

## **WELLINGTON COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS CHANGES THEIR NAME TO CRIME STOPPERS OF GUELPH WELLINGTON**

**(January 12, 2010 – Guelph & Wellington County, ON)** Each year Crime Stoppers programs around the world celebrate Crime Stoppers Month in January to highlight successes and promote their crime fighting initiatives.

“2010 is a new year and now the program has a new name. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, we are now known as Crime Stoppers of Guelph Wellington,” says Chairperson Randy Martyn. “The name change came about after attending several community functions and presentations. A common question was “Do you cover the City of Guelph?” By including Guelph in our name we hope to increase our call volume to the programs anonymous tips line.”

Looking back at our statistics last year, 2009 was another successful year for Crime Stoppers of Guelph Wellington as we assisted police and other government agencies in seizing over \$26.3 million in illicit drugs and stolen property since our inception in 1988. We hope that 2010 is just as successful under our new name.

Crime Stoppers is a civilian community organization devised to acquire information that assists law enforcement agencies in solving crime. Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards up to \$2,000.00 for information leading to the arrest of criminals, recovery of stolen property and/or seizure of illegal drugs while maintaining total anonymity to the caller and complete confidentiality of the tip.

The Crime Stoppers Program is made up of three essential elements - **the community, the media, and law enforcement.**

- The community, through its local volunteer Board of Directors, through those community members who provide tip information and others who provide funds and donations for the maintenance of the program.
- The media publicizes case re-enactments or details about a case not yet solved or a person wanted on a warrant and highlights the program to further heighten awareness.
- Law enforcement receives the anonymous tip information from our office staff and follows the information through to its conclusion.

The program in Wellington County was formed in May of 1988. It is a fully functioning, registered, non-profit charitable corporation. Crime Stoppers of Guelph Wellington receives no government funding to pay callers for their information.

Money to pay callers is raised through donations and fund-raising activities held by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors is comprised of a group of volunteer, dedicated and concerned citizen's right here in our community.

To become a board member or assist us in volunteering at an event, please call the office at 519-846-5371 or visit our web-site at [www.crimestoppers-wellington.com](http://www.crimestoppers-wellington.com).

### **Statistics for Crime Stoppers of Guelph Wellington (Since Inception 1988)**

Number of calls	13,157
Rewards Approved	\$118,560
Cases Cleared	2047
Arrests	1256
Property Recovered	\$9,721,568
Narcotics Recovered	\$16,589,932
Total \$ Recovered	\$26,311,500

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