

Royal Canadian Mounted Police



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Crime Stoppers Month January 2006

On behalf of all Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) members, I want to acknowledge January 2006 as Crime Stoppers Month and to recognize those who contribute to the success of Crime Stoppers and its supporting programs across Canada.

Crime Stoppers and its local, provincial and national associations continue to provide significant assistance to Canada's police officers in combating criminal activity. In fact, this valuable assistance reaches an international scale given that Crime Stoppers exists in 20 other countries.

During Crime Stoppers Month, Canadians and policing communities can be proud of many successes. Since 1982, when the first Canadian Crime Stoppers program began in Calgary, Alberta, growth of the Crime Stoppers movement quickly stretched from coast to coast. Tips received to date through Crime Stoppers in Canada have assisted police in solving many crimes and have led to at least 131,380 arrests, the recovery of more than \$376 million in stolen property, and the seizure of more than \$2.1 billion in illicit drugs. These successes lessen the impact of criminal activities in our communities and also serve as a deterrent to additional criminal activity.

We must recognize and praise all the men and women who unselfishly volunteer countless hours to help us achieve these successes. Without their support, Crime Stoppers would not be the valuable crime-fighting tool that it has become.

The RCMP and its partner agencies are committed to fighting organized crime and terrorist activities, and we continue to rely on programs such as Crime Stoppers to assist us in meeting these challenges. Our partnership with Crime Stoppers helps us to achieve our goal of "safe homes and safe communities".

Once again this year, I am pleased to convey, on behalf of all RCMP members, our appreciation and thanks to Crime Stoppers during this special month. We are confident of even greater successes in our crime-fighting partnership in future years.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Zaccardelli".
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