



The Source

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

You Wanted to Know

Who Owns Crime Stoppers?

Very often when people are posed with the question, "Who owns the Crime Stoppers program?" their automatic response is the police. This answer is WRONG. Crime Stoppers is a community based, non-profit organization that is owned and governed by an 18 member civilian board of directors. Because these members come from the community at large it means that the Crime Stoppers program is owned by the community.

This board of directors is responsible for mandating the program and maintaining its day to day operations. The board makes decisions on all rewards and is responsible for all fundraising to maintain the program.

Members of the Crime Stoppers board of directors come from all over the program's coverage area including Haldimand County, Norfolk County and the Town of Tillsonburg. These members volunteer their time and indeed are the backbone of Crime Stoppers.

The two other vital partners contributing to the program are the police who donate manpower to the program (ie coordinators) and investigate anonymous tips; and the media who donate space and time to promote and advertise the program and its renowned "Crime of the Week" feature.

Together all three partners make Crime Stoppers a huge success and make our communities safer for all!

Since our Last Bulletin

Spring Gala

Crime Stoppers would like to take an opportunity to extend a huge thanks to everyone who supported the 5th annual Spring Gala Dinner & Auction fundraiser. Held on May 4, 2006 at the Fisherville Community Centre, this event raised over \$12,000 for Crime Stoppers. Guests at the Gala enjoyed an evening of fine dining catered by "The Belworth House" of Waterford and were able to participate in fundraising ventures such as a live auction, a silent auction and a mystery treasure chest draw.

Crime Stoppers would like to thank the many businesses, individuals and volunteers who helped to make this event a night to be remembered.

Crime Stoppers Brings Home Hardware

Crime Stoppers returned home from the 2006 Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers Training Conference in June with four more awards to add to the program's already impressive list. Topping the list of awards received by the program was the Marla Moon Memorial Award of Excellence which is presented for overall excellence and success. This is the fifth time the program has won the coveted award in its population category.

Three media partners were also recognized including The Simcoe Reformer for "Best Feature Coverage in Print;" Rogers Television (Tillsonburg) for "Best Feature Coverage in Television;" and CH News (Hamilton) for "Best Crime of the Week Coverage in Television."

Summer 2006

Jailbirds Flock to Crime Stoppers

Jailbirds broke the bank raising over \$18,000 for Crime Stoppers at the 3rd annual Jail or Bail fundraiser held June 15, 2006 at the Simcoe Town Centre Mall in Simcoe. Thirty prominent citizens were brought before celebrity judges & lawyers for charges ranging from "Public follicular nudity" to "Harassing Sparky the Firedog" in accordance with Acts such as the "The Bald is Beautiful" Act and "I'm A Grown Man And Still Wear Rubber Pants" Act. Fines were given to each prisoner and were increased or decreased according to the effectiveness of each jailbird's pleas. Prisoners were then "sent to jail" to make phone calls to arrange for bail money. Shenanigans occurred throughout the day as some jailbirds came dressed in costumes & brought props to try and bribe the judge or escape the confines of jail.

Crime Stoppers would like to thank everyone who helped make this day a huge success and tons of fun!

Stats Incredible!

Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg continues to celebrate much success. Statistics since inception in 1988 are proof:

Arrests	1601
Charges	4446
Narcotics Seized	\$28,451,375
Property Recovered	\$4,051,724

Around the Corner....

Up, Up and Away!

Partnering up with Pilot Insurance, Crime Stoppers will be reaching for the clouds as they raffle off a hot air balloon ride for two in the Pilot Insurance Hot Air Balloon. The ride will take place over the August 19-20 weekend at Cornfest in Jarvis and will give a breathtaking view of the surrounding area. Tickets for your chance to win are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and can be obtained from any Crime Stoppers board member or by calling 519-426-3434 ext 4240/4241. The draw for this ride will take place live on the "Gerry and Kate" morning show on CD 98.9FM on August 14.

Teeing Off Fooore Safe Communities

Over 140 golfers will take to the greens on August 17, 2006 to make sure criminals end up in the sand trap as they participate in the 15th annual Crime Stoppers Central Erie and Haldimand Insurance Brokers Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at Pine Valley Golf Club and costs \$95 per person (includes golf, cart, dinner and a chance to win some great prizes). For information on the golf tournament, to donate a prize or become a hole sponsor, please contact 519-426-3434 ext 4241.

Jail or Bail Heads West

Crime Stoppers would like to announce that they're taking Jail or Bail on the road and will look to charge some of Tillsonburg's most prominent citizens to appear before a judge in a kangaroo court on October 24 at the Town Centre Mall in Tillsonburg. For information on how you can become involved in the shenanigans, call the Crime Stoppers office at 519-426-3434 ext 4240.

Student News

Bursaries

Crime Stoppers recently awarded two area students with the prestigious Crime Stoppers William Robert Courtnage Community Service Bursary. Ms. Lindsay DuGuid from Simcoe Composite School and Ms. Cheryl Green from Dunnville Secondary School were both selected to receive a \$1000 bursary in recognition of the contributions that they made to improving and developing the concept of Student Crime Stoppers in their respective schools throughout their high school careers.

This bursary was established in 1999 in commemoration of the late William Robert Courtnage - the founding chairperson of the local Crime Stoppers program. Each year Crime Stoppers offers the chance for graduating students who have actively participated in their school's Student Crime Stoppers program to be awarded one of two bursaries.

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