

## Region 9

Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma

### February 2010

# Monthly Report



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Regional Director – Region 9
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#### I. List of current member programs and individuals contacted.

- Sent email to all programs in the region containing the Annual Regional Report for 2009.
   Report previously sent to all CSUSA Board Members
- Contacted Joplin, Mo program, Heartland Crime Stoppers Prog # 1320 Paula Bone –
   Coordinator to discuss their membership status.
- Contacted Tulsa Crime Stoppers Prog # 408 Tulsa Crime Commission Carol Bush –
   Executive Director Concerning their membership status and to ask for an article for the upcoming Informer. They had, as of this date, not received an invoice.
- Sent email to Chief Sunday with the Nebraska Crime Stoppers asking for an article on a program and received no reply
- Called North Platte, NE program North Platte / Lincoln County Crime Stoppers Prog # 316 - Troy Erickson – Coordinator – Asked him for assistance on an article on his program for the Informer.
- Spoke with Chris Cameron concerning an issue in her region with the CS Program in Saginaw.
- Per an email from Judge Carter, I sent information on joining CSUSA and scholastic programs to:

Jim Horshor 2031 Parkview Drive Freemont, NE 68025

### II. List of non-member programs and individuals contacted.

Discussed Data Dots information with Chief Tom Holland of the Bartlesville Police Department. Chief Holland is the past head of security of ConocoPhillips and formerly with the FBI. He has extensive contacts in the energy industry, insurance industry, government and Wal-Mart. I showed him the product and he is ready to put us into contact with people when we are ready.

#### III. How many programs are in the Region and how many are CSUSA members?

- Currently Per CSIM there are 101 programs in Region 9. Forty-eight of the programs belong to CSUSA or 47.5% of the programs belong.
- o I did spend a day with our new State President in Oklahoma Charlie Phillips updating the programs and I had Kevin Anderson remove 3 programs from the data base that had been defunct for years with no statistics and add one new program, in Ada, Oklahoma. The Ada program is not new to Crime Stoppers but has been around since the 90's. We never knew they were there.

### IV. How many nonmember programs in the Region were contacted and explained the benefits of joining CSUSA?

- o I personally only contacted one program. Tulsa, OK.
- As for the benefits of joining I am putting together a tri-fold brochure I need for the next Oklahoma Crime Stoppers meeting to hand out. I need something that sells us which they can hold in their hand.

### V. Are there any Training Conferences scheduled in the Region? If so, where and when? Are you planning to attend the conference?

- March 27, 2010 Oklahoma will be holding its quarterly membership meeting in Oklahoma City. This meeting will be to discuss the Bylaws, the Memorandum of Understanding and the HB2837 which passed the Oklahoma House 97-0 and is now in the Oklahoma Senate. *I will be attending the meeting.*
- April 25-27, 2009 Kansas State Crime Stoppers will be sponsoring a Regional / State meeting. I will be in attendance.
- Stephens County Crime Stoppers, Inc., (Duncan, Ok) will be holding the First Annual Stephens County "Crime Stoppers Steakout" on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Stephens County Fairgrounds in Duncan. Along with Steak, potato, and other fixins, their keynote speaker will be none other than *Judge Richard Carter (CSUSA Counsel)* discussing Crime Stoppers and the future of Crime Stoppers along with Oklahoma State Senator Anthony Sykes, and musical entertainment by Nashville based band Boomerang featuring songwriter, musician, inventor Boomer Castleman along with Lois Hess, top 5 female drummer *and Judge Carter on tambourine and other exotic instruments*. A fun live auction will offer some great items for sale. Tickets are \$15 each or sponsor a table of 10 for \$150. All proceeds go to pay CS rewards, promotion and training. Come join us, we will have a great time. For more information contact Wayne Watts or Coordinator Det Dan Fletcher at 580-252 INFO.

Wayne Watts, vice president - 405-320-1539 cell

I can guarantee you I will be in attendance..... Camera in hand!

#### V. Other items for attention

- O Currently I know of no way to see who has paid and who hasn't or when the dues notices went out and how (snail mail or electronic). If we had something that would show each of the Regional Directors this we could contact them after a bit to make sure they got their application. This would also give us a chance to contact each program that did not join and discuss it with them. We need to know if their problem is a financial one or not. If financial, we need to do what we can to assist them.
- o I attended the CSUSA board meeting in Ft. Worth, Tx. This meeting was well worth the five hour drive and I believe a lot was accomplished.
- O I could find no current application for membership anywhere on the CSUSA website or anywhere on the internet (I looked for an hour). The only thing I could find was from 2006. I did what I could on this. We need a generic application with no year on it so we do not have to keep changing it every year. Only change it when we need to. <u>I will be</u> <u>happy to produce one if the board would like.</u>
- Oklahoma House Bill 2837 is moving through the process. This bill will basically do a few things:
  - If you are not a "Certified Program" in the State of Oklahoma, your informants will have no anonymity. (If anyone has any questions on this please call me. There are some reasons why and explanation of this is not in writing).
  - It moves the certifying organization from the Oklahoma Attorney General's
     Office to the Oklahoma State Crime Stoppers Board.
  - If you are not a "Certified Program" in the State of Oklahoma, a program cannot use the name "Crime Stoppers" in any form. This refers back to the fact that Oklahoma Crime Stoppers trademarked the name for Oklahoma.
  - It cleans up a lot of language and defines the term "Court" as meaning a Municipal, District or State Court. This was a problem for some local programs because the current law allows a judge to require the guilty party to reimburse Crime Stoppers for their reward payout. The municipal judges would not do this because they indicated it only involved district court.

Respectfully submitted,

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