



# THE SOURCE

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

## You Wanted to Know

### Is it Anonymous?

Anonymous - it's a big word and one that sometimes brings with it an air of skepticism. It's also a word that brings to mind one of the most common questions asked of the Crime Stoppers' program, "Are all calls to Crime Stoppers really anonymous?" Well, the answer is yes! ALL calls and webtips are 100% anonymous and callers will NEVER be asked to reveal any personal information – EVER.

To help further ensure anonymity, Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display or audibly record conversations with callers.

What does this mean to you? Well, it means that that Crime Stoppers only wants to know what you know, not who you are. And every time you call Crime Stoppers or log onto the program's webtips section, your identity will never be known.

Anonymous tips can be made by telephone (1-800-222-8477) or online ([helpsolvecrime.com](http://helpsolvecrime.com)) 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The program office is typically open Monday to Friday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm and then after hours, an answering service takes over to man the lines ensuring round the clock coverage.

Crime Stoppers is an anonymous, confidential way to get information to investigators without ever having to reveal your identity. And cash rewards up \$2000 are paid for information that helps to solve a case.

Got information? Then give Crime Stoppers a call today!

## Since Our Last Bulletin

### And the New Coordinator is.....

Crime Stoppers is pleased to welcome Constable Paula Wright to the program as the new police coordinator. Cst Wright works for the Ontario Provincial Police and is assigned out of the Haldimand Detachment. She brings a wealth of media and community contacts with her to the position and has already been busy promoting the program at various events.

Crime Stoppers' Chairperson Gord Little said, "Crime Stoppers is excited to have Constable Paula Wright join our crime fighting team, and we look forward to working with her in the future." Cst Wright joins OPP Civilian Coordinator Lisa Wies in the program and replaces Cst Hal Brown who, after almost two years with the program, has returned to platoon duties in Haldimand County.

### Golf Tournament Swingingly Successful

Almost 140 supporters gathered for an afternoon of golf and fun in August at Crime Stoppers' 18<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament at The Greens at Renton. Thanks to the support of everyone involved – especially Scotiabank, North Waterloo Farmers' Mutual Insurance, the Central Erie and Haldimand Insurance Brokers' Associations, The Greens at Renton and Paul Davis Systems – almost \$14,000 was raised to help fight crime in your community.

### Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Do you need a guest speaker for your next club or organizational meeting? If so, then give Crime Stoppers a call at 519-426-3434 ext 7452. There is no fee for a Crime Stoppers' speaker (although donations are gratefully accepted) and no group is too big or too small.

## Around the Corner....

### Groceries and Gas Could Be Yours

There's still time for you to get your ticket for a chance to win in Crime Stoppers' latest fundraiser – **The Great Grocery and Gas Giveaway**. For only \$2 a ticket, you could win a grand prize of \$1000 in groceries or three other fantastic prizes totaling \$850 in either grocery or gas gift certificates. Call 519-426-3434 ext 7452 to find out how to get your ticket today!

### Jail or Bail

As a result of unforeseen circumstances, Crime Stoppers decided to postpone Jail or Bail until the 2010 year. Stay tuned for more information coming your way!

### Festivals, Fairs and Parades: Oh My!

Is your community planning to host a festival, fair, parade or special community day in 2010? If so, Crime Stoppers wants to hear from you. The program is available to have static displays, manned booths and has a vehicle that is just ready and raring to shine in your neighborhood parade. To book Crime Stoppers at your next function, please contact the office at 519-426-3434 ext 7452 or give us an email at [coordinators@helpsolvecrime.com](mailto:coordinators@helpsolvecrime.com)

### Mark Your Calendar

January will mark Crime Stoppers' Awareness month around the world and your local program is looking forward to a month full of educational and promotional opportunities. You can help celebrate by getting involved in a number of ways. Why not arrange a **guest speaker** for a local club or **post a Crime Stoppers' message** on a static display board in front of your office? Or maybe you send regular correspondence to clients? Well, that's the perfect opportunity to include a **Crime Stoppers' informational pamphlet** and help spread the word. The program also has small **metal and window signs** that are available **FREE** of charge for anyone wishing to post them in their business or community. Just give us a call at 519-426-3434 ext 7452. We look forward to hearing from you.

### Email Anyone?

To be taken off our postage mailing list and be added to the Crime Stoppers' email list and get your newsletter electronically, please beep us at [coordinators@helpsolvecrime.com](mailto:coordinators@helpsolvecrime.com).

## Student News

### Welcome back

With a new year upon us, Crime Stoppers would like to send out a big "welcome back" to all students and teacher coordinators in our area high schools. We look forward to seeing what exciting events you have planned for your Student Crime Stoppers' programs. We'd also appreciate an opportunity to meet with your students, so please let us know when we can come out to your school and say hello.

### Coming to a School Near You

Crime Stoppers in conjunction with the Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit and the Suicide Prevention Network are sponsoring a "Challenges, Choices and Consequences" presentation at secondary schools in Norfolk this coming fall during drug awareness week. During the presentation, speaker Rick Osborne will give grade nine students an overview of his life and will share information that will help in the development of healthy lifestyle choices & decision making skills.

### A Moment to Reflect

Crime Stoppers was saddened to lose one of its Student Crime Stoppers' teacher coordinators – Mr. Jim Dickhout - who passed away recently. Jim helped to organize Dunnville Secondary School's Student Crime Stoppers' program for a number of years and was always known for his kindness, dedication and willingness to help out. Our thoughts go out to his family, students and fellow staff during this difficult time.

## Final Thoughts....

### Stats Terrific!

Crime Stoppers of HN&T continues to achieve outstanding results and wants to thank all its partners for helping to take a bite out of crime in our community. Since inception, the program has helped police to achieve the following:

Arrests	1796
Charges	5073
Narcotics Seized	\$35,695,666
Property Recovered	\$4,984,785

When it comes to **stopping crime**, there's no sitting on the fence. You can either be part of the problem or **part of the solution!** In the know?

Call **Crime Stoppers** 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).