



THE SOURCE

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

You Wanted to Know

Is Crime Stoppers Really Anonymous?

This is probably one of the most frequently asked questions of Crime Stoppers and the answer is always the same. "Yes. All calls to Crime Stoppers are 100% anonymous." This means that when you call Crime Stoppers, you never have to give your name or any personal information about yourself. And the program does not subscribe to call display.

Each caller is given a unique, confidential code number which acts like the caller's name when they call into the program and because anonymity is so important to Crime Stoppers, the program cautions callers against telling anyone that they've called the program (because once that information leaves someone's mouth, they have no control over what happens to it). This helps to ensure that a caller's identity remains unknown, will never be revealed to the program or anyone else. So if you have information and want to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Since our Last Bulletin

Driving Crime Out of Our Community

The 17th annual Haldimand & Central Erie Insurance Brokers Associations' golf tournee was hugely successful raising approximately \$13,000 for Crime Stoppers. Held on August 21 at the Greens At Renton, the tournament played host to close to 140 golfers. A big thanks goes out to everyone who supported the day including major sponsors - Scotiabank, the Haldimand & Central Erie Insurance Brokers Associations, Economical Insurance, Paul Davis Systems, North Waterloo Farmers Mutual & the Greens At Renton.

"Locktoberfest" Showcases Crime Prevention

During the last week of October and the first week of November, Crime Stoppers launched a new initiative called "Locktoberfest." Designed to tie in with Crime Prevention Week (Nov 2-8), the initiative strived to educate people about good crime prevention techniques for their homes, cottages and vehicles.

"Crime Stoppers wants to encourage people to get involved in what's going on in their community and this means not only anonymously reporting information on criminal activity, but also working to prevent crime from occurring," said Gord Little, Chairperson for the program. For more information on this initiative, log onto the program's website www.helpsolvecrime.com.

Stay Afloat While on a Boat

In the hopes of increasing marine safety, Crime Stoppers recently launched a new initiative which saw youths being rewarded for properly wearing their lifejackets on or around the water. Sponsored by Don Hyde Marine, Proctor Marine, Bridge Yachts, Haldimand & Norfolk County Police Service Boards, Haldimand & Norfolk OPP & Crime Stoppers of HN&T, the project was very successful allowing OPP Marine Units to check boats for safety guidelines and reward youths with a t-shirt for wearing their life jackets. A big thanks to all partners on this great initiative.

Raffle Reaches for the Skies

Pilot Insurance recently donated a hot air balloon ride for two to Crime Stoppers which was raffled off raising over \$700 for the crime fighting program. Ryan Miller of Jarvis was drawn as the lucky winner live on CD 98.9 fm's Gerry & Kate's morning show. A special thanks goes out to Pilot Insurance, Dennis Howden and Haldimand Insurance Brokers for their continued support.

International Accolades

Crime Stoppers of HN&T came home from the 29th annual Crime Stoppers International Training Conference once again bearing several awards to add to the growing list of accolades for the very successful program. The program received one productivity award for greatest increase in total property recovered. This award showcases the work done, not only by Crime Stoppers, but also its integral police agencies. Four media partners were also recognized for their outstanding work. Achievement awards were won by dedicated media partners: The Tillsonburg News for "Best Print Feature"; The Simcoe Reformer for "Best Print PSA"; CD 98.9 fm for "Best Radio Report"; and CH for "Best TV Feature." The conference was held this year in Des Moines, Iowa from August 6 – 9, 2008. Congratulations to all!

Thank you! Thank you very much!

Gore Mutual Insurance Company Foundation and Haldimand Insurance Brokers (Caledonia) recently helped take a bite out of crime when they jointly presented a \$500 donation to Crime Stoppers. The donation will be used by the program to work toward safer communities. A big thanks goes out to both community minded businesses. Call 519-426-3434 ext 4240 to find out how your donation can make a difference in your neighborhood.

Around the Corner....

January Is Crime Stoppers Awareness Month

January will be Crime Stoppers Awareness Month throughout the province & locally Crime Stoppers will be busy promoting the program at various venues across our area. Stay tuned for more.

Spring is Just Around the Corner

The 2009 Crime Stoppers Spring Gala will be held on May 7, 2008, at the Fisherville Lions Hall. If you would like to get involved or make a donation for either the live or silent auction, please call the Crime Stoppers office at 1-800-263-6966.

Friends of Crime Stoppers

Do you have a desire to help make your community safer? Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? Do you have a special skill you'd like to share with a non-profit organization? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then "Friends of Crime Stoppers" may be for you. Call 519-426-3434 ex 4241 for more information.

Student News

Teens Hear Truth

Students in six area high schools were recently given an opportunity to hear "Truth 4 Teens" speaker Rick Osborne during presentations at their schools. Osborne told students about his life as a former gang member and the associated 23 years he spent in the prison system. Students heard about the importance of good life choices and were given an opportunity to ask questions. Osborne was brought into the schools as part of Crime Stoppers 20th anniversary celebrations.

Mirror, mirror on the wall

In an attempt to reach out to students at local high schools, Crime Stoppers has recently purchased several new promotional items to be handed out to secondary school students in our area. Designed to advertise the anonymous, toll free Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS line, items this year include locker mirrors, lanyards and highlighter pens.

Crime Stoppers Needs You!

Now that students are back in the swing of things, Crime Stoppers encourages you to get involved in your school's Student Crime Stoppers program. In addition to helping to make the school environment safer, the program can also qualify for mandatory volunteer hours and looks great on a resume. It's a great opportunity to gain valuable experience, help promote the Crime Stoppers' phone number, help organize special events and make a difference in your community. Call 519-426-3434 ext 4240 for information on how you can get involved or talk to your local OPP School Liaison Officer.

Statistics

20 Years of Crime Fighting Success

Crime Stoppers of HN&T continues to achieve outstanding results and, since inception 20 years ago, has helped investigators to achieve:

Arrests	1755
Charges	4932
Narcotics Seized	\$33,583,001
Property Recovered	\$4,,207,635

Seasons Greetings

On behalf of Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk & Tillsonburg, have a safe and happy holiday season!

