



The Source

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

You Wanted to Know

How to Remain Anonymous

Here's a question that reoccurs again and again at Crime Stoppers - "If all calls to Crime Stoppers are anonymous, how can I provide a tip and then find out what's happened with my information?"

As you know, when someone places a call to Crime Stoppers it's anonymous. That means callers never have to give their name, phone number or any personal details about themselves. All information that a caller has about a crime is taken anonymously by Crime Stoppers and then forwarded to the appropriate agency for investigation.

In order to remain anonymous, callers are assigned a code number when they call Crime Stoppers. This code number is very important as it is the **ONLY** way a caller can check on their information. Each code number is unique and known only by the caller to whom it is issued. As a result, callers are cautioned to treat their code number very carefully and keep it confidential. Callers can check back with Crime Stoppers to see if their information was used by investigators thus making the caller eligible for a cash reward by referring to their unique confidential code. If a caller cannot provide this confidential code, then no information will be provided by Crime Stoppers. This is done to protect the anonymity of callers and the program.

If you have any questions about Crime Stoppers, please call 1-800-222-TIPS for more information.

Since our Last Bulletin

UN Status

Crime Stoppers International (CSI) has recently been accredited by the United Nations as having special "Consultative Status." This is a landmark achievement for Crime Stoppers programs world-wide and will most certainly help to erase crime internationally.

Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign

The Crime Stoppers message is popping up all over the Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg area - literally. The program's latest initiative - titled "Project Sign" - will see sixteen 4' x 8' signs erected at different high traffic areas throughout its coverage area as well as many 12" x 18" sized signs. Both advertise the program's anonymous 1-800-222-TIPS number.

Officials from Haldimand County, Norfolk County and the Town of Tillsonburg agreed to partner with Crime Stoppers in this initiative so that communities can be safer for all. With the assistance of county and town officials, signs will be erected in Norfolk in Courtland, Delhi, Waterford, Simcoe, Port Dover & Port Rowan; in Haldimand in Caledonia, Dunnville, Cayuga, Jarvis, Hagersville & Nanticoke; as well as in Tillsonburg.

New brochures

Be on the lookout for two new Crime Stoppers brochures which are now available for distribution in your area. The program hopes the new promotional pieces will help to spread the word about the program and make your community safer.

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Driving Crime Out of the Community

When Crime Stoppers says that it wants to "drive" crime out of your community, it means business! The program is pleased to announce the arrival of a new vehicle which is decal'd from top to bottom with the Crime Stoppers message and 1-800-222-TIPS number to help spread the word about Crime Stoppers.

Sponsors for the 2005 burgundy Honda Civic include Norfolk Mutual Insurance Company who are very generously contributing to the lease of the vehicle; The Sign Place who donated the decal'ing of the vehicle; and Simcoe Honda who assisted with the lease.

Stats Great!

Thanks to the support of our key partners, Crime Stoppers has been able to achieve great things since its inception in 1988. Take a peek at our most up-to-date statistics.

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| Arrests | 1562 |
| Charges | 4288 |
| Narcotics Seized | \$28,429,680 |
| Property Recovered | \$3,812,484 |
| Cases Cleared | 3251 |

Around the Corner....

January - Crime Stoppers Awareness

January is Crime Stoppers Awareness Month! This means that Crime Stoppers programs around the world will be using this month to spread the word about the successful crime fighting program. Locally, Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg will be launching some exciting new programs and will take an opportunity to thank their key partners for contributing to another successful year for the program. Stay tuned for more information.

Spring Gala

Through the glare of the festive season, Crime Stoppers can see the lights of its first fundraiser of 2006 - Spring Gala! Mark your calendars for May 4, 2006 for an evening of fine dining and fun.

Student News

Today's Youth Taking Charge

Crime Stoppers has recently purchased a new promotional program that it hopes will be beneficial to all high schools in the area. The presentation, which was originally designed by Kamloops & District Crime Stoppers, uses audio, DVD and personal contact to help spread the word about the program and give students the knowledge they need to make informed choices on how to get involved. Coordinators hope to get into schools early next year with this new promotional tool. For more information or to book a presentation, call 519-426-3434 ext 4240/4241.

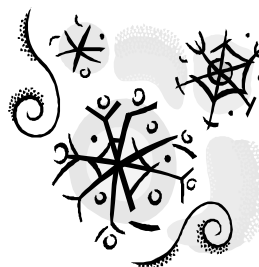
Fall Rap Session

Students and teacher coordinators from five of the area secondary schools gathered in Simcoe on October 25 to network and share information about the ever successful Student Crime Stoppers program. Some good ideas were generated and Crime Stoppers wants to thank all teachers and students for their contributions in making their schools safer places.

Bursary

The 2006 William Robert Courtage Crime Stoppers Community Service Bursary has now been circulated to area high schools. Crime Stoppers encourages all graduating students who are involved in their school's Student Crime Stoppers program to apply for one of two \$1000 bursaries. For more information log onto our website at www.helpsolvecrime.com and follow the links.

All the Best for 2006!



Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday and New Year!

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