



# The Source

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

## From the Tips Line

### Who Knew...?

Did you know that the money used to pay rewards for successful Crime Stoppers tips comes almost entirely from the communities which Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg serves?

That's right. Crime Stoppers typically pays out anywhere from \$10,000 to \$15,000 each year in cash rewards to callers. This money is raised through the private fundraising efforts of the program's governing board of directors and includes events such as a Spring Gala, charity golf tournament and Jail or Bail. These events are successful because of the overwhelming support they receive from members and businesses in our local communities. Service clubs & organizations from across the area are also very supportive of the Crime Stoppers program.

Rewards - which range from \$50 to \$2000 - are determined by the Crime Stoppers board of directors and are paid anonymously to callers for information that leads to an arrest or charge.

## Since our Last Bulletin

### Donations Since our Last Issue

Crime Stoppers would like to thank the following groups for their continued financial support.

- Caledonia Kinsmen
- Selkirk Neighbourhood Watch
- Tillsonburg Coin Club
- Group 5 Mutual Insurance Companies

### Thank You; Thank You Very Much....

Crime Stoppers held their annual appreciation luncheon on January 19. The program took an opportunity to express its thanks to everyone who helped make 2004 a great success.

Several awards were handed out at the luncheon including the "Law Enforcement Recognition Award" which was presented to Constable Owen Jones, Norfolk OPP. An honourable mention was given to Detective Constable Ron Williams, Haldimand OPP for his work with the program as well.

The "Bill Courtnage Memorial Award," which celebrates the efforts of one civilian in the program, was presented to Simcoe area representative Barbara Howden who has been with the program since 1993.

Local media outlets - who's work is vital to the program - were also presented with tokens of the program's appreciation and special attention was given to the fact the several outlets had won provincial and international awards in 2004 (CD 98.9 fm; The Simcoe Reformer; The Haldimand Press; CH News and Rogers Television).

### Crime Stoppers Awareness Month

Each year Crime Stoppers programs around the world use January to spread the word about the program its success.

Check out our local statistics:

Category	Since Inception	2004
Arrests	43	1535
Charges	170	4192
Cases Cleared	49	3212
Property Recovered	\$91,540	\$3,511,070
Drugs Seized	\$566,003	\$28,315,915
Rewards Authorized	\$10,950	\$177,185

## Just Around the Corner...

### Spring Gala

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gala is scheduled for May 5, 2005 at the Fisherville Community Centre. The evening promises to be a first class event with a gourmet dinner, fundraising auction and other great surprises. Tickets are \$100 a piece and include a gourmet dinner, a chance to win some really wonderful prizes, a live and silent auction and other great surprises. For more information, contact the Crime Stoppers office at (519) 426-3434 ext 4241.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jail and Bail

Have you ever been guilty of stealing donut holes from the centre of delicious sweet pastry contrary to the "Donuts Have Feelings Too" Act? Or maybe you've been accused of filling the minds of children with knowledge so that they have no mental energy left to play video games contrary to the "Children Need Time To Play" Act. If you find yourself feeling a bit guilty about either of these offenses (or any other absurd demeanors), then the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crime Stoppers Jail or Bail is a perfect way for you to redeem yourself.

Mark your calendars for a day of fun as jailbirds will fight for their freedom and experience many courtroom shenanigans on June 2, 2005 at the Simcoe Town Centre. You can become involved in this fundraiser in many different ways – just give Crime Stoppers a call at (519) 426-3434 ext 4240 to find out how.

### Crime Stoppers Valentine

Crime Stoppers want you to tune into CH New on February 14 to catch a sweetheart of a re-enactment. Airing every Monday at the 1:25 pm news update and the 6:00 pm and 11:00 editions of the daily news, CH News features re-enactments of unsolved crimes from around the area. February 14 will be used to highlight an unsolved case from the Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg area, so be sure to tune in and check it out.

## Student News

### Putting the Scramble on Crime

Successful fundraising breakfasts were held at Cayuga Secondary School, McKinnon Park Secondary School and JC Hill Elementary School (in partnership with Hagersville Secondary School) since our last newsletter. Crime Stoppers would like to congratulate each one of these schools on hosting successful events and encourages you to be on the look out for one of these great fundraisers coming to your community.

### Student Appreciation Luncheon

Students and teacher coordinators from all high schools in Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg will be recognized for their work with Student Crime Stoppers at the annual Student Appreciation Luncheon on February 22. Currently Crime Stoppers programs exist in all eleven high schools in the area. The Student Crime Stoppers program encourages students to take control of their environment by getting involved and recognizing the Crime Stoppers is an option for reporting information on crime.

## Special Feature

### How Can I Book a Guest Speaker?

Did you know that booking a guest speaker from Crime Stoppers is as easy as making a simple phone call? That's right. By calling Crime Stoppers at (519) 426-3434 ext 4240 / 4241 you can arrange a guest speaker for your service club, business affiliation or special interest group. Crime Stoppers does not charge a specific fee for conducting presentations, but appreciates donations (if they are available) which are used to maintain the program in your community. Presentations can be as short as 20 minutes or as long as you require. So, if you are looking to find out more about Crime Stoppers in your community, give Crime Stoppers a call and book your speaker today!