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You Wanted to Know

Happy Anniversary!

2008 is a special year for Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg as it marks the 20th anniversary of the crime fighting program. And what a 20 years it's been!

In twenty years, over 8000 anonymous tips have been received through the local 1-800-222-TIPS tip line. Some of these tips have assisted local investigators in seizing more than \$30.7 million worth of illegal narcotics, recovering over \$4.1 million worth of stolen property & laying more than 4800 charges – all in the areas of Tillsonburg, Norfolk & Haldimand.

The program was originally incorporated locally in 1988 by a founding board of directors totalling twelve. Members of the board (which now has a capacity of 18 directors) come from all walks of life and represent the different geographic regions across the program's area, but each one has the same goal – safer communities for all. This board owns the program and is responsible for raising all funds needed to run the program. This includes things like promotions, creation of special programs like Student Crime Stoppers and reward payments. To date over \$219,000 in rewards has been paid out to anonymous callers.

Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg has several special events planned for 2008 and each month hope to highlight special initiatives such as Seniors Crime Stoppers and Student Crime Stoppers. Visit www.helpsolvecrime.com for all the latest information or call the program 1-800-263-6966 to book a guest speaker.

Since our Last Bulletin

January Named Crime Stoppers Month

January not only marked the beginning of the 20th anniversary year for Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk & Tillsonburg, but the month was also recognized around the world as "Crime Stoppers awareness month." Since the crime fighting program's birth in 1976 in Albuquerque,

New Mexico, the Crime Stoppers program has grown incredibly to now include over 1200 programs in more than 20 countries around the world!

20th Anniversary Logo Launched

Crime Stoppers is pleased to showcase a new logo which celebrates the program's 20th anniversary of fighting crime in the area. The logo, which was designed by Dunnville Secondary School student Brianna Dickson through a Student Crime Stoppers contest, will be used on educational and promotional items throughout 2008 to honour two decades of Crime Stoppers working to make our neighborhoods safer. Dickson has been awarded a \$500 cash prize for her winning entry.



New Police Coordinator Joins CS

Crime Stoppers is pleased to welcome new police coordinator Constable Hal Brown who joined civilian coordinator Lisa Wies in the program in January 2008. Cst Brown comes from the Haldimand Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police and has over 24 years of policing experience including general patrols, media relations and school liaison. Cst Brown replaces Cst Teresa Ollen-Bittle who, after completing her assignment with the program, has returned to uniformed patrols in Norfolk County.

Around the Corner...

CS Targets Illegal Indoor Grow Operations

In an attempt to eradicate illegal indoor marijuana grow houses and theft of hydro, Crime Stoppers has designed a flyer to inform the public about these illegal operations and their associated dangers. The flyers will be circulated through local hydro providers throughout the next few months. Thanks to all our partners for helping to "turn the lights out" on indoor grow operations and make our communities safer!

Spring 2008

Surfers Are Invited to Check out New Site

Crime Stoppers invites all web surfers to check out their new website. Located at the program's existing address of www.helpsolvecrime.com, the new site aims to better communication with the general public and provide a "one stop location" to learn about Crime Stoppers and leave anonymous tips online. Check it out!

Annual Spring Gala

Be sure to mark May 1, 2008 on your calendar and plan to attend Crime Stoppers 7th annual Spring Gala fundraiser at the Fisherville Lions Hall. Serving up a gourmet meal by the Belworth House and fine wines from Peller Estates, the evening promises to be a great one while at the same time raising some necessary funds for Crime Stoppers. Tickets are \$100 each & can be purchased by calling 519-426-3434 ext 4241. Donation items are also being sought for the live & silent auctions. Please call if you can help out!

Calling all Cowhands for "Wild West" Jail or Bail



Crime Stoppers is calling all "cowboys" and "cowgirls" to help make this year's "Wild West" Jail or Bail fundraiser a big success. This year's event is scheduled for June 24, 2008 at the Simcoe Town Centre and promises to be a real "hoedown." So, if you like "riding high in the saddle" then call 519-426-3434 ext 4240 to

find out how you can get involved.

Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars for August 21, 2008 as Crime Stoppers plays host to its 17th annual golf tournament. The tournament will be held at the Greens At Renton starting at 11:00 am. Remember - space is limited, so email coordinators@helpsolvecrime.com to reserve your spot today!

Student News

Student Crime Stoppers Thanked

Forty secondary school students and teachers from area high schools were thanked at the Greens at Renton February 26, 2008, at the annual "Student Crime Stoppers Appreciation Luncheon." Guests not only got an opportunity to share information with neighboring student programs, but they were also treated to a complimentary lunch and a presentation by the OPP's Canine Unit & Emergency Response Team.

Bursary Committee Busy

The Student Crime Stoppers Committee is busy going through applications for the annual Crime Stoppers William Robert Courtnage Community Service Bursary. Stay tuned to find out who this year's winner will be!

Fundraising Breakfasts on the Horizon

Over the next few weeks, several Student Crime Stoppers programs will be hosting fundraising breakfasts at their schools. Hagersville Secondary has set a date of April 11 & McKinnon Park will be close on their heels (date pending). Come out for a great breakfast while helping your local school.

Logo Contest Yields Two Winners

Crime Stoppers held a contest last fall within all eleven area high schools in conjunction with the Student Crime Stoppers program to design a 20th anniversary logo for the program. As mentioned above, the winning entry - to be used on promotional material throughout the year - was designed by Brianna Dickson from Dunnville Secondary School. Another student from Dunnville - Jenny Reid - was also recognized with an honourable mention for her submission. The committee will use one of Reid's designs as a basis for a children's sticker or tattoo. Congratulations to both winners!

Many Thanks

Thank You: Thank You Very Much!

Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg has been extremely successful in helping to make our neighborhoods safer for the past twenty years and this has happened because of the dedication of the program's three core partners - the community, the media and the police! For everything YOU do to make Crime Stoppers great - THANK YOU!