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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE: K. SCOTT ABRAMS, CPA, FHFMA

As we embark on a new year and venture into 2012, many people think about New Year's resolutions and what changes they are going to make in the coming year. As I am sitting at my desk writing this Crime Stoppers communication, we are still in the middle of a wonderful holiday season celebrating Christmas and New Year's. It is the spirit of giving that prevails upon this wonderful time of year.

I recently viewed an inspirational video that focused entirely on that aspect of giving. Perhaps you have seen it during your work or community involvement as part of a motivational communication. It is called the '100 / 0 Principle' written by Al Ritter. The concept is very simplistic but has a wonderful message to share, and I wanted to share this with you as well as it has a very impactful meaning for individuals, teams and organizations.

Building positive and constructive relationships among family, friends and business associates is a necessity for open and honest interactions. The author states that 80% of life's satisfaction comes from meaningful relationships. If that is true, how do we go about creating these meaningful relationships?

This focus comes from within by taking full and personal responsibility for each and every relationship, by giving 100% into the relationship, and expecting nothing in return, thus the 100 / 0 Principle. This is accomplished by demonstrating genuine respect and kindness to others, even if the other individuals are not deserving of that respect and kindness. Then, expect nothing in return. Exert patience in this process, by being persistent with your kindness and respect.

Being authentic and taking responsibility for the relationship, others will see and respect this kindness and may choose to reciprocate and taking their own responsibility in the relationship. Therefore, in most cases the relationship will eventually turn into something more than just a one-sided act of kindness while being reciprocated by the other.

It is through this 100 / 0 Principle that breakthroughs can occur for individual teams and organizations. Keep in mind, our Crime Stoppers organizations are organized and governed primarily by volunteers giving and donating of their time, talents and treasures, expecting nothing in return. Begin taking this principle to relationships within your Crime Stoppers organization, demonstrating respect and kindness in all your interactions . . . and expect nothing in return. See if it makes a difference in your organization. I am sure it will lead to better and more meaningful relationships and allow your organization to transform into a 100 / 100 Principle!



AN EVENING WITH COPS, ROBBERS & SUPERHEROES

By- Mike Blatman, Law Enforcement
Coordinator, Tri-Cities Crime Stoppers

Non profits are always looking for new ways to raise money. Coming up with new ways to accomplish that is always a challenge so when Tri Cities Crime Stoppers decided to have some type of “gala” they knew it had to have a special twist. Galas and special events take place all the time so it had to be something different. Out of that brain storming came a new event- “An Evening with Cops, Robbers & Superheroes.”

Crime Stoppers programs don’t usually pull at the heart strings that some non profits can call on for promoting donations. This meant creating something different. While there were the usual things most people



expect such as dinner, silent auction and 50/50 raffles, there were some things just a little different.

Included in the event was a different type of “Jail and Bail.” Anyone attending could for \$25.00 warrant fee have another attendee arrested during the evening. Once arrested, they made an appearance before a judge who set bail for their release. We got them coming and going.

An added benefit, the Jail and Bail sponsor built a storage shed that was also auctioned as part of the silent auction. Each arrested person also received a “booking photo.”

Another extra event during the evening was a costume contest. Since the event was October it was a great way for those attending to try out their Halloween costumes. Mascots from the local In-Door football team, Western Hockey League and Northwest League baseball team participated as guest judges. They approved contestants in the contest who then went out among other guests and collected votes (cash) to determine the winners. It was a big hit and the cast from The Wizard of Oz narrowly beat Batman.





The final extra event was the opportunity for the attendees to take part in our "Who Done It?" crime. During the evening participants received tips concerning the theft of the "Golden Grapes." Video tips were presented during the evening, which also showed participants how Crime Stoppers works. At the end of the evening they had the chance to solve the crime and win a \$1,000 reward. The reward money was donated by the sponsor of the "Who Done It?" This year's winner, a retired police officer, turned right around and wrote a check to Tri Cities Crime Stoppers for the \$1,000 he had just won.

About 150 persons attended this first time event which raised \$8,000.00. Tri-Cities Crime Stoppers serves Benton and Franklin counties and serves a population of just under 250,000 persons and has been in existence since 1985.



NEWS FROM PROGRAMS AROUND THE USA

Community Shred-It Event (Kansas City Crime Stoppers):

Our first community Shred-It event on Oct. 22 was a success! In all \$1,511.00 was raised.



A BIG thanks goes out to Darren Griffith from Shred-it for supplying the trucks and operators and Kory Frick from Target for food, drink and numerous volunteers. Also all the Board member volunteers and friends including:

Steve DiGiacinto, Rick Cook, Dave Lamaster, Linda Fisher, Myron Scafe, Rick Easley, Craig Sarver, Lance Boehm, Kory Frick, Darren Griffith, Eric Helvie (Target), Mark Pope (Target), Dempsey Flannigan (Target), Kyle Easley, Elizabeth Ford (Linda's Granddaughter), Zechariah Ford (Linda's Grandson)



GUN BOUNTY PROGRAM

Here is the latest information in regard to the "Gun Bounty" program:

- 73 TIPS forwarded to the Illegal Firearms Squad
 - 3 Arrests made (awaiting filing of charges)
 - 40 TIPS classified as "on-going" investigations
 - 2 cases closed
- 4 TIPS resulted in investigation but determined suspect was "not a felon"
 - 6 TIPS resulted in "attempt buys" but were unsuccessful

Additionally, TIPS are being assigned to three (3) separate squads, Illegal Firearms, Gang and U/C. Gun Bounty TIPS have been received from cities including Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas, Gladstone, Independence, Blue Springs, Grandview, Belton, Lone Jack, Lee's Summit and North Kansas City, Missouri as well as Overland Park, Merriam and Baldwin, Kansas.

GREATER PEORIA AREA CRIME STOPPERS

By: K. Scott Abrams, CPA, FHFMA

Crime Stoppers USA Chairman K. Scott Abrams recently participated in the Greater Peoria Area Crime Stoppers monthly board meeting in Peoria, Illinois. It is at this particular board meeting the board conducts a potluck dinner, a short business meeting and then proceeds to work on their holiday float entry into the annual Santa Claus Parade in Peoria, Illinois, that takes place on the day after Thanksgiving and then makes a repeat performance in the Pekin, Illinois Holiday Parade later in the weekend.

The Greater Peoria Area Crime Stoppers started in 1982 and has developed as a significant Crime Stoppers organization throughout the Tri-County area in central Illinois as well as having played an influential role in establishing the Illinois State Crime Stoppers, through which it continues to participate and support through today.



A round of applause, please, for the Greater Peoria Area Crime Stoppers!

TEEN ARRESTED AFTER BRINGING GUN TO BARTLESVILLE TECH CENTER

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BARTLESVILLE – A 17-year-old boy who brought a loaded gun to a Bartlesville school this week is in the custody of law enforcement thanks to a student Crime Stoppers program tip and quick action by school officials.

Bartlesville police were called Tuesday afternoon to Tri County Technology Center in east Bartlesville where a student was being detained by a security officer after staff discovered he had a loaded Glock 9 mm handgun with him.

The full-time student in the center's technology program has been expelled, officials said. His name was not released.

"We knew he had the gun because he actually had it out and was showing it to students," said Tiffany Bruce, Tri County Technology Center marketing and communications director. "Our director of instruction and three security guards saw him sitting at a computer by himself and they were able to secure him and secure the gun. It all went very smoothly and very well."

Bruce said someone anonymously tipped staff off to the presence of the gun after the student showed it around the room. A tip came into the student Crime Stoppers line, which was installed just this school year on the campus. The line is manned 24 hours a day and sends an immediate text message to the instruction director, Bruce said.

Tri County Tech gave students the number at the beginning of the school year and it is also available through staff. To assure students can find the number at any time, it flashes on television monitors in the building frequently.

Police arrived at the campus around 1:15 p.m. and took the teenager into custody.

Bruce said the student gave different stories to school officials and to the police as to why he had a loaded gun on campus. Bruce said according to her understand of policies, the student is immediately expelled from Tri County Technology Center and he will not be able to attend any public high school in Oklahoma for a year.

When Tri County officials learned of the gun on campus, they chose not to go into lockdown mode because they knew where the student was and where the gun was, Bruce said. The school staff was able to secure the student, pat down his clothing and find the weapon, which was in the waistband of his clothing, she said.

"We knew he had the gun on him and we thought our campus would be safer if we could quietly secure him," Bruce said.

NEW WEAPON AGAINST DRUG CARTELS

WE TEXANS DO LOVE OUR GUNS AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEFEND OUR HOME,
PROPERTY, VEHICLES AND OF COURSE OUR LIVES.

