



The Source

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

You Wanted to Know

Crime Stoppers Launches Webtips

Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg has taken a step forward into the forever changing world of communications as it now allows secure, anonymous tips to be submitted online at www.helpsolvecrime.com.

Crime Stoppers members in Canada have worked with software experts to develop a secure, confidential system for submitting anonymous tips electronically. As a result, when a tip is submitted online a secure, encrypted message will automatically be forwarded to and decrypted only by Crime Stoppers. Several Crime Stoppers programs across Canada have been utilizing this form of anonymous tip gathering, some for upwards of two years (Toronto Crime Stoppers). Haldimand, Norfolk & Tillsonburg is now one of the newest participants in the program.

This technology will not replace the anonymous 1-800-222-TIPS line, but will function in addition to it giving people another avenue to forward anonymous information to authorities without having to get involved as a witness. Local users simply have to log onto www.helpsolvecrime.com and follow the links. Information pages are posted online explaining how the program works.

Both the 1-800-222-TIPS telephone line and the www.helpsolvecrime.com webtip service are operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week and cash rewards of up to \$2000 are offered for information that leads to an arrest or charge.

Since our Last Bulletin

January – Crime Stoppers Awareness

Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg took advantage of January being Crime Stoppers Awareness Month to thank some of the program's biggest supporters and highlight the success of the program locally. The program's annual appreciation luncheon was held on January 12 at the Greens at Renton with close to 100 guests in attendance.

The program's board of directors took an opportunity to showcase highlights from the previous year as well as thank everyone who helped the program achieve another year of outstanding success. Tokens of thanks were given out to local media supporters and several awards were given out including the "Law Enforcement Recognition Award" to Detective Constable Lee Fulford who worked hard throughout 2005 to eradicate drugs from our streets. The annual Bill Courtnage Memorial Award was also given out posthumously to the late Tom Stackhouse who worked tirelessly for the Crime Stoppers program from 1999 until his untimely passing in the fall of 2005. Pictured below are two of Tom's grandsons accepting the award on behalf of his family.



Seniors Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers recently reached out to seniors not only locally, but across the province when it launched Seniors Crime Stoppers in January 2006. The program – designed specifically for seniors – explains how they can benefit from Crime Stoppers and also gives seniors some ideas on how they can better protect themselves. For more information or to book a presentation, please call 519-426-3434 ext 4241.

Stats Incredible!

Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg celebrated another hugely successful year in 2005 making our statistics since inception in 1988 incredible. Take a peek.

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

Closing the book on crime

Libraries across Tillsonburg, Norfolk and Haldimand have been partnering with our program to help spread the word about Crime Stoppers. Throughout the first few months of this year, branches across our coverage area have been setting up displays and handing out Crime Stoppers bookmarks. A big thanks goes to everyone who helped us to achieve this. It's because of cooperation like this that Crime Stoppers is so great!

Around the Corner....

Jail or Bail

Do you know someone who'd like to be arrested?! Or maybe you've always wondered what it'd be like to see the world from the back seat of a cruiser? If so, Crime Stoppers' third annual Jail or Bail fundraiser is perfect for you. Being held on June 15 at the Simcoe Town Centre, the day is one that will be filled with shenanigans, courtroom high jinks and plain old fun. Please call 519-426-3434 ext 4240 for more information on how you can participate.

Spring Gala

Mark your calendars for Spring Gala 2006! Being held this year on May 4 at the Fisherville Lions Hall, the evening is sure to be one filled with fine dining and fun. Tickets are \$100 each and can be purchased by calling 519-426-3434 ext 4241. Donation items are also being sought for the live and silent auction portions of the evening. Please give us a call if you can help us out with a donation.

Student News

Fundraising Breakfasts

Fundraising breakfasts are scheduled for Student Crime Stoppers programs on April 6 at McKinnon Park Secondary and on April 28 at Hagersville Secondary. Mark your calendars and come out to support a great cause.

Student Appreciation Luncheon

Ten area high schools attended the Student Crime Stoppers Appreciation Luncheon on February 16 at the Greens at Renton. Students and teachers were thanked for all their help and were treated to a sneak preview of webtips, the new student presentation and a real life "CSI" presentation by Constable Bill Benjamin of the Ontario Provincial Police's West Region Identification Branch.

New Student Presentation

Does your school want to book a Student Crime Stoppers presentation? If so, give our office a call at 519-426-3434 ext 4240 and we'll be happy to book you in. A new presentation has arrived here at our office and we're eager to bring it to your school!

Bursary

The Crime Stoppers Bursary Committee would like to thank everyone who applied for the 2006 William Robert Courtnage Crime Stoppers Community Service Bursary (we had a record number of nominations this year!). The committee now has the task of sitting down and making the tough decision. Stay tuned to find out who this year's winner(s) will be.