

### CRIME STOPPERS FREE DRAW

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to Crime Stoppers Free Draw PO Box 66,  
Simcoe, ON N3y 4K8 by Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 2002.**

*One entry per person please.*

### EMAIL ANYONE?

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