

## **Social Media and Crime Stoppers**

Get Ready, Get Set, POST!!

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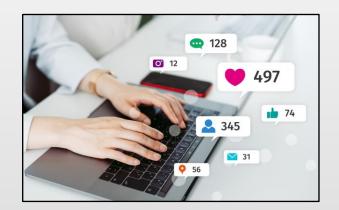
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### Suggested social media guidelines

- When posting unsolved crimes, use information provided by law enforcement.
- ➤ Be sure the information is accurate double check obituaries and news articles to see what is already "out there".
- Have law enforcement give final approval and/or have another set of eyes review information – we all make a mistakes.



- Be professional grammar and punctuation make a difference too!
- > Be careful about being a 'news feed'; okay to share "feel good" stories.
- > Say "We", not "I", even if you are the only administrator.
- Keep an eye on public comments.

# Highlight unsolved cases

CRIME STOPPERS OF FLINT & GENESEE COUNTY

#### DO YOU KNOW WHO KILLED ME?

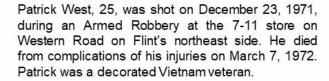
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CASH REWARD UP TO \$5,000\*

#### **PATRICK WEST**



Witnesses described seeing two black males leaving the scene in a blue fastback-style vehicle.





Only tips received through Crime Stoppers that help lead to a felony arrest are eligible for a cash reward.

\*Additional money, outside of Crime Stoppers, was donated to this reward.

WAYS TO SUBMIT A TIP ANONYMOUSLY...



WWW.CRIMESTOPPERSOFFLINT.COM

1-800-422-JAIL(5245)

DO NOT TRY TO APPREHEND CRIMINALS



# **Highlight fugitives**

#### REWARD OF UP TO

\$5,000

#### FOR INFORMATION

If you have information on the incident in reference to the person featured below, you may be eligible for a reward of up to \$5,000.



Victim: Loleta Michele Young DOB 09/06/1959

On August 27, 2022, at 7:10 a.m., OCSO deputies responded to the 1300 block of  $42^{nd}$  Street in reference to a shooting. Upon arrival, deputies found a woman lying on the ground in front of a home who had been shot. She was taken to the hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

Anyone with information is urged to call Crimeline at 800-423-TIPS. If your information leads to an arrest, you may be eligible for a reward.



# Spread awareness via PSAs



# Highlight success stories



# Crime prevention tips



## **Share informative posts**



Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers

April 7 · 🚱

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April 7, 2022

Overland Park Police Department Suspicious Death Investigation

On April 7th 2022 around 10:00 am the Overland Park Police Department responded to the 9200 block of Nieman reference a check the welfare call for service. Officers on scene met with the caller (family member) who was a trying to contact members of her family inside the residence but was unsuccessful.

Upon making entry into the home, three adult deceased bodies were discovered along with a family pet also deceased. We are investigating the incident as a possible homicide suicide.

If you have any information regarding this incident you are asked to contact the Overland Park Police Department at 913-890-1374 or the TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS.



#### Solicit donations

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit, charitable organization that receives NO federal, state, or local government funding.

The program is funded by tax deductible contributions from businesses and citizens.







#GivingTuesday

### FREE MONEY!! Amazon Smile

- \*Visit smile.amazon.com
- \*Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
- \*Choose your Crime Stoppers program
- \*Select your program
- \*Spread the word!!

#### Recognize your sponsors and community partners

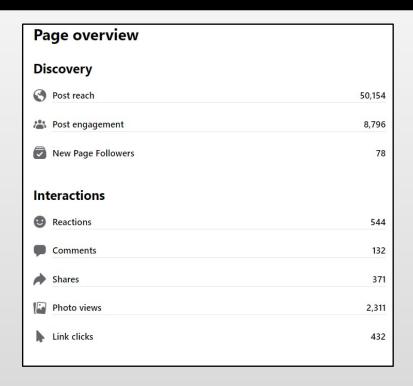


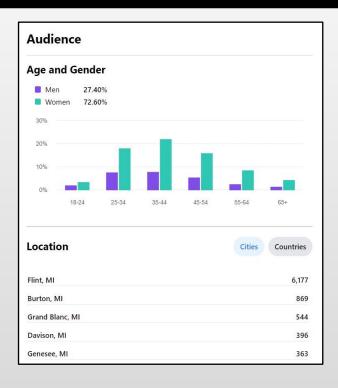
## 'Like' and 'Share' their posts

# **Use your Crime Stoppers network**



# Collect statistics to show engagement







# Ways to protect your program



Include your disclaimers

Do not try to apprehend criminals!

- Only calls to Crime Stoppers/not 911
- Only for felony arrests (or your program's policy)

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Charles Johnson, Jr. is wanted by Pearl River County Sheriff's Department on a warrant for Conspiracy to Sell a Controlled Substance.

If you have information on Johnson's whereabouts, contact Crime Stoppers by downloading the app, P3 Tips, or call \*\*Tips. Crime Stoppers pays rewards for information to felony arrests, as long as the information comes through Crime Stoppers.

ALL PERSONS ARE PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN GUILTY



Innocent until proven guilty

### Be sure your program is properly covered

- > Insurance
  - Directors & Offices (D&O)
  - General Liability
- > Procedural policy in place regarding updating or removing posts
- > Have Terms of Use on your social media sites
- > Have Tip Reward Process on your social media sites



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# **Q & A**

- Crime Stoppers USA Members Only Page
- > Thank you for all you do for Crime Stoppers and your communities!





@USACrimeStop

