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## **A Message from Crime Stoppers USA Chairman, K. Scott Abrams, CPA, FHFMA**

It is quite an achievement when you look at the success commercial airlines have had with respect to quality and safety in the United States. The risk of a crash or a fatality while flying on a commercial airline flight is extremely low. There have been many studies conducted in and out of the airline industry as to why significant improvements have been made with commercial flying. The same can be said for other types of commuter airlines and private pilots.

Coming from a career in healthcare finance and administration, I was exposed to the diligence and detail that pilots undertake prior, during and after each and every flight. There is almost a required reading now in the healthcare industry with a book entitled, "Why Hospitals Should Fly: The Ultimate Flight Plan to Patient Safety and Quality Care" by author John J. Nance, JD. The book draws significant comparisons between flying and hospital services. Now you're probably thinking, there is no reasonable comparison between flying and managing hospitals. I thought the same thing before I read the book.

In one section of the book, it discusses the profound effect that check lists have had on the airline industry. If you have ever had the opportunity to watch a pilot and copilot prior to take off, you notice that they have handbooks in their hands and talking to one another. This is their detailed process in which they verify against detailed checklists that all the instrumentation is in proper working order and the various steps in order to take the plane into flight are addressed. No interruptions are allowed and extraneous conversation is held to a minimum. The corollary to this for healthcare might be found in the surgery department. Prior to beginning any procedure the surgeon and nursing staff will go through a checklist ensuring that all equipment is functional and operational, supplies on hand are adequate, that the correct patient is in the room, the right surgical site is identified and which procedure is to be done. All of this is a common expectation you would expect for a surgery department.

Now, let's draw the corollary to Crime Stoppers. How can checklists help Crime Stoppers organizations? Think of the turnover that takes place in many of our local, state and national Crime Stoppers organizations. I would venture a guess it is in the 30 to 40% range on an annual basis. With this type of turnover, normal organizational operating functions, fundraising events, and media events may go through several iterations of methods and changes in a matter of several years given this turnover in board members and volunteers. There is no consistency from year to year and other items to be completed may just be forgotten.

Let's take a specific, but simple, example. Let's say I am treasurer for a local Crime Stoppers program and am responsible for payment of bills, financial statements and external reporting. For those of you that are treasurers, you may be familiar with various local, state and federal external reporting requirements as part of your responsibilities. Some of those external activities might be obtaining the raffle license from the local county offices, annual filing for your state sales tax exemption, paying the registration fee for the annual nonprofit status in your state, preparing and filing the annual tax-exempt Internal Revenue Service tax forms, and filing the state tax-exempt tax forms, to name a few. If a checklist is prepared by the current treasurer of the activities and procedures required under their responsibility, there can be almost a seamless transition from one treasurer to the next. Without a checklist, the new treasurer might stumble along until it may be too late and receive some dunning notices from various external agencies placing the Crime Stoppers organization at risk.

A checklist is just that, a listing of various items that need to be accomplished in order to complete a task or maintain compliance. A checklist can be useful in performing position responsibilities, outlining a specific event or function, and handling normal or special procedures. Think about the legacy you want to leave for your Crime Stoppers organization. Would you want them to crash and burn if they didn't have a basic format in which to follow through on a process with a checklist, or would you want them to strive and thrive moving forward because your organization had the forethought of making a checklist for all activities and procedures? I think we all want to see our organizations flourish now and into the future. One way is to think how you might utilize checklists in your organization for your Crime Stoppers functions and activities.



## Notice to all Crime Stoppers Programs *Changes to CSUSA Insurance Program*

As you are all aware, there have been a lot of changes in the insurance industry in the past several years. Crime Stoppers USA and Legacy Connections received notice from Great American Insurance Company that they were not going to renew policies for the programs that were getting a discount by going through the Crime Stoppers USA program.

Because of this, Crime Stoppers USA has been working with Legacy Connections to look for other carriers willing to give our programs the discount they had been receiving. Crime Stoppers USA and Legacy Connections will be replacing Great American Insurance Company as our primary Directors & Officers Insurance Policyholder. Great American will not renew policies as a standardized policy Crime Stoppers Programs and there will be no discount. Great American has decided they will not offer the same discounts or the same inclusion of coverage for Broadcasting and Publishing that we negotiated for Crime Stoppers Programs. Great American Insurance will be sending NON-RENEWAL NOTICES to the Crime Stoppers programs currently insured through Legacy Connections.

The replacement companies will be Philadelphia Insurance Companies and Arch Insurance and are both highly respected insurance companies. As each policy comes up for renewal Legacy Connections will notify each Crime Stoppers program currently insured what the new rates and coverage will be. This information should be sent to each program 30-45 days in advance of renewal.

For additional questions or information please contact Russ Handley with Legacy Connections at 817-377-4222.

## The Nonprofit Resource Center

The Nonprofit Resource Center (NRC) is working with Crime Stoppers USA to provide accounting, grant writing, and clerical services.

The Nonprofit Resource Center is a membership organization focused on nonprofit training, grant writing, technical assistance and back office work. A professional office of ten staff assists the national organization in many ways.

Additionally, membership is open to all Crime Stoppers local programs. If you choose to join, the Nonprofit Resource Center can assist your program with these services as well.

Your primary contact is Lindsey Roberts at 918.683-4600 or

**[lroberts@thenonprofitresourcecenter.org](mailto:lroberts@thenonprofitresourcecenter.org)**,

Additional information is available at **[www.thenonprofitresourcecenter.org](http://www.thenonprofitresourcecenter.org)**.



## CSUSA Region 14 Regional Director, Michael R Blatman



Mike Blatman was appointed as CSUSA Region 14 Director at the 2010 San Antonio CSUSA Conference. Region 14 covers Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska and there are about 30 Crime Stoppers programs in the Region.

Mike is the Law Enforcement Coordinator for Tri- Cities Crime Stoppers which serves two counties in Washington State with a population of about 270,000 and nine local law enforcement agencies. Tri Cities Crime Stoppers started in 1985. Mike is also the Crime Prevention Specialist for the Kennewick Washington Police Department and is active in ASIS (formerly American Society for Industrial Security) and is a Certified Protection Professional through ASIS.

Although this is my first official role on the CSUSA Board, I have been at many CSI and both of the CSUSA Conferences. In addition to being the Region 14 representative I am also on the 2011/2012 Conference Committee and the PR/Marketing Committee.

The reason I made a commitment to CSUSA and Crime Stoppers is because I believe in the concept and the direction CSUSA is headed. CSUSA faces challenges that many other Crime Stoppers programs just don't have. Most other Crime Stoppers programs are national in scope with a single message, a single logo and single phone number. In the US, even though there is now a nationwide Crime Stoppers phone number, many programs don't want to use the number. As soon as the new number came out our program started using the 800-222-TIPS number, still maintaining our local number as well.

One of my goals during my term as Region 14 Director was to hold a Regional training and we have our first ever scheduled for April 29-May 1<sup>st</sup>. Our strength in Crime Stoppers is the network of programs and it is important to share as much knowledge as we can on how we operate, raise money and market ourselves. Crime Stoppers USA has the ability to help each individual program through its new initiatives and I encourage everyone to make a commitment to join and maintain their membership in CSUSA. The benefits of belonging to CSUSA are many; don't settle for less than the best.

See you in Grand Rapids at the 2011 CSUSA Conference!!

# Learning From Our Mistakes: Crime Stoppers Falls Victim To Embezzlement

## By Lt. Cindy Kilgore

South Bend Area Crime Stoppers began in 1983. In 1985, a CPA named George joined the board of directors to serve as treasurer. In December of 2007, I took over as the third Coordinator for the program, and met George, the longest-serving and ever-trusted venerable member of the board.

Twice monthly, George would faithfully attend the meetings and pass out his financial report. Early in 2008, our office received a notice from the Secretary of State advising that we had been “administratively dissolved” for failure to file annual reports, (the Business Entity report). In a panic, I presented the notice to George and the Executive Board and received the reply that was music to all of our ears, “I’ll handle it”.

*Here’s the “learn from our mistakes” part. Our new treasurer has set up an online banking account allowing Executive board members to view it at any time.*

In May of 2010, after periodic discussion, our board got serious about the prospect of changing our program name to Michiana Crime Stoppers. (This more accurately describes our program coverage area). When put to a vote, the only dissenter was George. Nonetheless, the name change amendment was filed with the Secretary of

State. A couple of weeks later, I received a call from a reporter doing a story on local non-profits and their status with the IRS. He informed me that he found our program on an IRS website as one whose status was in jeopardy. I immediately called George and received the usual response, “I’ll handle it”.

The following month, I received the letter from the Secretary of State rejecting our name change amendment as our program status was still “administratively dissolved”. By now, George was beginning to avoid our calls and emails. I called the IRS and learned that annual reports (the 990) had not been filed in years, nor had they with the Indiana Department of Revenue. Naturally, we began to wonder where our money was.

George had been left with exclusive control of our finances and financial statements with no oversight. He was trusted by everyone through the years. No one else wanted the responsibility, nor was anyone scrutinizing his financial reports. In fact, several years earlier the board of directors reviewed their by-laws and added an audit policy. However, it was never enforced for fear of offending George. George alone received bank statements, and was always in possession of the checkbook, although two signatures were required.

After we subpoenaed our bank records, we quickly discovered that George had been writing checks to himself and forging board members’ signatures. Although we were only able to retrieve bank records going back seven years, we found documentation indicating he had been doing this for at least sixteen years. We were able to prove he stole \$125,000 in seven years (although statute of limitations only goes back five years), but we’ll never know for sure how much he took in total.

Here’s the “learn from our mistakes” part. Our new treasurer has set up an online banking account allowing Executive board members to view it at any time. The checkbook stays in the Crime Stoppers office, and bank statements are mailed here where anyone in addition to the treasurer is encouraged to view them. We have added an “Auditor” position to our board. Our auditor, who is also a professional, regularly reviews statements and expenditures. He has also written an “Internal Review Policy”, which we would be happy to supply to any program upon request. In addition, we will hire an accounting firm to do an annual outside audit and handle our IRS filing.

In light of the recent Dallas Crime Stoppers case, I have asked our auditor to also conduct spot checks of our reward files to help protect my position, as well. We had become casual about accepting word-of-mouth notification of arrests, rather than requiring the disposition sheet be returned with an officer’s signature and case number. After conferring with CSUSA legal counsel, Richard Carter, we opted to get out ahead of our scandal and put out a media release announcing the embezzlement. We had many public opportunities to ensure future donors that we have taken aggressive steps to make sure this won’t happen again.

As for George, it seemed he was stealing from us to pay his bills. We discovered that he had actually lost his CPA license in 1990. There was no vacation home, nor off-shore account to confiscate. He pled guilty to theft, received a 3-year sentence, and was ordered to pay restitution. He has begun serving his term, but our struggle continues as we attempt to collect.

# **2011 Training Opportunities**

## **CSUSA 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CSUSA Training Conference**

### **August 7-11, 2011**

#### **By Chris Cameron**

Plans are coming along nicely for the CSUSA Annual Training Conference in Grand Rapids, MI from August 7-11. Be sure to join us for quality training, great networking, delicious and plentiful meals and a wonderful time. Your host, the Kent County Silent Observer Program, has some interesting activities planned and has secured some top notch speakers that will make this training conference one of the best ever. A Crime Stoppers 101 track will be offered for those new to Crime Stoppers and seasoned Crime Stoppers members will find these classes beneficial as well. To check out what classes have been secured thus far, please go to [www.crimestoppersusa.com/2011conference](http://www.crimestoppersusa.com/2011conference). We are firming up trainings everyday so check the web site often.



This conference will be held at the beautiful Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. We have secured a room rate of \$81 per night which is a great price for this 4 star hotel. It's located in downtown Grand Rapids near many fine restaurants and points of interest.

**Remember, the early registration rate of \$450 goes up to \$500 on May 1 so don't miss out on this price break.** Get your registration in now. You can register online at [www.crimestoppersusa.com/2011conference](http://www.crimestoppersusa.com/2011conference).

See you in Grand Rapids on August!!

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## **32nd Crime Stoppers International Training Conference**

### **Ritz-Carlton Golf & Spa Resort, Rose Hall, Jamaica**

#### **Dates: October 23-26, 2011**

The 2011 Crime Stoppers International (CSI) Training Conference will be held at the all-inclusive Ritz Carlton Rose Hall Resort in magical Montego Bay, Jamaica. CSI and your Caribbean/Bermuda and Latin American hosts invite you to paradise to maintain and further the international cooperation that has been developed over the last several years.

Fittingly, the theme of the 2011 Conference will be "CRIME HAS NO BORDERS" a fact of which we are very much aware in our region, which consists of many different countries. CSI's training conferences have real value in bringing our different communities together where we quickly discover that although we are culturally different we face many of the same problems. Sharing these problems and the technology and solutions used to fight them is why these conferences are a MUST for the people who operate Crime Stoppers programs.



The 32nd CSI Training Conference is being co-chaired by the Chairman of the Bermuda Conference David Carruthers, and our Caribbean/Bermuda Regional Director, Prudence Gentles.

**This conference will take place entirely within the Ritz Carlton Resort and all attendees MUST stay at the resort hotel. Please make your hotel reservations your hotel confirmation number in order to register.**



# The benefits of using Amtrak for Crime Stoppers Travel

## By John Lamb

If you are looking to come to Grand Rapids this summer for the 2011 CSUSA Conference, getting there is the one thing that can make the conference even more enjoyable! Because I belong to a small program, we look for ways to save a dollar when we travel. There are four ways to get to Grand Rapids, MI: bus, car, air and rail. Because of the increase in gas prices as of late, we did a little research and came up with a cost effective way to get to Grand Rapids.

Going by bus has never been my preferred method of travel. The biggest issue is where to park my car after driving to the bus station 50 miles away and the bus station is not in the safest part of Tulsa. Flying is too expensive for my program and we did look at renting a car and driving. This would take 14 hours of driving, not counting time taken for stops.

And the biggest  
advantage is...NO  
HASSLE OF  
AIRPORT  
SECURITY!

Living in Northeast Oklahoma, we do not have any rail service, here unless you want to hop a freight train. So, I called Amtrak. The trip will consist of a two and half hour drive to Kansas City, MO, spending the night, and getting on the train Saturday morning. The cost was half the cost of flying, including a sleeper room and all the meals.



The biggest advantage is that I do not have to drive! The time it takes to ride the train is a little shorter than driving, we connect through Chicago and we get to see some beautiful parts of the country. Several additional advantages I found, other than the price, were; no heavy or extra baggage fees, AAA discounts, other discounts available, and the biggest advantage is...NO AIRPORT SECURITY!

You can check out their fares at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)

# Top 10 Reasons to use a Traditional Crime Stoppers Program

Judge Richard W. Carter (Ret.)  
CSUSA Director of Legal Services



1. Crime Stoppers has a rich history of success dating back to the original program in 1976 for which the *International Association of Chiefs of Police* (“IACP”) *Parade Magazine* awarded Albuquerque Police Officer Gregory B. MacAleese the “Police Officer of the Year” in recognition of the revolutionary new crime-solving/crime prevention concept.

2. Without the 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt Crime Stoppers organizations with its corporate board, law enforcement must find another source of funding for rewards for tipsters, i.e. funds must be budgeted by the government, with the possibility of a need for an increase in taxes.

3. Without the 501 (c) (3) Crime Stoppers corporation and its board of volunteers, the law enforcement agency will need to use its own personnel to perform services that have been performed by Crime Stoppers, with a probable increase in government costs (if the government finds its own volunteers then it will have the expense of training them and purchasing liability insurance coverage).

4. The loss of a Crime Stoppers board will result in the loss of support of the community’s citizens who had been working very closely with the law enforcement agency.

5. A for-profit business with headquarters in another part of the country will not know your community as well as a local Crime Stoppers organization, and will not care about anything other than timely payments of its invoices.

6. Above premises considered, there will be no cost savings to the law enforcement agency, and it is a pipe dream to believe that the for-profit service provider will not significantly increase the costs for its services once Crime Stoppers is out of the picture and there is no competition.

7. In most jurisdictions, statutory and/or case law gives additional protection to tipsters/informants who communicate information to a Crime Stoppers organization. Communications to a law enforcement agency through an independent contractor for-profit business may or may not receive such protection. Thus, informants cannot be guaranteed or promised that their identity will not be disclosed.

8. Some of the for-profit businesses are using *copy cat* mutations of legitimate time-proven reward program management software and have neither been trained nor do they know the nuts and bolts of how an anonymous reward program operates. Furthermore, the for-profit programs are inferior in the majority of instances.

9. Crime Stoppers organizations routinely perform background and criminal history checks on its officers and directors. What do you REALLY know about the integrity of those who own, control, or work for the for-profit business that wants to take your local tax dollars out of your community?

10. The for-profit programs do not have the more than thirty (30) years of experience and expertise in dealing with legal issues associated with an anonymous reward program as does Crime Stoppers.

# CRIME STOPPERS - NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!

By Ken Kelly, West Region Director

Virtually every city in the United States is faced with crushing budget problems. While every department in municipalities has been cut to the bone, law enforcement for the most part has been left alone. That is all changing as the "recession" chugs along. Cities and Counties have selectively stopped new hires and academy classes, laid off sworn officers, eliminated positions and programs (such as community policing), encouraged early retirement, restructured pension plans, closed sub stations, and in some instances have actually disbanded police jurisdictions. It is also known that departments are sometimes combining adjacent jurisdictions and transferring officers to the County Sheriff (in those instances where the Office of the Sheriff can absorb them due to their own budgetary restraints).

## So what happens locally?

Response time is slowed, non-violent crimes such as burglary may not be investigated, and a growing fear of crime increase pervades public thinking.

San Jose, California, a city of 1 million, has long been known as one of the safest large cities in the U.S. Deep cuts in the crime fighting force there have resulted in one of the lowest ratios of officer to citizen anywhere: currently there are 1,250 officers on the job. That is 1.2 officers per 1000 residents. It is proposed that the force be cut to 900 officers, equaling less than one cop per person in a city of roughly 174 square miles! For comparison purposes, Sacramento CA has 707 officers (pop. 467,000); Oakland CA has 660 officers (pop. 409,000); Seattle WA has 1300 officers (pop. 617,000); San Francisco has 2300 officers (pop. 815,000); and Philadelphia has 6600 officers serving 1.5 million people.

Strategic cutbacks have been suggested in San Jose including the elimination of the police helicopter and the horse patrol; cuts in the auto theft and property crime investigation units; charging for false alarm responses - 99% of the 18,000 alarms responded to in SJ were false!

## So where does Crime Stoppers fit in?

I think we all know the answer. We and our fellow citizens are the eyes and ears of law enforcement. With all the cutbacks, it is suggested that **MORE VICTIMS WILL BE FORCED TO REPORT CRIMES ON-LINE.**

Well, here we all are, with the mechanisms in place, ready to help our local police officers fight crime. Talk to your local Chief and the liaison officer assigned to Crime Stoppers; ask to be included in briefings; let the departments know that Crime Stoppers is ready, willing and able to step up and help.

I know that some Crime Stoppers programs have not been able to get really involved with their local agencies. Here's the open door to increasing your presence.



## TipSubmit Mobile

### Features and Benefits vs. SMS Text-a-Tip

TipSubmit Mobile is Anderson Software & CrimeReports new mobile tip submission application that offers many great new features and benefits vs. any existing tip submission processes. Tipsters get the convenience of submitting tips from their mobile device with the immediacy of SMS text tipping but without having to rely on the SMS text tip platform and limitations. Images & video may now be included, unlimited length messages, fully anonymous two-way dialogue and even virtual chat mode when both parties are online. There is a definite place for SMS text tips in this world but our all new TipSubmit Mobile application does indeed take things to the next level for effectiveness and efficiency.

**For additional information contact [www.tipsoft.com](http://www.tipsoft.com) or 936.569.0447 or [sales@crimereports.com](mailto:sales@crimereports.com).**

Feature	TipSubmit Mobile	TipSoft SMS Text-A-Tip
Tips can be submitted via mobile device	<b>YES</b> , on iPhone and Android devices... platforms which are rapidly becoming the lion's share of the market.	<b>YES</b> , on virtually any device capable of texting, <i>but limited to a smaller subset of carriers.</i>
Works across all mobile carriers	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b> , there are many regional carriers representing millions of subscribers who are not a part of the national short code network
Is there a cost to the tipster?	<b>NO</b> , a free download and no SMS fees.	<b>YES</b> , <i>there could be</i> , depending on their plan with their carrier. <i>Standard text rates do apply to all SMS tips.</i>
Ease of Use	<b>YES, requires NO short code and NO keyword.</b> These two elements are often hard for tipsters to remember and can be the key reason a tip may not be submitted at a time a tipster may wish to. System can auto-submit to nearest agency via geo-reference with no manual lookup required.	<b>NO</b> , not difficult to use if you recall the proper short code to submit the tip to and keyword to preface the message with, but can be a detriment to efficient use if both of these elements are not remembered or easily obtainable at the time the tipster is trying to use the system.
Reliability	<b>YES, very reliable.</b> This process does not rely on the often backlogged SMS message delivery process. The application communicates directly and securely with the TipSoft transaction server.	<b>NO, not always.</b> The carriers do not treat SMS traffic with any priority and it is not unusual for their delivery system to be severely backlogged, resulting in delayed deliveries.
Is there a limit to the length of the message?	<b>NO</b> and several key fields are present to help guide the tipster through the process of providing the proper information needed for an actionable tip.	<b>YES</b> , SMS tips have a limit of 160 characters in the U.S. and 140 characters in Canada. This can require many separate text messages to get the full gist of the tip across. More often, it results in inadequate information initially for an actionable tip, requiring additional 2-way dialogue to prove up enough facts for action.
Auto-Routing of Tips	<b>YES, via seamless database driven dynamic drill down alone</b> , the tip can be related to a particular campus or retail store, etc. This saves the recipient from having to inquire back to the tipster for more specific information regarding the location the tip pertains to.	<b>YES, IF individual keywords are implemented for each separate location or recipient.</b> This can get costly with a surcharge for separate keywords and multiple catchy and meaningful keywords can be difficult to come up with and manage in the case of separate ones for each school campus, for instance.
Can images be submitted with the tip?	<b>YES, and can even be geo-tagged</b>	<b>NO</b> , SMS tips are limited to text only
Two-Way Dialogue Capable?	<b>YES</b> , with virtual real-time chat built into the app while the application is open.	<b>YES, as back and forth text messages</b>
Secure & Anonymous Safe for tipster with others around	<b>YES</b> , the tips and 2-way dialogue may not be viewed without logging into the app, thereby keeping others from inadvertently seeing your communications with law enforcement or seeing a reply from the agency received in the clear, such as can happen with SMS tips.	<b>YES, but there can be a potential risk to tipster</b> in mixed company. Anyone with access to tipster's phone could feasibly review the text traffic or be present when a visible SMS reply comes in from the agency.
Can you have multiple active tips working?	<b>YES</b> , the tipster can simultaneously work multiple open tips while keeping the dialogue for each one seamlessly separated on their mobile device. Each tip is also recorded as a new record within TipSoft, avoiding any confusion.	<b>NO</b> , only one active thread is allowed per device. It is rather rare, but can be quite confusing to the agency when a tipster is providing information on more than one incident within a single thread. The agency must sort it out and copy and paste the dialogue into separate tips within the TSv5 Db.

## Crime Stoppers USA and NICB Partnership



The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) is the nation's leading not-for-profit organization exclusively dedicated to preventing, detecting and defeating insurance fraud and vehicle theft through information analysis, investigations, training, legislative advocacy and public awareness. The NICB is supported by nearly 1,100 property and casualty insurance companies and self-insured organizations. NICB member companies wrote over

\$317 billion in insurance premiums in 2010, or approximately 80 percent of the nation's property/casualty insurance. That includes more than 93 percent (\$151 billion) of the nation's personal auto insurance.

The agreement between Crime Stoppers USA and NICB calls for any tips that are related to vehicle theft or insurance fraud to be directed to NICB through TipSoft. NICB will analyze the tip and investigate if warranted. NICB focuses on organized criminal rings and works directly with special investigative units from its member companies as well as local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to pursue the cases.

The Crime Stoppers tips will supplement NICB's existing tip program, which has resulted in numerous successful investigations and prosecutions of cases involving millions of dollars worth of fraud.

More than 160 NICB Special Agents are located across the country and may be available to local chapters or media partners to discuss insurance fraud related to cases involving staged accidents, medical fraud, vehicle theft rings, cargo theft, slip and fall rings, workers' compensation fraud, roofing scams and disaster fraud.

To learn more about NICB, go to [www.nicb.org](http://www.nicb.org), or contact their Chief Communications Officer, Roger Morris, at 847-544-7085 or [rmorris@nicb.org](mailto:rmorris@nicb.org).

## Crime Stoppers USA Annual Dues

It is time again for Crime Stoppers USA to request annual dues from local programs. Crime Stoppers USA is operated and supported by a dedicated group of volunteer board of directors that give of their time, talents and treasures on a regular basis, without compensation. The only contracted individual is Judge Carter (retired), who provides services as our director of legal services and works directly with many of our local programs on legal issues. In addition, Crime Stoppers USA has not increased its dues amount to local programs since its inception.

Of course, please refer to our website at [www.crimestoppersusa.com](http://www.crimestoppersusa.com) and click on “Why be a Member Program” for a listing of some of the benefits of being a member of Crime Stoppers USA.

Again, please process your local program dues payment as soon as practical. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me or any of the other Crime Stoppers USA board of directors.

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## Newsletter Articles

If your organization has an article or announcement that you would like included in the Crime Stoppers USA Newsletter, please send your submissions to John Lamb at [jlamb@crimestoppersusa.com](mailto:jlamb@crimestoppersusa.com). June 15, 2011 is the deadline for submissions to be included in the third quarter newsletter.





**Office of THE GOVERNOR**  
**TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS COUNCIL**

**16th Annual**  
**Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference**  
**Award Winners**

**Productivity Award**  
**2009-2010**  
**Population**  
**501-2,500**  
**Greatest Dollar**  
**Recovery/Most Cases**  
**Cleared**

Plainview Student Crime  
Stoppers

**Productivity Award**  
**2009-2010**  
**Population**  
**7,501-15,000**  
**Greatest Dollar**  
**Recovery/Most Cases**  
**Cleared**

Odessa Student  
Crime Stoppers

**Productivity Award**  
**2009-2010**  
**Population**  
**25,001-45,000**  
**Greatest Dollar**  
**Recovery/Most Cases**  
**Cleared**

La Joya ISD Campus  
Crime Stoppers

**Brazos County Crime Stoppers,**  
**Inc. Board**  
**Member of the Year**  
**2009-2010**

Meghan Carpio  
Brazos County Crime Stoppers,  
Inc.

**Television Competition**  
**Crime of the Week**  
**2009-2010**

Odessa Student Crime  
Stoppers

**Radio Competition**  
**Best Special**  
**Production/PSA**  
**2009-2010**

North Lamar Student  
Crime Stoppers

**Campus Crime Stoppers**  
**Newsprint Competition**  
**General Newsprint**  
**2009-2010**

Laredo ISD Campus  
Crime Stoppers

**Newsprint Competition**  
**Best Crime of the Week**  
**2009-2010**

Harrell Accelerated Learning  
Center

**Television Competition**  
**Best Special**  
**Production/PSA**  
**2009-2010**

A&M Consolidated High  
School Crime Stoppers

**Innovative Publicity**  
**Award**  
**2009-2010**

Student Crime  
Stoppers of Amarillo

**Coordinator of the Year**  
**2009-2010**  
**Terry Nelson**

Plainview Student Crime  
Stoppers

**Joe Martino School**  
**Administrator**  
**of the Year**  
**2009-2010**

Joy Sechelski

**Best Website**  
**2009-2010**

Laredo ISD Campus  
Crime Stoppers