



# THE SOURCE

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

## You Wanted to Know

### Who Owns Crime Stoppers?

Did you know that Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that is owned by the community and was born over 30 years? Did you also realize that Crime Stoppers is not a police program?

Very often when people think of Crime Stoppers, they automatically think that the program is run by the police. This is a very common misunderstanding and, even though the program works very closely with the police, Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that is owned in the Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg area by an 18 board of directors. These people volunteer their time to the crime fighting program and are solely responsible for the financial survival and administration of the program. The board of directors owns all files related to Crime Stoppers, and they are responsible for determining all rewards.

Of course, the police play an integral part in the program by investigating anonymous tips and by supplying staff to work in the program, however they do not own the program.

The media is also a vital partner in Crime Stoppers by helping to advertise unsolved crimes and educate the public about the program, its fundraisers and how everyone can get involved in making their community safer.

Founded locally in 1988, these three partners have worked to help investigators rid our streets of more than \$33.9 million worth of illegal narcotics and recover more than \$4.2 million worth of stolen property. To learn more about Crime Stoppers, call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

## Since our Last Bulletin

### Crime Stoppers' Awareness Month

January was recognized around the world as Crime Stoppers' awareness month and locally, Crime Stoppers Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg wasted no opportunity to help educate everyone about how the program works and the benefits of having a strong program in our community. Vital media partners rose to the challenge and featured numerous print articles, public service announcements and photos about what's going on in the program. Radio stations and television partners also did an outstanding job by inviting coordinators to be guest on morning and community shows. A big thanks goes out to everyone who helped make the month another successful one for the program.

### Read all About it

A big thanks goes out to the Haldimand County, Norfolk County and Tillsonburg Public Libraries for their partnership in over the past few months. Thanks to the support of the libraries, Crime Stoppers was able to have displays at all local libraries to help educate visitors about the program and how they can get involved.

### Driving Crime Out of the Community

Crime Stoppers' latest crime fighting tool – a 2008 Ford Focus - arrived late last year and has since been completely decaled with the program's logo, 1-800-222-TIPS number and [www.helpsolvecrime.com](http://www.helpsolvecrime.com) website. The plan is to have to have this vehicle visible in the community, in community parades and on display at other venues to help spread the word about the program. A massive thanks goes out to Norfolk Mutual Insurance Company and Blue Star Ford for their outstanding support in helping to get this "travelling billboard" on the road.

### **Sign of the Times in Haldimand County**

Haldimand County recently partnered up with Crime Stoppers to post signs at area arenas as well as other County venues. The goal of the initiative, in addition to reminding everyone about the program's phone number and website, is to help deter would be criminals and let them know that our community is active in the fight against crime. Many thanks to Haldimand County for their continued support!

### **Insurance Companies Partner Up**

Helping to spread the word about Crime Stoppers is second nature for some individuals and companies and locally, RA Bennett Insurance and Townsend Farmers Mutual Insurance Co are no exception. Both companies approached Crime Stoppers and offered to include a Crime Stoppers flyer in upcoming correspondence with clients to help spread the word. Thanks to both companies for their support and for "thinking inside the envelope."

### **Child Internet Luring**

The Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers along with the Crime Prevention Section of the Ontario Provincial Police recently partnered together to produce five PSA's regarding the dangers of child internet luring. These PSA's have been circulated to local media and will be used for training and education locally. For more information, contact 519-426-3434, ext 4241.

## **Around the Corner....**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Crime Stoppers Gala Fundraiser**

Crime Stoppers is pleased to announce that its annual Spring Gala fundraising dinner and auction is scheduled for May 7, 2009, at the Fisherville Lions Hall. Tickets to this fun evening of fine dining, networking and fundraising are only \$100 and going fast. Be sure to call 519-426-3434 ext 4241 to reserve your ticket today. Donations are also being accepted for both the live and silent auctions. Call the number above if you would like to participate as a donor.

### **Thanks a million!**

Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg is a huge success locally because of the support of many individuals and businesses. In order to recognize those who made an outstanding contribution in 2008, the program will be holding its annual appreciation due on April 15, 2009, at the Greens at Renton. Thanks to everyone for their support.

### **Golf Anyone?**

With spring upon us, now is the time to start brushing up on your golf skills for the upcoming August 20, 2009, Central Erie and Haldimand Insurance Brokers Associations Crime Stoppers Charity Golf Tournament at the Greens At Renton. Mark it down and plan to be there.

## **Student News**

### **And the Winner Is?**

A record eight local students applied for the annual William Robert Courtage Crime Stoppers' Community Service Bursary this year giving the selection committee an excellent pool from which to consider possible winners. Each year Crime Stoppers offers the chance for graduating student who are involved in their local Student Crime Stoppers program to win one of two \$1000 bursaries honouring community service. Stay tuned to find out who the lucky winners might be.

### **Breakfasts**

Mark your calendar and plan on coming to the upcoming Student Crime Stoppers' fundraising breakfasts. Hagersville Secondary School will be holding their breakfast on May 1, 2009, and McKinnon Park Secondary School will be hosting theirs early in May as well. We hope to see you there.

## **Final Thoughts....**

### **Stats Terrific!**

Crime Stoppers of HN&T continues to achieve outstanding results. Check out these stats to date:

Arrests	1775
Charges	5,001
Narcotics Seized	\$33,972,826
Property Recovered	\$4,,281,035

### **Book Us Dan-o**

Is your service or community group in need of a speaker for an upcoming meeting? Have you had an opportunity to hear about how Crime Stoppers was formed and what the local program has done in your community? If you would like to arrange to have a Crime Stoppers presentation for your group, call 519-426-3434 ext 4241 today.

### **Email Anyone?**

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