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Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce

WINTER 2022







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# Keeping Ahead Of Crime... ...One Call At A Time



# January is Crime Stoppers month and this provides an opportunity for the community to see how it works and why it has succeeded over 32 years.

Crime Stoppers is a community based program that uses the resources of the media, police and members of the public to solve crimes. It is clearly an organization that exists to improve and maintain the quality of life we have come to expect in our communities.

The benefits received by the 17 municipalities of Bruce and Grey counties from this program have been enormous and far-reaching. From 2017 to 2021 information received from the public resulted in 138 arrests, 518 charges being laid, and the recovery of over \$630,000 worth of property and cash. In addition anonymous tips have cleared the streets of over \$1,500,000 worth of illicit drugs.

It has long been understood that the basics of a properly running society fulfills the physical needs of food, water, shelter and safety. All else we do in society is built upon these four foundational needs being assured and maintained. Many in society suffer from a lack of one or more of these needs but the safety of the community is the foundation on which all else is sustained. Of course the existence of laws, and those who enforce them, are a large part of a community feeling safe.

# Filling An Information Gap

The fundamental need of law enforcement personnel is a constant flow of information from those same people they are sworn to protect. Human nature involves a wide-array of motivations and one such motivator is rewarding those who help. The Crime Stoppers organization is specifically designed to keep law enforcement supplied with information

that helps give them direction on crimes that need to be resolved. The Crime Stoppers program also fills the needs of those individuals who want to help but who wish not to become involved in the prosecutorial process. A certain win/win situation for all concerned.

As an encouragement for the public to call the Crime Stoppers program does not subscribe to Call Display, does not have \*69 capability, and does not voice record tip conversations. The program encourages people to call a toll-free phone number or submit a secure web tip through a P3 App, available for smart phones, with information about any crimes that have occurred or are about to be committed.

Information provided by the public is forwarded, anonymously, to law enforcement personnel who use it to further an investigation which may lead to an arrest, recovery of stolen property or result in charges being laid.

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce is not a police program nor is it a government supported organization. The office phones and computer systems are located at a non-police facility and police do not have direct access to it. Crime Stoppers is run by concerned citizens who make up the core group of volunteers and their Board of Directors. It is the Board's duty to administer the program, raise funds, and manage the payment of rewards to Tipsters.

# **Keeping Ahead Of The Curve**

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce supplies a unique window on the community and has provided a real-time platform of changing crime patterns as they evolve. This is evident with initiatives instituted with the advent of COVID-19. Crime Stoppers reached out to local police and other agencies and supplied

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an anonymous tip line that could relieve local 9-1-1 dispatchers while still passing along information about violations. New trends in drugs such as Fentanyl, and its trafficking processes, can be quickly discovered through anonymous tips. The scourge of human trafficking is like a malignant growth in a community and one that can be quickly addressed through Crime Stoppers Tipsters while illegal tobacco sales and distribution to minors is a community concern on many levels.

A report released on November 3, 2021, by the Canadian Race Relations Foundation concluded that, "this country may now be at an important juncture, and the next two years might well prove to be a critical period of reckoning for race relations in Canada."

In response Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce is establishing a unique promotion and advertising campaign called "Hate is Not Anonymous" - but your call is. Directed toward the elimination of hate and racism in communities, citizens can now anonymously report information about racism or hate-based groups or individuals.

"When someone spreads hate, they may do it from the shadows but do not wish to be anonymous regarding the targets of their hatred," says Peter Reid, Chair of the Board of Directors for Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce. "Their intent is to dehumanize an individual or group and to sway the opinions of oth-



ers. The more they pass along this hate the less anonymous they become. Sometimes all it takes is one anonymous tip to shine a light and put an end to it."

#### When You Call

If you have information of a crime you are encouraged to call the toll-free number, 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), submit a secure web tip at CSTIP.ca or utilize your P3 App. Tipsters are assigned a confidential code number to be used in all future dealings with Crime Stoppers. You will not be asked, nor expected, to identify yourself. You will not have to appear in court because - Crime Stoppers call takers and the police will never know who you are!

Tipster's may be eligible for a cash reward from Crime Stoppers if information they supply leads to charges being laid or the recovery of property. Rewards vary from \$50 to \$2,000 depending on the accuracy/usefulness of the information and the seriousness of the crime reported. Reward pay-outs are made anonymously and in cash only. Even the manner in which the money is transferred remains completely confidential.

### **Your Support Means Everything**

Above all else the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce organization is ever grateful to its volunteer base, sponsors, and donators. Without such support nothing else could happen. Volunteers are constantly being sought for fund-raising events and board management. Annual fund raising events currently include a Curling bon spiel, Celebrity Golf Tourna-

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ment and banquet and three classic car tours of Grey and Bruce Counties. Other opportunities and suggestions for fundraising are welcome.

Crimes Stoppers is a registered charity so that individuals and corporate donators can receive a tax deductible receipt. Municipalities, police commissions and police agencies are also encouraged to contribute as sponsors of this worthwhile community-based initiative. Crime Stoppers also receives considerable support from local radio, television, newspapers and on-line publications by passing along news of crimes and other events which further the goals and objectives of the organization.

Crime Stoppers volunteers are proud of the organization and have contributed much to the safety of the communities in Grey and Bruce Counties. Anyone wishing to contribute in anyway are encouraged to contact them.

Since Inception

Tip Totals	17,245
Arrests	1,730
Cases Cleared	2,714
Charges Laid	2,295
Fugitives	30
Rewards Approved	733
Value of Rewards Approved	\$283,760
Rewards Paid	273
Value of Rewards Paid	\$148,535
Percent of Rewards Paid	37%
Vehicles Recovered	112
Weapons Recovered	104
Total Property Recovered	\$4,154,951

Cash Recovered

Drugs Seized

\$318,167

\$49,659,239

# Two Volunteers recognized for achievement and community service

The Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers has recognized two long-standing volunteers from the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce program. The Civilian Achievement Award was presented to Betty Egerdeen of Southampton while the Community Service Award was awarded to Evan Hayter of Formosa.

Betty Egerdeen was recognized for her tire-



less efforts as both a volunteer and Board member of the Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce program. Betty joined the organization in 2002 and immediately adopted a keen interest in the fundraising and promotional aspects of the program. Known as a real "go getter" Betty involved herself

heavily in the annual charity golf tournament. Over her 17 years of service she attended countless fall fairs, flea markets, community events, council meetings and information sessions. She spoke with and educated many members of police agencies across two counties in order to promote and spread the word of the importance of the Crime Stoppers concept.

"Betty has gone beyond that which is expect of a volunteer," said current Board Chair Peter Reid. "Her passion and enthusiasm can only be matched by her ingenuity and inspiration for others."

Evan Hayter was recognized for his concep-



tual idea and follow-up enthusiasm for the annual charity golf tournament of which Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce have been the benefactors for over 20 years. The event, which features many current and former hockey personalities, has since raised

over half a million dollars for Crime Stoppers.

The charity golf tournament was Initially started when Evan was the recently retired president of For-

mosa Breweries. He has been a main force and inspiration for the tournament and in concert with Vern Inglis of Trillium Insurance has been successful in attracting such hockey greats as Eddie Shack, Bobby Hull, Pete Mahovlich, Wendell Clark and Doug Gilmour and Brian Williams to name but a few.

"Evan Hayter's unwavering support with organizing 27 successful golf tournaments has helped keep our local Crime Stoppers alive and well," said Board Chair Peter Reid. "The income drawn from this one annual event has fully provided a third of our annual operating expenses."

The awards for Evan and Betty were announced at the annual meeting of Ontario Crime Stoppers on August 27th.

"This is a great honour for our local Crime Stoppers organization to have two volunteers recognized in a single year," said Reid. "By definition volunteers are persons who do things that they really do not have to do. Our area is blessed with a lot of people who epitomize this notion. Betty and Evan are two fine examples for others to emulate."





Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce is giving citizens the opportunity to eliminate hate and racism in their communities and is instituting a promotional campaign across the twin counties encouraging witnesses to anonymously call in information about racism or hate-based groups or individuals.

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To report this activity, without being publicly identified, Crime Stoppers offers you the opportunity to make a difference. By calling Crime Stoppers your identity is secure and confidential and the information passed along will be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency for follow-up. Crime Stoppers will even pay you a cash reward if it leads to an arrest.

If you have been victimized by a hate crime or

have witnessed a hate crime we encourage you to do the following:

- If you feel threatened physically call police emergency at 9-1-1.
- If you witnessed the incident and have information regarding the perpetrator, call 9-1-1.
- The Crime Stoppers option If you wish to report information that may lead to an arrest, but wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Your identity will be kept completely confidential and the information supplied handed over to the appropriate law enforcement agency. You can also report using our P3 App on your mobile device or via our website cstip.ca

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce are seeking funding for this pilot program and your support sends a strong message that there is no room for racism and hatred in your community.

# REMEMBER

You could be eligible for a reward up to \$2,000 if your tip leads to an arrest or recovery of property.



# STOP THE CRIME OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING







# 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

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Phone: 519 371-6078 eMail: crimestopgb@bmts.com

Fax: 519 371-1275 Web: crimestop-gb.org



The incidence of human trafficking is widely believed to be under-reported. However, this is what the data tells us:

- In 2019, there were 511 cases in Canada reported to the police (where trafficking was the most serious violation)
- According to the RCMP's Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre, over 96% of identified cases in Canada since 2005 were domestic (not international) trafficking cases
- Between 2009 and 2016, two thirds (66%) of cases in Canada were reported in Ontario

Trafficking cases are more often reported to police in urban areas, with almost half of all trafficking cases between 2009 and 2016 being reported in the census metropolitan areas of Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal

- Between 2009 and 2016, the majority (95%) of victims/survivors in cases reported to police were female
- Between 2009 and 2016, over a quarter (27%) of victims/survivors in cases reported to police were under the age of 18

It's important to note that service agencies provide higher estimates than police-collected data. For comparison, in a study of sex trafficking of women and girls, 266 service agencies across the country collectively identified over 5,500 trafficked or sexually exploited girls (under 18 years of age) seeking service and supports in 2012 alone.

# **Art Theft in Springmount**









On November 27, 2021 a theft from a business along Shane Street in Georgian Bluffs was reported in

which \$180,000 worth of items, including several paintings, were stolen. The paintings include a watercolour by artist Dorothy Knowles titled "May Green"; two pieces from a three piece set titled "Entwined," by artist Laurie De Camillis; an oil painting by artist Jean Paul Riopelle consisting of three individual paintings framed into one with a cracked left hand panel; and an oil painting with a very old frame titled "AC-78-57," by artist William Perehudoff.

Also stolen was an Opus Connect E-500 electric bike equipped with saddle bags and a beverage holder; a stainless steel bar fridge; 55" and 40" Samsung TVs; and a Rocky Mountain Whistler bike.





**Trailer Theft in Hepworth** 

On November 12, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. three unknown suspects attended a residence on Spencer Street in Hepworth and stole a Puma travel trailer. The suspects departed in two vehicles with the trailer in tow behind a white pickup truck with what is believed to be a forged "U-Haul" sign stuck to the door on the side; and a silver vehicle believed to be a Subaru.



**Lumber Theft in Eldersley** 

Sometime between 1:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. on December 27, 2021 a quantity of lumber, valued at \$1,000, was taken from a property in the 3000 block of Bruce Road 3 in Elderslie Township.

A white pickup truck with a ladder on top is a vehicle of interest in this investigation, and is as pictured:



Kincardine Break & Enter

On November 24, 2021 at 11:13 p.m. police received a report of a break and enter in progress at a property along Carloway Trail in Kincardine. Officers arrived to find that the home had been forcibly entered and a spool of electrical wire, valued at \$500, had been stolen.

A person of interest in this matter is pictured above.

## Royal Canadian Mounted Police Commissioner



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# Crime Stoppers Month January 2022

On behalf of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), I would like to express our continued support for the more than 80 Crime Stoppers organizations in Canada.

January is recognized as National Crime Stoppers month and we are happy that Crime Stoppers has chosen "Stopping the Crime of Human Trafficking" as its theme for 2022.

Through threats, extortion, fraud and force, criminals have shown their persistent drive to make money at the expense of so many victims. Those caught in the web of exploitation may not always be able to fight their way free.

Crime Stoppers remains a valuable tool in safeguarding public safety by assisting police by reporting threats and crimes anonymously. By providing tips, the public displays they are taking responsibility for community safety, health and wellness.

The RCMP enthusiastically supports this year's theme, which reinforces the need for the whole of Canada to come together and combat criminal efforts seeking to take advantage of the marginalized and vulnerable.

I wish you continued success in "Stopping the Crime of Human Trafficking."

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# Thomas Carrique Commissioner Le Commissaire

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#### ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CRIME STOPPERS

### Re: Crime Stoppers Month

On behalf of all members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge and support Crime Stoppers Month.

I commend the efforts of all Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers members, volunteers and supporters who have contributed thousands of hours of volunteer time and financial support to the ongoing success of the 37 Ontario Crime Stoppers programs. The OPP remains committed to Crime Stoppers through the support of our Community Safety Services team, and our many civilian and uniform members who work directly with their local programs.

This year's theme, "Stop the Crime of Human Trafficking," is more than a call to action. It is an opportunity for programs across Canada to increase awareness of this devastating crime that targets people from all backgrounds.

The existence of criminal activity, such as human trafficking, within our communities is a shared concern. Crime Stoppers assists police services in reaching a wider audience – something we are not able to do alone. Together, we are helping increase community safety and well-being across Ontario and Canada.

Once again, I commend Crime Stoppers for the outstanding work being done throughout the province. Please accept my best wishes for a successful month of activities as well as continued success in 2022.

Yours truly,

Thomas Carrique, O.O.M.



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#### PRIME MINISTER . PREMIER MINISTRE

January 2022

# Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in this year's National Crime Stoppers Month.

Crime Stoppers makes our communities safer by encouraging

Canadians to report suspicious or criminal activity anonymously.

National Crime Stoppers Month provides a wonderful opportunity to highlight the successes of the 87 Crime Stoppers programs throughout the country. The theme of this year's event, "Stop the Crime of Human Trafficking," will certainly help to raise awareness of this important issue.

I would like to thank everyone associated with the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association for ensuring the success of this event, year after year. You can take pride in knowing that your ongoing commitment to empowering citizens to help stop, solve and prevent crime is helping to build safer country for us all.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful and memorable event.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P. J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P. Prime Minister of Canada