Presidents Message  
Spring 2017

The commitment to open communication and transparency is fundamental in the success of any organization. I would like to thank all that have participated in submitting content and to those that have persevered in bringing this edition of Canada Calling to each of you. Please take the opportunity to read the newsletter in its entirety, share this with others, and reach out to any of the authors should you require more information. Programs across Canada participated in a variety of successful launches in January 2017 Crime Stoppers month. The theme for Crime Stoppers month was “see something, hear something, say something”. Using the January launch platform many programs also took this opportunity to co-brand their launch with other initiatives targeting areas of crime such as Fentanyl and Opioid sale and distribution, Contraband Tobacco, Crimes against the Environment and more. In addition, towns, cities and some provinces declared proclamations that January is Crime Stopper month. All programs should be encouraged to work with local partners and governments in capturing this opportunity.

There is an obvious need to emphasize continuing education in areas such as Tip Management Protocol, Effective Board Governance, and Crime Stopper 101 Training. I believe that there is an obvious need for Canada to host a National Crime Stopper Conference giving us the opportunity to share homegrown successes and concerns, address Canadian legal issues, and provide specialized education for Canadian Crime Stopper Boards, coordinators and partners. Every effort is being made to make this a reality in 2018. There has been early interest shown in hosting the first National Conference and an invitation will go out soon for submissions to host this event in 2018.

In recent times programs across Canada have found themselves the subject of costly Legal Challenges to the CCSA Legal Fund, which was once felt to maintain a reasonable balance, has been depleted.

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This scenario has played out in some provinces as well where Provincial Associations or local programs previously had segregated funds to address any potential legal challenges that came their way. In 2015-2016 alone there were at least 15 challenges where reimbursement was requested. These challenges resulted in legal costs in excess of $100,000. CCSA is currently considering options that would see our legal fund balance return to a manageable and sustainable level.

I encourage all programs to consider establishing a manageable fund in addition to those which may be provided provincially or nationally. This extra layer of protection should be considered good Board Governance and allow your program to face any challenge which may lie ahead. At this writing we are awaiting the Supreme Court decision in the R. vs. Durham case. CCSA will issue a statement as soon as this information becomes available.

Motorola Solutions as the vendor of the Tipsoft program used extensively in Canada had conducted a series of webinars and discussions aimed at improving the functionality of the current software program. I believe these discussions have been completed and although the original launch date of the revised product was to have been in January 2017, we anticipate an announcement for a launch date sometime in April 2017. Details of the new features and benefits derived from these discussions have not been shared prior to the launch.

A second edition of Captain Canuck and the Crime Stopper is currently being discussed with the creators and representatives of Environment Canada and Climate Change. Edition #1 proved highly successful and programs in many regions of the country were able to capture significant media attention with special launches, TV appearances, displays at public events, comic cons, and through student programs. The original goal was to create an entertainment piece that targeted a different demographic that we had not reached before while drawing attention to Crime Stoppers through education. Not every aspect however went as planned. Edition # 2 will attempt to overcome those concerns. We will not be asking programs to contribute financially. Corporate sponsorship and government support will be necessary if we are to move forward. It is anticipated that the theme will focus on illegal environmental and wildlife activity and its association with organized and transnational crime. A different distribution method will be implemented and a French edition will also be available. The target date is July 1st, 2017 to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Canada and take advantage of other events planned for that date. Stay tuned for more information as it develops.

It came to the attention of CCSA recently that an organization operating in the Okanagan Valley area was advertising its services as “Grime Stoppers” with a logo and graphics strikingly similar to that used by Crime Stopper programs. We must make every effort to protect our name as our brand, and as such, CCSA in consultation with local programs and legal counsel, issued a cease and desist notice to Grime Stoppers. I am pleased to report that the representatives from Grime Stoppers quickly contacted our counsel and agreed to change their name and logo. This again has highlighted the importance to Crime Stoppers that we complete the Trade Mark of our name to protect all programs from these invasions.

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The CCSA AGM will be held in Calgary June 3rd, 2017 and I would like to extend an invitation to any Crime Stopper Board member to attend. 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. There will be many new and hopefully exciting announcements planned for the upcoming months which I look forward to sharing with you.

Respectfully,

Dave
David J. Forster
President
Canadian Crime Stoppers Association

Alberta Crime Stoppers Update

This past November marked the first meeting (that I know of in my 7 years with the program) where each of the 5 Alberta Crime Stoppers Associations and their Police Partners all met. The meeting held in Central Alberta was arranged by our shared RCMP partners and made for a very meaningful all day gathering.

During the meeting, we covered the following topics:

1. An overview from the RCMP about how they work with Crime Stoppers and the benefit to them.
2. An introduction of each of the 5 Associations by their Presidents, a brief description of what each is currently doing in their communities and a statement about what is the largest challenge they face.
3. A introduction of each of the Policing Partners (Provincial and Municipal).
4. A brainstorming session on how all 5 could work together and what next meetings would look like.

Although this may seem like a very simple meeting it was a necessary step. Each Association faces the similar challenges, these are; access to funding, Board Members, and local support from the Governments.

We now believe going forward the 5 of us can create some synergies and assist each other without re-inventing the wheel (so to say).

Our second meeting was a conference call held on February 28th. The major take away from this meeting was that we will now be working on a Recruiting and On boarding package for new Board Members.

Cheers,
Curtis Nikel
Bryan joined the Australian Crime Stoppers Program in January 2007 when he was appointed Chairman, Crime Stoppers Australian Capital Territory (CSACT) and a Director to Crime Stoppers Australia (CSA). He was appointed CSA Deputy Chairman in November 2009 and then Chairman in October 2011. Bryan was appointed as a Director to Crime Stoppers International in January 2012, and subsequently appointed CSA Deputy Chairman in November 2009 and then Chairman in October 2011. Bryan was appointed as a Director to Crime Stoppers International in January 2012, and subsequently appointed President CSI in October 2016.

Following his appointment as CSI Chair appointments to CSA and has been responsible for strategic national level; coordinating the Territory Crime Stoppers programs; reporting, crime solving, and crime initiatives that promote and build the Asia Pacific Region.

Bryan has regular dealings with Government Officials and Ministers at which is essential for achieving assistance, along with effective law levels to enable Crime Stoppers programs to achieve their objectives. In particular, he has led a number of Australian campaigns including: Operation ROAM, the CSA annual 'wanted fugitives' campaign, which has been conducted over the past five years, and the 2016 Dob in a Dealer Campaign focused on those criminals responsible for manufacturing and dealing in ICE (crystal meth). All campaigns have realized significant results with an exponential increase in tips resulting in increased arrests and seizures. Bryan has made excellent contributions to CSI, especially having led the development and implementation of CSI’s Strategic Plan 2014-2019.

In 2015, Bryan was awarded the CSI Coralie Wagner Memorial Service Award for his outstanding performance and commitment to Crime Stoppers, personifying a spirit of community cooperation and demonstrating qualities of leadership at a local, national and international level.

In his professional capacity, Bryan is Management Consultant with KPMG Australia with direct responsibility for managing client engagements and business development specializing in Defence and National Security. He has a strong communications background, with emphasis in managing people and change programs, business performance improvement and program management. Bryan possesses comprehensive experience in private and public sector strategic business analysis, program and project management, strategic human resource and change management, business and policy development, and leadership. Bryan is a former Australian Army Officer, having retired in 2001 following 25 years of military service. The majority of his military service was with the Royal Australian Armoured Corps where he saw service as a United Nations Military Observer in the Middle East (1991 -92) and as the Assistant Defence Adviser for New Zealand (1998 – 99). He holds a Master of Business Administration and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Management.

In his leadership roles, Bryan direction and policy advice at the support of all Australian State and promoting good practice in crime prevention planning; and implementing Crime Stoppers internationally and in Government Departments, senior Federal and State/Territory levels, financial and principled Government enforcement support at the highest levels to enable Crime Stoppers programs to achieve their objectives. In particular, he has led a number of Australian campaigns including: Operation ROAM, the CSA annual ‘wanted fugitives’ campaign, which has been conducted over the past five years, and the 2016 Dob in a Dealer Campaign focused on those criminals responsible for manufacturing and dealing in ICE (crystal meth). All campaigns have realized significant results with an exponential increase in tips resulting in increased arrests and seizures. Bryan has made excellent contributions to CSI, especially having led the development and implementation of CSI’s Strategic Plan 2014-2019.

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Bryan was a State finalist in the Australian Institute of Management Leadership Excellence Awards for the Not for Profit Sector in 2016, and received the KPMG Australia Chairman’s award for his volunteer commitment to Crime Stoppers in 2012, and a KPMG Australia Chairman’s recognition award for his appointment as President, Crime Stoppers International in 2016.

Incidentally, Bryan’s brother Scott is an Army Officer serving in the Canadian Armed Forces in Ottawa having transferred from the Australian Army four years ago upon marrying a Canadian Air Force Servicewoman. Bryan also has an Aunt and many cousins, all of whom are Quebecers!

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**LEGAL ISSUES**

By Robert S. Gill,
Legal Advisor, Canadian Crime Stoppers Association

In this article I will provide updates on two matters in which I have been involved, the pending appeal before the Supreme Court of Canada, and recent organizational changes in Crime Stoppers International.

**Supreme Court Case**

This appeal addresses the nature of the protection given to callers to the Crime Stoppers tip line. The official summary of the case, prepared by the staff at the Supreme Court, says:

XY is charged with second degree murder. At issue is the admissibility into evidence of a record of an anonymous call about the murder that was received by Durham Regional Crime Stoppers. Durham Regional Crime Stoppers asserts that its organization depends on a guarantee of anonymity therefore all records in its possession relating to any tips that it receives are subject to informer privilege.

The trial judge held a voir dire into the admissibility of the record of the call. Durham Regional Crime Stoppers was permitted to appear at the voir dire. The Crown argued that XY was the caller therefore informer privilege did not apply. The Crown led evidence from the police investigation to support that argument. The trial judge held that the record of the call is not protected by informer privilege and admitted it as evidence.

This is an appeal from a pre-trial ruling. The trial is to be heard by a judge and jury, and had been set to start on April 3, 2017. That date has been postponed, awaiting the outcome of the Court’s decision on this appeal. The Court heard argument on January 20, 2017, and reserved judgment. It is not possible to predict when that judgment will be handed down.

The issue at stake is a narrow one: whether it is permissible for a court to refer to the contents of a tip to determine if the caller is acting in good faith, or is using the tip line for an improper purpose.

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In this case, the improper purpose being suggested is attempting to divert suspicion away from the subject of an investigation.

Nothing in this case challenges the protection given to legitimate, bona fide tipsters, a protection that has been in place for Crime Stoppers callers since the decision in Leipert in 1997. A redacted version of Crime Stoppers’ factum (and those of the other parties) is available to the public on the Supreme Court’s website, for readers who wish to examine the arguments in detail.

Recent Changes at CSI

CSI continues to pursue international collaborations. The organization is also pursuing a number of initiatives with international private corporations, NGO’s and government agencies. As of last year, CSI became set up to receive tips (via the internet) on an international scale, forwarding these to law enforcement (either directly or via INTERPOL) for action. This expansion of the vision and role of CSI led to the establishment last year of an international headquarters, hosted by Crime Stoppers Netherlands in The Hague. Further pursuing these initiatives with credibility has been hampered by the lack of a credible international identity and presence.

For these reasons, the members of the Board of CSI have resolved to form a new non-profit corporation, registered in The Netherlands, with the formal name Stichting Crime Stoppers International, and in English, Crime Stoppers International Foundation (the “Foundation”). The final formal resolutions for the creation of the Foundation were passed during the Trinidad conference, and the incorporation was completed in The Hague on October 12, 2016.

Now the Foundation is fully established, it is expected that Crime Stoppers International, Inc. (“CSI Inc.”) of New Mexico will stop collecting membership dues or other revenue, although it will retain its corporate existence by continuing to comply with all filing requirements, and its board of directors will also remain in place.

The Foundation will enter into contracts and MOU’s in place of those currently in existence with CSI Inc. In the future, local chapters of Crime Stoppers in the regions will direct their financial support to the Foundation.

An effort has been made to devise a structure for the Foundation reflecting as closely as possible CSI’s existing corporate governance structure. There will, however, be some differences as mandated by Dutch law.

A Netherlands Foundation has no members. The primary governance structure is a board, called a Supervisory or Governing Board. The first members of the body will be the present members of the board of CSI Inc. (With the exception of Ruud Smulders, for a reason to be set out below). As members of the board retire or otherwise complete their terms, their replacements will be appointed by the members of the Governing Board itself. In order to retain some continuity with existing CSI practices, the Constitution of the Foundation provides that each Region may nominate persons for appointment to the Governing Board. While such nominations are not legally binding on the Governing Board, it is expected that in the normal course, the wishes of the regions as expressed through their nominations will be respected.

The day-to-day affairs of the Foundation are to be managed by a Management Committee, that will report to and be responsible to the Governing Board. Management Committee members attend meetings of the Governing Board, but do not vote. At the meetings held in Trinidad, the Board appointed Ruud Smulders as the first chairperson of the Management Committee, and Devrol Dupigny was appointed Executive Director.

2 Although the closest English translation of the Dutch term would be “Supervisory”, the English term “Governing” will be used in most documents, as more descriptive (in English) of the role of this body.
The last time the N.B. Crime Stoppers report was published was Summer 2015 and since that time a lot of things have happened. During that time a lot of things have happened but will not be covered in this report.

Longtime Provincial President Ron Godin and charter member stepped down at the end of his term after 31 years as a member of which he served about 28 years as provincial president. Ron is and was the most liked, respected, knowledgeable and hardest working member of N.B. Crime Stoppers. Whenever something needed to be done or a problem required fixing Ron was the go to guy and now as past president he is still that same person. Vice President Mark LeBelle was elected as president following Ron however, he had to step down part way through his term for personal reasons and now the new interim president is Jerry Moffett. Ron Godin remains with the program as immediate past president.

There have been some problems with declining membership within the chapters, mostly due to their inability to recruit new and younger members with skills and new ideas who can help to move the program forward and this is being done but is difficult. Volunteers, with new skills and ideas, who are willing to step up and assume executive positions, are extremely hard to find. Even finding board members, who have time to fill some of the duties as committee chairs such as membership, fundraising and others as well as regular members for these committees seems to be a problem for younger people. Also, because New Brunswick is a large province but has a small population, which makes it even harder to recruit new members.

The next Annual Training Conference (ATC) in September 2017 will be critical for the N.B. Crime Stoppers program. Elections for a new president, secretary and treasurer will have to take place.

This of course creates the difficulty of perhaps having a totally new provincial executive however, the by-laws have provision for this eventuality and if it happens they can deal with it effectively. Also they will be electing or reelecting two directors-at-large. So, lots of elections as well as the normal reports and training which, as yet, has not been identified. The type of training to be presented at the conference will be confirmed at the next provincial meeting in May.

This year a change to the number of days for the ATC will be tried. The Friday evening Meet and Greet will be dropped leaving only Saturday, the Saturday evening banquet and Sunday morning for the conference and law enforcement coordinator and treasurer training, which will reduce the hotel and meal costs for some delegates from two days to one. The hope is that this will reduce individual and chapter financial requirements allowing more members to attend. This is the first time the program has attempted to do this so they are looking for good results such as savings for attendees and increased delegate attendance to the conference.

The provincial statistics continue to improve probably due to the after hour calls directed to the secure call centre for social media, web tips and the 1-800 222-TIPS calls. Of course they continue to take all calls and information at the N.B. Crime Stoppers office during normal work hours.
## NEW BRUNSWICK PROVINCIAL STATISTICS

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Paul Gallinger, president of the Oromocto/Gagetown Crime Stoppers Chapter, presented Corporal Taylor Baird, Military Police Coordinator, the Constable Leo “Tyler” Francis Memorial Award for his outstanding commitment to the chapter and N.B. Crime Stoppers. Corporal Baird took it upon himself to liaise with N.B. Crime Stoppers and the RCMP to reinstate the Oromocto and area Student School Program. In order to do this, he upgraded much of the presentation and information material in both French and English and will work closely with the RCMP and school board to visit schools in the local area and speak with students about the Student School Program. All chapters, throughout the rest of New Brunswick, will also be able to use the information prepared by Taylor and N.B. Crime Stoppers.

The law enforcement coordinators assigned to N.B. Crime Stoppers are a critical component of the program and the chapters they work with. Partner Agencies and supporters for the program include RCMP, New Brunswick Association of Chiefs of Police, Department of Justice and Public Safety (DPS), Fisheries & Oceans Canada (DFO), Canadian Forces Military Police (MP) and Municipal Police.

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Presentation of Award to Oromocto/Gagetown Crime Stoppers Military Police Coordinator Corporal Taylor Baird 3MP Regt Detachment Gagetown
The 80's Remembered
...the First Space Shuttle, Cold War ended, the IBM Personal Computer was released, Mount St. Helens erupts, John Lennon is assassinated, MTV launches, Pac-Man and... Crime Stoppers!

"Back in the 1980’s I was a 30 something sales representative at CFCN-TV in Calgary...at some point...I found an article on a relatively new Crime Stoppers program that had originated in Albuquerque NM. I was wowed by the idea. What a concept!"

Brian Bolli, Founding Member
Calgary Crime Stoppers Association

And thus began a life of Crime Stoppers in Canada. Calgary Crime Stoppers Association was officially formed in May of 1982 by a strong group of Calgarians interested in fighting crime and keeping the community a safer place to live!

Our long history of helping fight crime and keeping our communities safer places to live was established through the hard work and commitment of the police, media and community. Our achievements cannot be denied or understated locally, provincially and nationally and internationally.

We are working hard to revitalize and recognize former supporters as well as expose and mine new partners in the community with the expectation that their support will provide for a stable and successful future.

As we celebrate 35 years, the Board of Directors in Calgary have undertaken a number of initiatives and events; including the launch of the Calgary and Southern Alberta Crime Stoppers magazine in January, a 35th Anniversary Celebration event on April 27 and the 1st Annual Crime Stoppers Open golf tournament June 21st.

We hope that these programs and events will shed light on the successes of our longstanding program as well as to help regain the public eye as a worthwhile and valuable organization whose impact is genuinely felt throughout the entire community.

Please join me in celebrating our past accomplishments and embracing our collective futures, now more than ever our programs are essential to the fight to keep our communities safe to live, work and play!

Terry Hathaway
Executive Director, Calgary Crime Stoppers Association

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2017 marks the 30th anniversary of Crime Stoppers in Nova Scotia. We plan on having our celebrations at our AGM in September of this year. Our PSA's on the radio throughout the province as well as our illegal tobacco ads that run on CTV & CTV2, has accounted for much of the success that we have had promoting Crime Stoppers in our province.

For the month of March 2017 we had 961 calls, a record in 30 years, also for March, 10 arrested; 23 charges laid; $5,000 in awards paid and 9 cases cleared. We finally now have our reflective decals on marked RCMP cars in the province as well as Halifax Police vehicles and a number of municipal police vehicles around the province.

Over the last 12 months we have partnered with Hfx Airport Authority, Quality Concrete; Hfx Shopping Centre; and more recently Loblaw's. We have numerous events and parades planned for 2017. The success that Crime Stoppers has in Nova Scotia can only be attributed to the countless hours and time that our volunteers put into promoting our program.

Regards
John O'Reilly, President
Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers

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Some history from the first Canadian Crime Stoppers program

CALGARY'S FIRST PROGRAM

Letter from Calagary’s Mayor showing support for the new Crime Stoppers program

Letter from the Chief of Police of Calagary showing support for the new Crime Stoppers program
Crime Stoppers Association of Edmonton and Northern Alberta (CSAENA) has continued to see success in helping law enforcement stop and solve crime with information from anonymous tipsters. In 2016, CSAENA received nearly 5,000 tips leading to 117 arrests and over $1.6 million in stolen property recovered/drugs seized.

CSAENA has also benefitted from great community support, both in raising funds and generating awareness through the media. Each year, CSAENA produces and airs 26 crime re-enactments or teaching moments in partnership with Global Edmonton, the region’s most popular news channel. In addition to fundraising through 50/50s at golf tournaments, barbecues, and casinos, CSAENA has also introduced and established a successful annual jail bailout fundraiser called “Caught by Crime Stoppers”. So far, the two events that have already taken place have raised over $185,000 for the program through sponsorships and individual donations. Last year, well-known NHL Veteran and Oilers Alumni Georges Laraque was among the 30 Jailbirds that took part in the event. They were “arrested” by Edmonton Police and RCMP officers and brought to a mock jail at Southgate Centre to raise “bail” money in support of Crime Stoppers. Caught by Crime Stoppers has been well received by the community and CSAENA is pleased to announce that the third annual event will be held on Thursday, October 26, 2017.

In addition to marketing the anonymous tip line, CSAENA has taken on a number of other initiatives over the past few years. In 2014, CSAENA piloted a project called “Crime Stoppers Youth” (or “C.S.Y.”) that encouraged high school students to anonymously report suspicious or criminal activity. In 2016 and 2017, CSAENA ran two successful Crime Stoppers Month campaigns in January, primarily over Social Media, to mark the occasion. These campaigns reached thousands of people and allowed CSAENA to promote the program throughout the region. CSAENA staff and volunteers also attend dozens of community information events throughout the year in an effort to share the Crime Stoppers program with the public. Currently, CSAENA is running a campaign in partnership with the Alberta Office of Traffic Safety, Newad, and Global Edmonton called “Not Just a Bad Habit”. This awareness campaign promotes Crime Stoppers as an avenue to report habitually impaired drivers anonymously, allowing police to use the tips to be more proactive and target-focused in their enforcement.

CSAENA is currently overseen by Mark Holik (President), Wayne Kryzalka (Vice President), Shawn Tully (Treasurer), Curtis Nikel (Past President), and several other Directors. It is staffed by Anna Williams (Program Manager) and Annette Wagers (Communications Coordinator), and supported by Constable Jaime Resler (Edmonton Police Service), Sergeant Josee Valiquette (RCMP), and Debi Lowther (RCMP).

The Global Creative team films a group of volunteer actors at Uncle Glenn’s Eatery and Sports Pub for a teaching moment on habitual impaired driving (in partnership with the Alberta Office of Traffic Safety).


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Newfoundland & Labrador

NL Crime Stoppers was awarded the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary's Chiefs Award in the fall of 2017 in recognition of our continuing support of their enforcement efforts. This is a huge honor with limited recipients.

We were the sponsor of the RCMP Musical Ride in the St. John's area and it helped increase our public presence and funding. The response from the public, media and local enforcement officials was tremendous. We had a great partnership with the City of Mount Pearl and RCMP Veterans.

Several of our branches participated in local Santa Claus parades in an effort to promote Crime Stopper Awareness.

Some of our branches participate in community events in a variety of ways to get the message out (i.e. hot chocolate, etc.).

With the assistance of a grant from United Way Newfoundland and Labrador, we were able to launch our Public Awareness and Education Campaign by purchasing a large number of Crime Stopper reflective road signs. We are working with the province and municipalities to have them strategically placed including municipal arenas and major roadways. We are also working with corporations to sponsor more signs on their properties.

We've entered into a number of 3 and 5 years funding agreements with agencies. Our marketing committee arranged for our Minister of Justice to sign a proclamation for Crime Stoppers month. A number of branches worked with their local mayors to do the same.

We negotiated a lucrative partnership with sole province wide media organization where we entered into an agreement for a full year of media promotional spots about Crime Stoppers. These spots were voiced by not only our volunteers (board and branch) but also by the Minister of Justice for the province. As Chair, I have conducted several media interviews which garnered tremendous feedback. Our Police Coordinators continue their weekly Crime Stoppers broadcast.

Our Marketing committee has designed and manufactured several Crime Stopper flags. We are hoping to have these flown on provincial and federal buildings over the next year especially during Crime Stoppers month. We also hope to have selected municipalities agree to hoist them for a period of time.

We have recently negotiated a partnership with Newfoundland Power who has agreed to undertake the production of our print media campaign. They also agreed to include an insert into their billings twice a year, place digital ads on their digital sign board at various points in the year and are amenable to future discussion with regard to other means of exposure throughout the province (as they are province wide).

Our AGM was our most successful. We had representatives of the RNC and RCMP speak on organized crime, biker gangs and the crime issue of significance to their forces as well as a representative from our biggest partner, MMSB, who spoke on their efforts. We continue to foster relationships with our partners in Liquor enforcement, Wildlife, Illegal dumping and especially with Oceans Canada (DFO). Our partners are committed to the Crime Stoppers program.

During the year we have redrafted our Constitution and updated our Operations Manual. We have several large needs to be addressed in the coming year. Currently, we are trying to source funds to replace our mascot "TIPPER" as this is long in the tooth and needs to be replaced. Several years ago one of the offshore companies helped us purchase a van which is now at end of life. Our fundraising group are doing their best in very difficult economic times to find funds to to get a new van.
A Guelph youth is being credited with being the creator of *The Sound of Crime Stoppers*.

Kieran Bates, a Grade 10 student at John F. Ross Collegiate Vocational Institute in Guelph, not only wrote the original piece of music, but played all the instruments. The song will now be used by Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington (CSGW) as theme music for broadcast and social media applications.

“The Board of Directors decided on the winner and had an instant response to Kieran’s entry,” said Sarah Bowers-Peter, Program Coordinator for CSGW. “We are very pleased with the ‘Sound’ and are blown away by Kieran’s skill and ability.”

The entry features a strong bass guitar presence, followed up with drums and bass for an impactful, distinctive sound.

“I wanted to see if I could push my boundaries and write something not from the heart, but for a purpose,” said Bates, who acknowledges this is the first time he’s written anything with this particular sound. “I am honoured that Crime Stoppers appreciated my song, and this will motivate me to keep creating.”

The contest was open to high school students in the City of Guelph and County of Wellington, with the top prize winner receiving a recording session from Jam School of Guelph. The song will be released in early January and the official announcement took place Wednesday January 4 2017 at the Guelph City Hall during the CSGW flag raising ceremony.

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CSI Panama Conference ... MEDIA BRIEF
Crime Stoppers International in partnership with Caribbean, Bermuda and Latin America Crime Stoppers Inc (CBLA CS Inc) will be hoisting the 2017 Crime Stoppers International Conference at the Wyndham Panama Hotel, Albrook Mall, Panama City, close to the Panama Canal, between Sunday 15th October and Wednesday 18th October 2017.
(Registration will take place on the Sunday, and President’s Theme Night will conclude the event on the Wednesday evening).
Wyndham Room rates US$119.00 standard one person, additional person US$15.00. Registration will open in May with early registration at US$495.00 and late registration at US$595.00. There will be a spouse programme at US$400.00 and an area for exhibitors will be provided. The conference theme and further information on training and seminars will be available over the coming weeks. The CBLA Crime Stoppers programmes look forward to hosting another CSI event within our Region to share the success of our organization world wide.
See you in Panama...

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For further details including the schedule, registration forms and prices, visit: www.waterloocrimestoppers.com