Hard to believe that although my last report was only two months previous, so much has taken place worthy of sharing.

After over two years of planning I am extremely happy to report the launch of the National Anonymous Call Centre (NACC). The first of its kind, our new Call Centre will be exclusively for Crime Stoppers and our related partners. Registered as a Canadian charity and directed by an independent Board of Directors, the Call Centre will provide state of the art technology and adhere to the highest standards of service that our programs demand.

Eliminating the need for third party vendors who may be profit driven, we will work to reduce costs and provide a fair billing structure.

Recognizing the value that this brings to all communities across Canada we will escalate our efforts to work with government in an effort to obtain sustainable funding that would benefit all Crime Stoppers programs and ease the burden of escalating software and communication costs. Profits that may be realized in the future will be returned to Crime Stoppers to assist the operations of Canadian programs. I would be remiss if I did not recognize those that helped me along the way, donating their time and efforts, to make this a reality.

With a strong contingent of Canadians, I attended the 2017 CSUSA Conference in September. This is their Annual Training Conference and, as expected, many of the issues effecting USA programs are very similar to ours. I was asked to address the delegates at their AGM on the status of Crime Stoppers in Canada, and Crime Stoppers International as well. There is keen interest in developing stronger Canada/USA relations, and a commitment from myself and CSUSA President Barb Bergin to continue to communicate and work together where possible. One such opportunity, although discussions are in their infancy, would be the potential North American partnership between Crime Stoppers
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and Uber, a global transportation technology company. We have held discussion on the possibility of educating Uber drivers improving awareness and providing them with the technology to anonymously report suspicious activity. With Uber drivers providing tens of millions of rides per week they are very active within our communities.

CCSA is continuing to be actively involved in the exploration of Tip Management Software as I have reported. We are continuing to work with Seamless Docs as they develop a version of Crime Stoppers friendly software that may be suitable for Canadian programs.

In addition, we were approached by P3 Software and Kevin Anderson and offered the opportunity, at no obligation, to receive Tips that are received through their platform. We continue each week to receive a significant number of Tips from P3 which are then forwarded to the appropriate program for their dissemination. These are legitimate Tips and should be given the same consideration by our Coordinators as tips currently received through Tipsoft. Although Motorola has stated that they will not terminate service on Tipsoft until the end of 2018, CCSA anticipates completing their review and providing recommendations well in advance of any termination date.

As reported in my last communiqué, CCSA held its AGM and Directors meetings in Calgary from June 2-4th, 2017. CCSA Director Conference Calls have been increased to bi-monthly in an effort to improve communications. We, after a Canada-wide review, have agreed that the number of active Crime Stopper programs in Canada is 87. We have revisited the Responsibilities and Duties of CCSA Directors and will be adopting an updated description for the role and expectations of those with this designation. With the recent restructuring of CSI we agreed that we should also revisit the Elements of the Certification Process and we will be providing an updated, expanded version of the standards before the end of 2017. Concern over the state of the Legal Fund necessitated a plan to rebuild the fund should future challenges arise. Invoices for 2017 to provinces were distributed and subsequent payments have allowed CCSA to begin to rebuild the fund.

The theme for January 2018 Crime Stoppers month will be “Recognizing Transnational Organized Crime”. Letters of support are being requested. There is much information available through the media, the CSI web site, and in discussions with your Law Enforcement partners to provide content for upcoming media and awareness events.

A draft for the CCSA /RCMP National MOU has been submitted to RCMP HQ in Ottawa. We are awaiting any suggested revisions and still anticipate the completion of the first National MOU between our organizations prior to the end of 2017.

The 38th Annual CSI Conference was held in Panama in October 2017. Ralph Page has provided an article for our Newsletter which speaks in great detail the Conference experience. I am thrilled to recognize the success of Canadian programs and the number of CSI Awards which were received. A very special congratulations to Bob Gill who was recognized with the CSI Presidents Award for Outstanding Service, an award so truly deserved. Also receiving special recognition was Yukon Crime Stoppers as the recipient of the 2017 Gary Murphy Global Vision Award.

I am pleased to announce that the 1st Canadian Crime Stoppers Association Training Conference will be hosted by Hamilton Crime Stoppers in association with the OACS from Thursday May 31st, 2018 to Sunday June 3rd, 2018. We will emphasize continuing education in areas such as the Legal Issues facing Canadian Crime Stoppers programs, Tip Management Protocol Training, and a review and training for new tip management software to name only a few. Please save this date on your calendars. More

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Information will follow as the Conference Agenda is confirmed.

We are continuing to work with Suncor and Circle K on new awareness initiatives. Many retail outlets will show the “Clear Zone” reflective tape displaying the CCSA logo in their store front windows by the cash register counter. This promotes the safety of their employees and the partnership with Crime Stoppers. In addition, a second initiative involving the placement of non-removable stickers on the card swipe terminal of each gas pump to draw attention to card skimming and allow their employees to identify quickly if the pump has been tampered. As these initiatives are rolled out across Canada opportunities may exist for media events to promote local programs and business.

Again, to every volunteer, partner and supporter of Crime Stoppers I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation for all you do to contribute to the success of Crime Stoppers.

Should you have any questions or require information I can be reached at dforster@1800222tips.com.

Respectfully,

Dave

David J. Forster

President, Canadian Crime Stoppers Association

LEGAL ISSUES

LEGAL ISSUES – ADVERTISING A REWARD FOR THE RETURN OF STOLEN PROPERTY
By Robert S. Gill,

Legal Advisor, Canadian Crime Stoppers Association

A piece of proposed federal legislation, Bill C-51, passed second reading in the House of Commons on June 15, 2017, and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. Among other provisions, the Bill purports to repeal a number of sections of the Criminal Code that are described in the Department of Justice Backgrounder as “obsolete and/or redundant”. Among the provisions slated for repeal is s. 143, which creates an offence of advertising the offer of a reward for the return of stolen property, with no questions asked. One may infer that the legislative intent behind the original enactment of this provision was to remove one possible profit motive for theft. Obviously, the paying of rewards for the return of stolen property with no questions asked adds to the incentive to commit the theft in the first place. The problem with the prohibition in s.143 is that it opens the door to criminalizing the victim of the theft, who may in desperation go to these lengths to seek the recovery of what has been taken. The solution already exists in s. 142, which is not up for repeal. It creates the reciprocal offence of “corruptly” accepting consideration for the return of stolen property. This properly

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targets the thief or receiver of stolen goods, serving as a disincentive against the practice of stealing goods to hold them for ransom.

It remains my view that after the repeal of s. 143 Crime Stoppers should continue to think twice before advertising a reward for the return of stolen property with no questions asked, as such a practice does work against public order by encouraging attempts at theft for the sole purpose of holding stolen property against demands for ransom payments. While I will not argue with the intent of Bill C-51 in taking away the criminalization of this behaviour, I will continue to counsel Crime Stoppers programs to advertise for information leading to identifying the thief. The recovery of the stolen property, when it happens, would be a welcome bonus, but should never be the main focus of Crime Stoppers’ efforts.

In the Durham case, the Supreme Court of Canada agreed with an Ontario Superior Court trial judge that the details of a call made to Crime Stoppers would be admissible in evidence in a jury trial where the accused was facing a charge of second degree murder. The trial judge had found, on a balance of probabilities, that it was likely the call had come from the accused, providing false information with the intention of misdirecting a police investigation. The existence of such an intention, the Court found, supported a conclusion that the making of the call interfered with the administration of justice. Accordingly, the usual protection given to Crime Stoppers callers under the principles of informer privilege did not apply.

The Court did not agree with the position Crime Stoppers took on the appeal, that anonymity applies automatically, to every call that comes in, regardless of motive. But the decision is helpful for the organization, in clarifying the exact nature of the protection that is available to those who call in good faith. The public can share their information secure in the knowledge that the justice system continues to protect the anonymity of legitimate callers—even those whose information is later shown to be wrong. It is only in those rare cases where a caller can be proven to have been intentionally misusing the system for a criminal purpose, such as misdirecting an investigation, that the protection of anonymity may be lost.

This decision means that the promise of anonymity is not an impenetrable cloak of immunity for those who seek to abuse it. It confirms that those who call Crime Stoppers in good faith, intending to provide information to advance a law enforcement investigation, have their identities protected by informer privilege. This protection is virtually absolute, and once found will apply in all cases except those rare circumstances where access to some of the contents of a tip is required to demonstrate the innocence of an accused person. All the Court has said in the Durham case is that those who intentionally try to misuse the system, submitting information they know to be false for reasons of their own, face a risk.

THE SUPREME COURT REMOVES PROTECTION FOR CALLERS MISUSING

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"Taking Action Against Transnational Crime" was the CSI Conference theme this year. The agenda was designed and developed to help our understanding of the Transnational Organized Criminal Networks that are behind it. Simply stated Transnational Organized Crime is crime that is being coordinated across national borders, involving groups or networks of individuals working in more than one country to plan and execute illegal business ventures. These criminal groups use any means, including systematic violence and corruption in order to achieve their goals, which is ultimately to make significant amounts of money without regard for the untold human suffering which is part of the process along the way.

The conference was focused on Transnational Crime, which includes all types of trafficking and illicit trade operations- trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling, trafficking in drugs, weapons, illicit goods such as tobacco, counterfeit or fraudulent goods such as pharmaceuticals, luxury and sporting goods, wildlife and cultural property, and intellectual property. Transnational Crime also includes money laundering, cybercrime, identity related crime, environmental crime, piracy and organ trafficking!

Transnational Crime threatens peace and human security. It leads to the violation of human rights and undermines the economic, social, cultural, political and civil development of societies around the world. as we learned the vast amounts of money involved can compromise legitimate economies and is having a direct impact on governance, through corruption and even the "buying" of elections.

The first day of the Conference was dedicated for Crime Stoppers programs and dealt with Building the organization for the future, Discussing a new Marketing Paradigm for Crime Stoppers and Making Social Media work for Crime Stoppers. It was stated we are in the Business of persuasion, persuading the communities where we operate to support our mission of helping to stop, solve and prevent crime.

We are living in a digital age and therefore need to adapt our thinking so we are “thinking digitally”, acknowledge and understand the shift to mobile technology and beyond and also understanding the impact social media has had and continues to have on Communication overall. The increasing use of web tips versus the old style phone calls is a vivid example for all of us about how important digital methods are becoming important.

A new paradigm is at work, there are over 68 Million bloggers regularly posting reviews and information which is viewed all around the world. There are now over 500 million tweets every day and so on. Newspapers, Radio and TV are all struggling to maintain relevance and indeed survive these changing times.

Time and Speed have become critical in terms of digital communication. Our future success will rely on our ability to maximize our harnessing of these digital technologies.

Making social media work for Crime Stoppers will largely depend on focusing on these few questions:

Who is your audience?- How do we reach them?, What is the objective of the message?, What is my story?, What am I allowed to say?, What are my key objectives?

Know your audience, Understand reporters and know what they want from you, also understand what makes a message effective- CLARITY, CREDIBILITY, PERSUASION, ACTIONABILITY
that their identity may be exposed in a subsequent investigation.

Crime Stoppers is already taking steps through its websites to advise its stakeholders of the limits to anonymity that will apply in rare circumstances. See the “Tipster Information” posted at http://www.canadiancrimestoppers.org/information.

Member programs are urged to post a link to this information on their own websites. A suggested brief summary that can be posted on local program websites is set out below. Please resist the temptation to copy the long form of tipster information to your own website, either as it stands or with edits of your own. The goal is to promote a consistent message for tipsters across the country. Copies downloaded to other sites may miss out on future edits. If you have edits of your own to propose, please submit your suggestions to the CCSA Board, so all programs can benefit from a consistent message, developed with input from everyone.”

The full text of the “Tipster Information” on the CCSA site is reproduced in this newsletter.

To address any curiosity about the murder trial that led to this appeal: the accused admitted to having shot the victim, and at trial ran with a plea of self defence. The evidence showed that the victim was shot nine times, including a fatal shot to the back of the head. In addition to the phony call to Crime Stoppers, he made similar false statements to his associates, apparently seeking to distance himself from these actions. The Supreme Court observed that even without the Crime Stoppers tip, there was substantial evidence that he was trying to point the finger elsewhere.

After deliberating for a little over half a day, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of second degree murder. When asked to deliberate further on the time the accused should spend behind bars without eligibility for parole, (over and above the statutory 10-year minimum), 9 jurors suggested 25 years, two said 20, and one had no opinion. A sentencing hearing has been set to commence December 12.

The suggested wording for a tipster information summary to be posted on every Crime Stoppers website in Canada is the “Short Version” in the box on the following page.

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2 Durham Regional Crime Stoppers Inc. v. R., 2017 SCC 45

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Note:

A copy of both the “short” version and “long” versions of “What Tipsters Need to Know” is printed on the next pages for your use.

The long version is also posted on the Canadian Crime Stoppers Website.

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THE CRIME STOPPERS PROMISE OF ANONYMITY:
WHAT TIPSTERS NEED TO KNOW

By providing information that Crime Stoppers will share with law enforcement agencies, you are providing an important and valuable public service. We understand that disclosure of your identity might put you at risk. We do everything we can to protect your anonymity. However, that anonymity may be open to challenge in the following situations:

- A call to Crime Stoppers made with the intention of “furthering criminal activity or interfering with the administration of justice”. A party who is guilty of a crime cannot use Crime Stoppers to try to divert the blame onto someone else. Crime Stoppers cannot be used to try to “frame” an innocent person.
- There is evidence that disclosure of some or all of a tip is necessary to establish someone’s innocence.
- A tipster having received the benefit of full legal advice may, for his or her own reasons, elect to waive the privilege.

For a fuller explanation of these principles, help us to help you by reading and understanding the “Tipster Information” on the Canadian Crime Stoppers website.

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The Tipsters’ “Bill of Rights”

The identity of a tipster must never be disclosed without clear direction from a Court.
- Your protection from having any information revealed that could identify you is very nearly absolute. Read the “Questions and Answers” below to understand the rare sorts of circumstances where a court may direct, after proper inquiry, that some or all of the information you have provided may have to be revealed.

A tipster does not have to identify him/herself as such during an investigation.
- Police investigators are trained not to mention Crime Stoppers when interviewing witnesses (or even victims) in a criminal investigation. If an investigator disregards this rule and asks if you are an informant, you are not required to reply. Please advise the Crime Stoppers program that you have been dealing with if this question is ever asked.

A witness in a criminal trial may not be asked if he/she is a police informant.
- If this question comes up, for example during cross examination, it should be objected to, and need not be answered.
If a Crime Stoppers tipster does identify him/herself to investigators, he or she is no longer part of the Crime Stoppers program.

- Sometimes a tipster will elect to come forward and communicate directly with investigators. This can be very helpful, but it results in the identity of the tipster becoming known to law enforcement. In this case, the tipster will no longer be considered part of the Crime Stoppers program, and will not be eligible for a Crime Stoppers reward. Police agencies have their own programs for working with confidential informants, which may include payment of compensation and protecting their identity. Tipsters in this situation should confirm their expectations with investigators directly.

A Crime Stoppers tipster should not be drawn into active investigation.

- As a tipster, you are asked to provide information that you already have. The Crime Stoppers coordinator or call taker should not ask you to go looking for further information. If you become an active part of the investigation, your protection as an anonymous informant may be open to challenge.

A Crime Stoppers tipster does not have to testify to qualify for a reward: the reward is paid on arrest or charge, not on conviction.

- Your local Crime Stoppers program will have procedures in place to take your information, and then to follow up with you regarding any reward to which you may be entitled, in ways that will preserve your anonymity. If you have any doubts or concerns, discuss them with the Crime Stoppers coordinator with whom you are dealing.

Questions and Answers on Anonymity

How does the justice system stand behind Crime Stoppers’ promise of anonymity?

- The law provides that when a person provides information to the police in response to a guarantee of confidentiality, that person’s identity is protected by the rule of informer privilege. The courts have held that this privilege extends to those providing information anonymously through Crime Stoppers. When the privilege applies, it “acts as a complete bar on the disclosure of the informer’s identity, and the police, the Crown and the courts are bound to uphold it.”

When will the informer privilege rule not apply?

- Informer privilege does not attach to a communication to Crime Stoppers made with the intention of “furthering criminal activity or interfering with the administration of justice”.

- Informer privilege may exist, but may be limited or set aside in whole or in part, where there is evidence that disclosure of some or all of a tip is necessary to establish someone’s innocence.

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What is meant by “furthering criminal activity or interfering with the administration of justice”?  

- The clearest example would be a caller who intentionally gives false information in order to direct police attention away from the subject of a criminal investigation or prosecution. The caller could be the suspect, or a close associate.
- Callers intentionally giving false information to try to get an innocent person into trouble would also face losing this protection.
  - A caller using the tip line to make threats, against persons or property, could also be denied the privilege.

If I give information that turns out to be incorrect, will I lose the protection of the privilege?  

Not if you have acted in good faith. Mistakes happen, and a tipster whose information turns out to be incorrect in one or more respects will still be protected if he or she acted with good intentions, believing at the time that the information would be useful in an investigation.

Who decides if I was acting in good faith?  

When a question arises about the proper application of the informer privilege rule, a private court hearing must take place, usually in the absence of the accused person, before a judge will rule on whether the protection of privilege remains. The privilege is presumed to apply until the judge rules otherwise.

When will “innocence at stake” affect the privilege?  

When there is a basis on the evidence to believe that information in a tip may help to show an accused person’s innocence, and if the same information is not available from any other source, a trial judge must follow a carefully prescribed line of inquiry. If the judge concludes that innocence is indeed at stake, the judge may direct that an edited version of the tip, containing only those portions needed to show innocence, be disclosed to the accused.

Will the tip always be disclosed when innocence has been shown to be at stake?  

No. Crown prosecutors are highly committed to protecting the anonymity of all informants, including Crime Stoppers tipsters. If a finding of innocence at stake is made, the Crown still has the option of directing a stay of the charge before disclosing. Since the finding strongly implies that there is going to be an acquittal in any event, the standard practice is to direct the stay without disclosing.

- What sorts of circumstances support innocence at stake?  
  - The tipster may be a material witness to the crime. An accused person has a right to face his or her accuser, so a material witness (someone who saw the crime committed, and would have important first-hand information to offer) must be identified. Material witnesses should properly be talking directly to the police, rather than to Crime Stoppers. This includes victims of crimes, for obvious reasons. The victim cannot be anonymous to the accused (although this is different from a ban on publication of the name of the victim, which can be put in place in appropriate cases).

The evidence might suggest that the accused person was lured by the tipster (in the role of “agent provocateur”) into committing a crime that he or she otherwise would not have committed, leading to issues of entrapment.
Bullying comes in many shapes and sizes—big or small, physical or emotional, online or offline, as individuals or in groups, in school and out of school. Many youth today would like to take a stand against bullying but are not sure how to make a difference, do not have a trusted adult to talk to, or do not want to be identified.

As such, the Association of Crime Stoppers Programs of Saskatchewan, in cooperation with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education, has launched the Report-a-Bully program which provides options for youth to report incidents of serious bullying anonymously—by text, telephone or web. Each bullying tip is reviewed by a police officer to determine if there is a criminal element to the information provided and will conduct an investigation accordingly. If there is no criminal element to the tip and a school is named, the information will be shared with the designated contact for that school to be addressed.

Amanda Keith, President of the Association of Crime Stoppers Programs of Saskatchewan, is very excited to see this program come to fruition. “It is tough being a kid today. Inherently they want to do the right thing so we, as adults, need to make it really easy for them.”

The program is kicking into high gear in late this fall with a promotional launch campaign to create excitement and raise awareness. The grassroots campaign will reach 114 schools and 53,500 students across the province.

Type: www.reportabully.ca
Text: “BULLYTIP” followed by your message to CRIMES (274637)
Talk: 1.800.222.TIPS (8477)

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There may be evidence to suggest that some physical evidence (possibly drugs, weapons, etc.) was planted to frame an otherwise innocent person.

It is always Crime Stoppers’ primary goal to take whatever steps are necessary to protect the identities of our tipsters. If you have any doubts or questions about how we shield you, discuss those concerns with the Crime Stoppers call taker or program coordinator before you provide your information.

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5. Durham, ¶28
6. Durham, ¶35 – 39
7. Leipert, ¶33
Fall is upon us and the multi colored leaves adorn the trees and soon both the leaves and the snow will cover the ground. N.B. Crime Stoppers chapters as well as the provincial program are beginning to plan for January and Crime Stoppers Month.

The 32nd N.B. Crime Stoppers Annual Training Conference (ATC) was held in Saint John NB, September 30th and October 1st. This is the first time the ATC was held as a two-day event rather than the normal three days. As reported in the last newsletter this was done in an effort to reduce cost so that the majority of delegates would have to only book one hotel room and of course purchase fewer meals. This change in normal routine seemed to be approved by the majority of the membership attending. Another change to take effect in 2018 is to hold the two-day ATC in late May vice October. This will allow more Conservation Enforcement coordinators to participate because October is hunting season and the enforcement officers are very busy during that season. The meeting in the fall, 1st or 2nd week in October, will be only one day long to include some training as well as the general meeting. During the 2017 ATC the interim president was elected president, as well a vice president, treasurer, secretary and two directors-at-large were elected.

N.B. Crime Stoppers is partnered and works closely with multiple law enforcement agencies. One of these agencies is the NB Department of Justice & Public Safety (DJPS) Conservation Program. A portion of this program used to be named the Department of Natural Resources however, on April 1, 2015 conservation was combined with other programs and became part of Justice & Public Safety.

The Conservation Enforcement section has 70 Officers out of approximately 180 sworn peace officers. Conservation Enforcement Headquarters role is to:

- Provide Strategic direction;
- Direct the delivery of enforcement program mandate including:
  - DJPS Crime Stoppers;
  - Forensic Analysis;
  - Training and equipment;
  - Intelligence gathering;
  - Special Investigations;
  - Violation System database management; and

Their core mandate consists of:

- Fish and Wildlife Act;
- Crown Land and Forest Act;
- Fisheries Act of Canada;
- Forest Fire Act;
- Migratory Bird Conventions Act;
- Transportation of Primary Forest Products;
- Parks Act,
- Quarriable Substances;
- Clean Water Act;
- Off Road Vehicle Act;
- Protected Natural Areas Act;
- Aquaculture Act;

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Endangered Species Act;
Provincial Offences Procedure Act;
Scales Act;
Trespass Act;
Young Offenders Act;
Canadian Wildlife Act;
Liquor Control Act;
Forest Products Act; and

Additional Acts due to Special Constable Appointments:

☐ The Criminal Code of Canada:
  Impaired Driving
  Assault Peace Officer
  Obstruct Peace Officer
  Dangerous Operation of Motor Vehicles, Vessels and Aircrafts

Offences Related to Firearms
Disregard to human life,
Damage to property,
Arson

☐ Firearms Act:
  - Storage, Display, Handling and Transportation of Firearms by Individuals

☐ Controlled Drugs and Substances Act of Canada

☐ Canada Shipping Act
  – Boating Safety (Pleasure craft and Commercial craft)

☐ Full Motor Vehicle

The DJPS fleet of vehicles is used for awareness and to promote the program. Mobile workstations provide conservation officers with a tool in their vehicles which will assist in the collection and validation of information of law enforcement activities. The end result is more time in the field. Their trucks are all GPS enabled and tracked.

Since 1985 DNR now DJPS has been an equal partner with NB Crime Stoppers, along with the RCMP and NB Chiefs of Police. They are a member of the International Association of Natural Resources Crime Stoppers (IANRC). Their goals include: increased public awareness, to target DJPS's audiences and to become modern following best practices of other Natural Resource Jurisdictions. Tips for DJPS offences are sent to NB Crime Stoppers using the 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), text or online.

The Editor:

Thank you for your contributions. Anyone wishing to contribute articles to this newsletter, please send them to the email listing below.

newsletter@canadiancrimestoppers.ca
The Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers was hosted in June 2017 by Waterloo Regional Crime Stoppers for the Annual General Meeting and Training Conference. The venue was Conestoga College and of course the social theme was built on Octoberfest, which is a cultural tradition in this part of Ontario. The theme was “Communities Connecting Communities” and was presented with both keynote speakers and workshop presenters targeted at both directors and coordinators. The 120 plus delegates spent an afternoon with Bob Gill as part of the annual legal issues section of the conference.

Crime Stoppers of Hamilton is hosting the 2018 Conference from May 31 to June 3 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Hamilton. In concert with the 2018 Ontario Conference, Hamilton submitted a proposal to the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association to host the first national conference at the same time. The proposal was approved and Hamilton is looking forward to hosting the Canadian Crime Stoppers National Conference.

In addition to the annual training conference, Ontario Crime Stoppers programs continue to hold regional zone meetings twice a year, giving neighbouring programs the opportunities to hold open discussions bi-yearly on all aspects affecting their programs. In an effort to improve on communications and best practices zones are planning on sharing their meeting minutes with all programs in Ontario.

**Human Trafficking Awareness Launched by Toronto Crime Stoppers**

The Board of Directors of Toronto Crime Stoppers, and Police Coordinator Chris Scherk, are joined by Crime Stoppers representatives from programs throughout the GTA and southwestern Ontario as they launch a Human Trafficking Awareness initiative at Toronto Police Services headquarters on August 1. Images will be posted in various locations, such as the TTC. The launch also introduced a dedicated website, www.hoteldejeunesse.com, which educates the public on how to identify and report incidences of Human Trafficking.
A Good Partnership

“The Mac’s/CircleK Street ART Program creates strategic partnerships in an effort to help prevent crime and strengthen community relationships. The program builds a community-based shared responsibility to prevent crime, such as graffiti, shoplifting, and robbery incidents – not only at the store, but on the property as well. Engaging the community, especially the youth, will empower them to make a positive difference and also strengthen relationships between the community and each Mac’s/CircleK store.

This forward thinking concept has seen positive results, not only in the reduction of crime at the locations where the murals have been painted – but also in the beautification the mural has within the community. As a result of this initiative, graffiti crime and overall crime at these locations have been virtually eliminated, with these stores (and the overall property) receiving a positive community response, extensive media attention and exposure to new customers.”

To see some amazing coverage Rogers TV did on the Waterloo StreetART program just ahead of the 2017 conference go to http://rogerstv.com/media?lid=237&rid=54&gid=281643.

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Peterborough-Northumberland CS completes 2017 Partners in Education

Peterborough-Northumberland Crime Stoppers just completed their 2017 Partners in Education program with the local public schools. Partners in Education are made up of Canadian Mental Health, Peterborough-Northumberland Crime Stoppers and the Peterborough Petes who promote healthy choices and anti bullying. This is our fourth year and we have visited over 100 schools!

Crime Stoppers: Sale of Illegal Cigarettes is Funding Bikers, Street Gangs and Terrorists

Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers Launches Hard-Hitting Public Awareness Campaign

TORONTO – Monday, September 18, 2017 – Today, Crime Stoppers programs across Ontario officially launched a province-wide public awareness campaign to highlight the threats to our communities posed by the sale of illegal cigarettes. The campaign features a series of 30-second radio and print advertisements designed to show how the purchase of illegal cigarettes is helping fund organized crime and terrorist activities.

Link to download campaign: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5t1vx44mrffhw9q/AAC6fvdpgqZgYhD1LoaDYfsBa?dl=0
On January 3rd, 2017 Premier Wade MacLauchlan signed a declaration making January “Crime Stoppers Month” on Prince Edward Island. This declaration by the Premier, who also serves as the Prince Edward Island Minister of Justice and Public Safety, endorses the goals of P.E.I. Crime Stoppers which include raising public awareness of the organization and the importance of its work in all Island communities. Taking the month to focus on work done by Crime Stoppers will help to make our communities safer and continue to improve and foster better places to live, learn and do business for all citizens of our province.

SHUT OUT BULLYING - 2017

During the months of February and March 2017 our coordinator, Phil Pitts, and players from the Charlottetown Islanders QMJHL traveled to schools across the Island delivering a message of respect to students from Grade 3 to 9. It is hoped that by respecting each other students will not become involved in bullying. We also reminded students that if they are being bullied, they are not alone and there are many people who care about them that they can talk to. Our hope is that if even one person stops bullying, or one person being bullied seeks help, our efforts have been successful in making PEI a better place to live, learn and do business.
2017 PINK SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

With sponsors ADL and the Charlottetown Islanders, PEI Crime Stoppers ran an anti-bullying contest for Grade 7 - 12 aged students on PEI. They were to submit an original design to be used on the 2018 Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt. While many great designs with strong anti-bullying messages were received the winners were:

1st Place prize of $500, Sponsored by ADL went to Samatha MacLean, a grade 12 student at Bluefield High.

2nd Place prize, a team autographed Charlottetown Islanders hockey stick went to Andrew McKenna, a grade 7 student at Ecole Francois Buote.

The contest concluded with the "Pink Shirt" game between the Islanders and Rimouski Oceanic on March 2nd. Congratulations to the winners and all those who entered.

Charlottetown Islanders QMJHL hockey players speaking with students at Queen Charlotte Junior High in Charlottetown

Charlottetown Islanders QMJHL players, Coordinator Phil Pitts and students at Cardigan Elementary
2017 PEI CRIME STOPPERS POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

The 2017 PEI Crime Stoppers Police Officer of the Year awards were presented on Friday May 19th at a luncheon at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel. This event is held in conjunction with National Police Week. Crime Stoppers holds the event to acknowledge and thank all the fine members and support staff of our Island Police Services that work 24-7 year round to make our communities safe. Crime Stoppers recognizes that often the men and women of our police services go above and beyond to make PEI a better and safer province, both on and off duty. The “Police Officers of the Year Awards” is an event designed to recognize that extra effort. Local radio personality Scott Chapman acted as Master of Ceremonies and guest speaker for the event was PEI Police Commissioner Gerard Mitchell. Commissioner Mitchell spoke of the good work being done by all of our Island Police Services in a very difficult profession and the extra they do that is not always recognized. He also spoke of Crime Stoppers in PEI and its importance in support of law enforcement.

Our PEI Crime Stoppers Board is composed of citizen volunteers and three police advisors. Two of those police advisers, Cpl. Steve MacDonald of the RCMP and Cpl. Wade Ryder of the Summerside Police Service are moving on and their many years of dedicated service were acknowledged.

Awards were presented in two categories - one to a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and one to a member of a Municipal Police Service. Nominees must have been currently working in the province of Prince Edward Island. Nominations were judged independently by a three person panel consisting of a retired RCMP officer, a retired Charlottetown Police Services officer and a member of the PEI Crime Stoppers Board of Directors.

The award for 2017 Municipal Police Officer of the Year went to Cst. Tim Keizer of the Charlottetown Police Services

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Cst. Keizer was recognized for his ongoing and committed work with young persons in Island Schools and youth sports. His nomination also cited his involvement in a number of community initiatives and activities, as well as his work with local, provincial and national Police Associations.

Cst. Jonathan Kennedy of the Summerside Police Service was selected as runner up for this award. Cst. Kennedy was nominated for his response to a medical emergency and his compassion and ongoing concern for the family.

The 2017 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer of the Year was Cst. Stephen Duggan of the Queens District office. Cst. Duggan was recognized for his work in promoting highway safety throughout the province and, in particular, relating to impaired driving, distracted driving and seatbelt use. His nomination cited his efforts in the education aspect of traffic safety and his passion in getting the message out to the public – in particular to younger drivers.

Cst. Kim Dudley of Queens District was selected as runner up of this award. Cst. Dudley was nominated for her leadership in investigations, work with youth, families, community and her commitment to the job.

L-R: Crime Stoppers President Don Reid, Cst. Stephen Duggan, Royal Canadian Mounted Police Officer of the Year and Kim Griffin, representing event sponsor Maritime Electric.

L-R: Crime Stoppers President Don Reid, Cst. Tim Keizer Municipal Police Officer of the Year and Kim Griffin, representing event sponsor Maritime Electric.

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(L-R) Dr. Parry Aftab, Ex. Director and Founder of Wired Safety and Stop Cyber Bullying, Roisin Mullen, Chief Positivity Officer of Wired Safety and Stop Cyber Bullying, Don Reid, President PEI Crime Stoppers & Lt. Gov. General of Prince Edward Island, E. Frank Lewis at ceremony at the residence of Lt. Gov. General Lewis where Don Reid received the Community Kindness Leadership Award.

From the CCSA Board of Directors:

We wish to thank all contributors to this newsletter as it not only helps to see what other provinces are doing but to better communicate ideas.

May all Canadian Crime Stoppers have a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy and prosperous New Year
We spent time listening to media experts talking to us about how we can better work with the media to get our message out in the public venue and recognized and most importantly acted upon.

The last session of the first day was the presentation of awards and a good number of Canadian programs were successful in winning various media, productivity and special awards. Details are posted elsewhere in this newsletter and on the various CSI, CCSA websites.

On Day 2 after the official opening ceremonies a memorandum of understanding was signed between the Government of Panama and Crime Stoppers International regarding the intention to establish and launch in the very near future a new Crime Stoppers Program in Panama.

The balance of Day 2 was focused on Illicit Trade and Intellectual Property

Perspectives from Brand Owners- We heard from representatives from the Tobacco Industry, from Government Regulators about the impact of and challenges of illicit trade and the need for collaboration and creative solutions.

In the afternoon we focused on Detection, Investigation and Enforcement. The session was led off by a very interesting presentation by Judge Geoffrey Henderson of the International Criminal Court in the Hague.

We were led through investigation best practices, do's and don'ts and learned about the Airport Communication program and the Container Control program. One revealing statistic mentioned was regarding illicit tobacco and fact that an estimated 600 Billion cigarettes are trafficked globally. A typical container of illicit tobacco would cost on average $100,000 US yet realize a profit when it reaches it’s destination of between 2 to 3 million per Container!

It is acknowledged that a lot of illicit goods are routed through and even originate from Central America and they are quick to realize and understand the value and importance of Crime Stoppers in helping to identify those involved.

Illicit trade in 2013 in Central America was estimated to total $461 Million, in 2015 it had grown to $1.77 trillion. We know a lot of these goods are finding their way into North America.

We heard from various other experts including Customs representatives, Industry representatives and Government representatives all of whom spent time explaining the very real risks to individuals who end up purchasing some of these illicit goods which may contain toxic materials and cause serious illness. Of course there is an economic cost and also a loss of significant revenue to governments. All of these factors invariably end up costing the consumer in the long run.

Day 3 focused on Political and Legal Considerations, Unique approaches to combating human trafficking and other forms of illicit trade, transnational crime and its impact on our communities and ended with creative solutions to engage communities to take action against transnational crime.

The presenters all felt there was an important place for Crime Stoppers in helping to raise overall awareness about illicit trade and in turn helping to identify those who are perpetrating such. Expansion opportunities are strong for continued growth of Crime Stoppers in Latin America. already we have programs in El Salvador, Guatemala and soon Panama. With the strong support of the UNODC office in Panama we are being introduced to more opportunities for growth in the Region.

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Continued development of effective crime stoppers programs in Central and Latin America will have a significant eventual effect on helping us in North America as the various components of Transnational Crime are more effectively dealt with closer to the source.

The conference content was very well presented and very relevant to all Crime Stoppers programs globally. as the world becomes smaller by virtue of the digital communications era, we are starting to realize we need to be aware of global trends in Crime and the impact it is already having on us and will continue to do so. Working together and properly understanding the realities of our issues is an important first step.

The content of this conference helped us all to be more aware of the realities of what we are up against and in some cases the sophistication of the Transnational Organized Crime syndicates. As usual they do not care about the impact they might be having on our collective well being. Their only concern is to make significant profits which in a lot of case are being used to funnel funds and arms to terrorists.

So the Conference conclusion was that the fight against Transnational Crime is a worthwhile one and more importantly an essential one if we are to keep our communities safe.

Prepared and submitted by Ralph Page, Past President CCSA

Notice to Readers:

The Waterloo Regional Crime Stoppers program has created several vignettes describing the crime stoppers program. These videos can be used by either a Police Service for training purposes, or by any Crime Stoppers program for public consumption.

They wish to make them available to any Crime Stoppers program who wishes to use them. At this time there are 6 available.

They can be view at the following address:

www.waterloocrimestoppers.com
Save the Date!!!!

1st National Crime Stoppers Conference.

Crime Stoppers of Hamilton Inc. to host the
2018 National Canadian Crime Stoppers Conference in Hamilton from
May 31, 2018 to June 4, 2018.

Coming Together to
Educate, Communicate and Celebrate

Crime Stoppers of Hamilton Inc. is the approved host for the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers
Annual Training Conference for 2018 and next year we will be joining together with the Canadian
Crime Stoppers Association to host the very first National Conference held in Canada.

The educational opportunities provided at the National Conference can expose you to new ways of
conducting your program and help you discover how to be more productive. No matter how experi-
enced you are, there’s always something to learn in today’s ever changing environment and the Na-
tional Conference will provide the best opportunity for nationwide training, networking and commu-
nication.

Venue Site http://www.sheratonhamilton.com/
We have already confirmed the Sheraton Hotel in Hamilton between Thursday 31st May and Sun-
day 3rd June. All training will take place at the hotel.

The rates for a traditional double room Queen or King in May/June 2018 is already locked in at
$139 plus tax which is a $40 reduction on the current rates of $179 plus tax. Provision is made for
this rate to be available a few days ahead of the conference and a few days following. This rate
includes Wi-Fi in rooms and conference areas.

Mark your calendars. Registration will open in the New Year with more event details. Any
questions, please contact Tricia Hoban at admin@crimestoppershamilton.com