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Minister's Message to the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers

On behalf of the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, I am pleased to again recognize January as Crime Stoppers Month for 2010.

For over 30 years, Crime Stoppers has been helping police services solve and even prevent crimes through media and citizen involvement. Since the program began in Ontario in 1983, information received through Crime Stoppers has led to over 79,000 arrests and the clearing of over 120,000 cases.

I understand that a great many provincial member programs won international recognition at the 2009 Crime Stoppers International Conference in Australia. Ontario programs received so many awards, in fact, that it took the combined efforts of the current and past Association Presidents to accept them all on behalf of their members.

A great deal of the credit for Crime Stoppers' effectiveness goes to the many dedicated volunteers who take time from their busy schedules to help staff the tip lines and organize fundraising activities. I would like to recognize the contributions of each and every one of you in helping make our communities safer.

The McGuinty government is a proud supporter of the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers. My ministry provides \$200,000 in ongoing annualized funding to permanently maintain the after-hours telephone tip line. Statistics show that as many as 70 per cent of all tips are received between 4:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Thank you for all your efforts in 2009 and best wishes for continued success in 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Bartolucci'.

Rick Bartolucci, MPP, Sudbury
Minister