

CRIME STOPPERS INTERNATIONAL: ANNUAL REPORT 2010



**CRIME
STOPPERS
INTERNATIONAL**

HELPING TO STOP, SOLVE AND
PREVENT CRIME - TOGETHER

HOW DID CRIME STOPPERS BEGIN?

In 1976 a detective investigating a murder robbery in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, took the unusual course of offering a locally funded reward for anonymous information that could assist police in solving the crime. He followed this up with a TV reenactment that led to a swift arrest and conviction. The approach was so successful the detective ran a six month trial covering all types of serious crime.

Police Departments across the United States of America hearing about the trial's success started to adopt this anonymous approach to receiving information and the Crime Stoppers program was born.

A fundamental proposition of the Crime Stoppers program was that people would remain anonymous when giving information to the police.

Anonymity is the cornerstone of Crime Stoppers today, all over the world.

WIDEN THE NET WITH CRIME STOPPERS.

Crime Stoppers collects tips from the public on community safety issues and passes them on to police for appropriate action. In doing so, Crime Stoppers and its local, provincial, national and international associations offer significant help to police in combating criminal activity.

Crime Stoppers is now successfully assisting police in 28 countries worldwide.

Crime Stoppers assist in solving a crime somewhere in the world every 14 minutes.

WHO ARE CRIME STOPPERS?

Crime Stoppers is an international non-profit community program run locally by a volunteer Board of Directors who oversee the program, raise funds and make reward payments. Crime Stoppers is not the police.

COMMUNITY + POLICE + MEDIA = THE CRIME STOPPERS WINNING FORMULA.

THE COMMUNITY

Individuals can call Crime Stoppers with information that may help stop, solve or prevent criminal activity and the callers' anonymity is guaranteed.

THE POLICE

Police process information from Crime Stoppers, investigate and report back when a case is solved. If the information leads to an arrest then a reward may then be paid.

THE MEDIA

The media assists by publicizing unsolved crimes, crime reenactments, "Crimes of the Week", cold cases, drug activity, "Most Wanted" criminals, suspected terrorists and gang activity in newspapers, on TV, radio and websites. The media also helps raise funds and awareness of Crime Stoppers.

CRIME STOPPERS SUCCESSES WORLDWIDE FROM 1976 TO 2010*

Arrests Made - 829,603
Rewards Paid - US \$93,832,776
Drugs Seized - US \$7,869,309,917

Cases Cleared - 1,277,325
Property Recovered - US \$2,006,059,318
Total \$ Recovered - US \$9,875,369,235

*1976 to July 6, 2010

**Over US \$100 million in rewards - an average of US \$63,000 every week.
Over US \$700 000 worth of stolen property and narcotics recovered worldwide every day.**

WHY CRIME STOPPERS WORKS

1. Individuals can provide information on crime and criminals anonymously.
2. Easy to contact with Crime Stoppers hotlines and websites in all regions where they operate.
3. Callers and those giving information online feel safe - their identity will never be known by police or criminals.

Anyone with information about criminal activity can get their information to the police by using Crime Stoppers without fear of the consequences or retribution and without compromising their anonymity.

HELPING FIND THE MISSING PIECE

Crime Stoppers provides important information, which can be critical to the success of police investigations and adds value to traditional police methods - helping to find the missing piece in a crime puzzle.

INFORMATION AND REWARDS

The Crime Stoppers hotlines are staffed by trained personnel who receive, process, and pass on information to police.

Rewards may be offered to anyone providing information leading to an arrest for a crime.

HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?

Crime Stoppers is supported by donations from individuals, corporations, clubs, professional associations, and civic and social groups. All donations are tax deductible.

CRIME STOPPERS UNIQUE FORMULA MAKES IT EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE

Crime Stoppers has been helping to apprehend criminals and solve crimes for more than 34 years. It's a system that works for everyone - except criminals.



CSI IS AN NON GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION (NGO) RECOGNISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE ON DRUGS AND CRIME (UNODC)

UNODC is a global leader in the fight against illicit drugs and international crime. Established in 1997 through a merger between the United Nations Drug Control Programme and the Centre for International Crime Prevention, UNODC operates in all regions of the world through an extensive network of field offices. UNODC recognizes the need to promote strong partnerships with civil society organizations in dealing with the complex problems of drug abuse and crime which undermine the fabric of society. The active involvement of civil society and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) is essential to help UNODC carry out its global mandates.

CSI - LAW ENFORCEMENTS PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- United States of America: FBI and US Marshals Service
- Great Britain: New Scotland Yard
- Canada: RCMP
- South Africa: SAPS
- Australia: AFP
- INTERPOL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Dare to Know!" These were the words of philosopher Immanuel Kant that summarizes the spirit of the 18th century, a period of such unprecedented growth of intellect and social awareness that it has become known as the "Age of Enlightenment." It was a time in history when scholars and explorers didn't just want to explain the nature of the world, but to encourage people to think for themselves and apply reason and logic rather than continue to believe in, for example, the divine right of kings. That is the essence of enlightened thinking.

Now is the time for Crime Stoppers International. Just as many revolutions begin with the enlightened thinking that something can be made better, so too the proposed strategic development of Crime Stoppers will change the way we operate that will improve safety and security for generations to come.

This enlightened thinking created the Crime Stoppers International partnership with the United Nations; an organisation that acknowledges the important role that Non-Government Organisations, like Crime Stoppers, can play in making communities safer. Interpol, with whom CSI signed a cooperation agreement last November in Qatar, similarly acknowledges our importance. The worldwide demand for the specialist expertise of these global crime-fighting organisations, to assist in helping countries to fight illicit drugs, crime, terrorism, human trafficking, and corruption, increases. At the same time, the need to offer support to the victims and disenfranchised is equally important. CSI is proud to be a partner in that fight and support.

As Crime Stopper programs start up and expand in our mutually connected world, the immediate results of such partnerships will enhance the sphere of influence and impact of Crime Stoppers. As the international scope of communal information-gathering increases, not only to solve crime but also to prevent future atrocities being planned against civil societies, CSI must be up for the challenge.

I would propose that the successes and participation of Crime Stoppers programs in our seven global regions should be used in the prevention of all levels of crime and terrorism, as we have the opportunity of a community-based system of collecting information to assist law enforcement and related agencies around the world. In essence, Crime Stoppers was built for this task and is in a position

to make an impact in securing a safer world for our children before the unthinkable happens to them.

Jiddu Krish-na-Murti is regarded the world over as one of the greatest religious teachers of all time. He travelled all over the world pointing out to people the need to transform themselves through self-knowledge. He had a global outlook; a vision of the whole as distinct from the part, and that it should never be a sectarian outlook but always an outlook free from all prejudice. That is the outlook Crime Stoppers International takes.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge my fellow CSI board members, committee chairs and law enforcement advisers for their hard work this last year. They dared to know through enlightened thinking. Without their continued support and commitment CSI would not be in the position on the global crime-fighting stage it currently enjoys. "Dare to know" is an anthem for Crime Stoppers. To dare to know our potential, dare to know the weaknesses that could destroy us and dare to know our mission is not complete until our children and our children's children have the opportunity to discover, in safety, their own Age of Enlightenment. ■■



Michael Gordon-Gibson
CSI President

AUSTRALIA

STATISTICS FOR AUSTRALIA

- Calls - 191,202 (Cumulative - 717,000)
- Arrests - 6,523 (Cumulative - 21,443)
- Charges - 15,700 (Cumulative - 58,340)
- IR's - 65,270 (Cumulative 235,250)

Statistics are for 2010.





AUSTRALIA

SPREADING FAR, WIDE AND YOUNG

CSA is the peak body that spearheads the Crime Stoppers brand in Australia.

The far and wide is not in jest. The area we cover is slightly larger than North America and includes the largest single Policing jurisdiction in the world – Western Australia.

Just FYI the area of land covered by the recent floods in Queensland which was on the news, would have covered France in its entirety!

The country comprises eight States/ Territories and each have their own Police force and attached to each of those Police forces is a Crime Stoppers unit. Unlike some Crime Stoppers units around the world, in Australia we have an umbilical link to Police and we carry some Police livery in our logo (blue and white checks).

In addition to the State and Territory Police, we have a national Police force we work with as well, the Australian Federal Police (AFP). They mostly have carriage over Federal or Commonwealth crimes like money laundering and border protection. Additionally Crime Stoppers works with Customs, the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQUIS), and ANZPAA.

ANZPAA is the Australian New Zealand Police Association and Crime Stoppers Australia works in tandem with them, to implement Policing strategies in the region. In recent months we implemented a campaign nationally to shut down Meth Labs.

The country is vast, a little over 200 years young, and has 21 Million people, living mostly around the coast. Crime Stoppers has infiltrated all these communities and is the largest single Policing brand in Australia with as 95% unaided recall.

We have a large and fast growing young population.

CSA has continued its push to engage with our young people by coordinating key technology initiatives which all our member programs can use. For several years now, many CS programs in Australia have set out to connect with young Australians through imple-

menting projects in secondary and trade schools and universities as well as participating in major social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter.

In the last twelve months, CSA has coordinated efforts to develop an iPhone/Android APP and SMS/MMS capability. We expect that these two important technology initiatives will be available to CSA member programs in mid 2011. The new nationally developed web site which all CSA programs have implemented will support these technology initiatives. ■■

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CANADA

STATISTICS FOR CANADA

- Arrests - 150,645 people arrested
- Cases Cleared - 246, 989
- Property Recovered - \$463,625,167 worth of stolen property recovered
- Drugs Seized - \$2,925,878,092 worth of illegal drugs have been seized
- Rewards Paid - \$ 12,182,957
- Arson Loss Value - \$29,754,730 worth of Arson solved
- Total Recovered - \$3,389,613,258 of stolen property recovered and drugs seized

NB statistics are total of all programs in Canada since inception in 1983.





CANADA

Canada experienced another productive and successful year helping to achieve our stated mission “To Help Stop, Solve and Prevent Crime – together. Our 105 programs cover each Province and Territory of the Country, providing Crime Stoppers coverage in over 4000 Canadian communities.

Again National Crime Stoppers month was celebrated in Canada with letters of support from our Prime Minister, the commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), elected representatives from across the Country and Senior Law Enforcement officials of the various police services we work closely with. A common thread through all of the greetings was acknowledgement and appreciation for the support of and success of Crime Stoppers and all of the many volunteers who make the programs work so well in our various communities.

In February Canada played proud host to the Winter Olympics in British Columbia. Our International network of Programs participated in making the tip lines available for receiving any information might have an impact on the actual Winter Games. Our Vancouver Crime Stoppers program was designated as the centre for receiving any tips which were then passed on to the RCMP for investigation. We understand the initiative was successful.

In June Canada hosted the G8/G20 Summits in the Ontario communities of Huntsville and Toronto respectively. Our tip network was utilized to allow for any information of a criminal nature regarding the meetings to be passed through Crime Stoppers and in turn Law Enforcement.

In July Canada again participated with our International programs and Interpol in Operation Infra which was an initiative designed to attempt to capture wanted fugitives around the world. We were pleased to be able to utilize our network of Crime Stoppers programs to assist with this program.

In August our Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers program welcomed the World in Halifax when they hosted the Crime Stoppers International Training conference. The conference was enjoyed by all in attendance and the training was very worthwhile and relevant to the Crime Stoppers world we operate in today. Our Nova Scotia friends did a great job on the conference and showed us what Maritime Hospitality is indeed about!

At the Halifax conference we received a presentation from representatives of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sports who are considering a partnership with Crime Stoppers similar to the one in place in the UK with their counterpart.

In October we participated in a joint announcement by Public Safety Minister Vic Toews and the RCMP National Human Trafficking Centre advising of the continuance of our Human Trafficking Awareness campaign using the “Blue Blindfold concept provided to us from the UK. We have produced and circulated throughout the country brochures, posters and tv, radio and newspaper reenactments on the subject of Human Trafficking. As well we have been conducting community presentations to help our population become much more aware about Human Trafficking in Canada.

Our Crime Stoppers programs across the Country continue to enjoy the ongoing support of the Media and Law Enforcement which continues to ensure the success of the programs and helps to make our Communities safer places to live and conduct business. ■■

Gary Murphy,
CSI Immediate Past President

Glen Bailey,
CSI Treasurer

Ralph Page,
CSI Secretary

CARIBBEAN

STATISTICS FOR THE CARIBBEAN

- Tips received - 42,764
- Arrests made - 4,328
- Cases cleared - 21,368
- Property seized - \$8,111,776 (US\$)
- Narcotics seized - \$72,541,019 (US\$)

From inception to the end of 2010.





CARIBBEAN

Caribbean/Bermuda and Latin American Region remains the largest group of countries within Crime Stoppers International. Eleven independent programmes from Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Belize, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turks and Caicos have assisted their law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime.

MAJOR INCREASE IN THE STATISTICS

Resulting from a number of major crime-fighting media campaigns in various countries, the statistics for 2010 have increased within the Region for the third year in a row. This has helped the various national law enforcement organizations obtain a substantial increase in the number of arrests of individuals for serious crimes and a major rise in the seizure of controlled drugs.

INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE NUMBER: 800-8477 (TIPS)

Seven of the eleven programmes now operating within the Region are using the same confidential toll-free telephone number, which are independently operated by the various telecommunication organizations in each country. This allows for better marketing and media opportunities and, in particular, assists in developing a 'friendly' number for all to use.

JAMAICA ACCEPTED THE CHALLENGE

Preparations are well underway to host the Crime Stoppers International's (CSI) 32nd Training Conference at Ritz Carlton Hotel in Montego Bay, Jamaica in October 2011. The Caribbean/Bermuda and Latin American Region has pooled resources by utilizing the expertise of the 2007 CSI Bermuda Conference Chairman and the CSI Regional Director from Jamaica, as Co-chairpersons of this event which has the theme: CRIME HAS NO BORDERS. The marketing team from both Jamaica and Bermuda came together at the Halifax Conference and highlighted what delegates could expect in 2011 when they travel to Jamaica.

CONTINUED EXPANSION WITHIN THE REGION

British Virgin Islands became the newest member of Crime Stoppers International in 2010, with discussions being undertaken with Chile, Brazil, Costa Rica, Honduras, St. Lucia, Puerto Rico, and the

Dominica Republic. This continued expansion has encouraged the Region to formally establish an 'association' of Crime Stoppers programmes which members agreed upon at the Regional Annual General Meeting at the Halifax Conference, with the 'association' to be further expanded as a legal entity by the end of 2010.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS

During the Crime Stoppers International Annual Training Conference in Halifax, Canada, the CSI Board of Directors appointed Alexander MacDonald, Regional Director from Bermuda, as the Global Vice President of Crime Stoppers International. Devrol Dupigny from Barbados was also appointed as a Regional Director and will undertake the role of Treasurer for the Caribbean/Bermuda and Latin American Region. ■■

Alexander MacDonald, CPM
Regional Chairman - Global Vice President)

Prudence Gentles,
Regional Secretary

Devrol Dupigny,
Regional Treasurer

NETHERLANDS

STATISTICS FOR THE NETHERLANDS

- Property recovered - 11,3 mio Euro
- Actionable calls - 110,000
- Prevented crimes - 2,000
- Detected Fraud - 22 mio Euro
- Arrested and charged - over 15,000 people
- Drugs seized - 2,500 kg hard drugs & 2 mio marijuana plants
- Money seized - 14 mio Euro

*Since its inception in 2003.





THE NETHERLANDS

In the Netherlands 2010 has been another successful year for M. The 0800-7000 telephone business has been performing well again and there was an increase in the quality of tips: from the tips sent to the police, 89% was scored actionable by them (2009: 81%) and from the amount of tips they received 83% was acted upon. The tips lead to at least 1,200 arrests as far as was reported by the police (M. received feedback in 30% of the cases). 4,000 tips of the total of 12,000 were about illegal marijuana plantations.

INSURERS

The Association of Insurers is one of the founding members of Crime Stoppers the Netherlands. Together with the Association of Chiefs of Police and the Ministries of Interior and Justice they helped to start up M. in 2002. Each year the fraud desk of the Association of Insurers receives thousands of tips from M. The fraud desk on its turn dispatches the tips to the individual insurers and/or put the information into their information system.

In 2010 the Association of Insurers received 4,683 tips (90 per week), 3,575 were about illegal marijuana plantations in houses, barns and other premises. Insurers are interested to receive these tips because these plantations are exploited with stolen electric current under very risky circumstances and with many very hot lamps. This makes an illegal place an incendiary bomb. The energy companies and the police also receive these tips and together these organizations take action. The energy companies deliver the supplementary evidence about the electricity consumption, the po-

lice dismantles the plantation and arrests the owner of the plantation and the insurer ends the insurance policy. The three organizations are entitled to sharing their information according to a juridical covenant for this purpose.

The top 5 of other interesting tips the insurers received were about:

- Income fraud (388)
- Theft (183)
- Assaults (132)
- Arson (182)
- Claim frauds (62)

88% of all these tips were actionable and the fraud assessment was at least 1 million Euro and/or claims.

LOCAL CAMPAIGNS

M. not only sets up national campaigns (for example against human trafficking and assaults) but also helps councils and police with local problems. In Amsterdam there are workshops and campaigns against weapons, human trafficking in the 'Red Light District', vandalism, burglars and crime in large school communities. In Rotterdam there are workshops and campaigns against the use of weapons by minority groups and drugs etc.

In 2010 M. assisted with more than 20 local campaigns in the whole of The Netherlands and more than often with great success.

The idea of working with the targeted groups in workshops together with local police and council staff worked out to be very effective! After the workshops there is more under-

standing of safety problems and of the insight that the people can help themselves to tackle the problem. Often they change their behavior of silence into active approaching police and council and also call with anonymous tips. For these services there are 2 staff members with M. who set up these campaigns.

CSEU

Together with Crime Stoppers UK, M. runs Crime Stoppers Europe (CSEU), the European branch of Crime Stoppers International.

In 2010 several activities were taken to roll out Crime Stoppers in Europe.

There have been contacts with interested authorities and people in the countries Norway, Belgium, France, Spain, Italy, Switzerland and Lichtenstein. In 2011 talks will continue and hopefully they will lead to the start of more Crime Stoppers activities in Europe.

The criminal developments in Europe and the on-going spreading of organized crime over the continent make it very important that a helpful tool as Crime Stoppers, is to be developed in the EU and other European countries.

In 2010 CSEU has become an official member of the Italian based FLARE Network (www.flarenetwork.org). This international platform of NGO's is a peoples movement against organized crime, mafia and corruption in Europe. CSEU wants to be part of this movement. ■■

SOUTH AFRICA

STATISTICS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

- Total number of transactions handled - 936,519 (Phone calls / SMS' / web tips)
- Number of cases that resulted in police investigation - 23,175
- Number of suspects arrested - 10,355
- Amount of total recoveries - 528,463,926

*June 2007 to December 31, 2010.



SOUTH AFRICA

Crime Stoppers South Africa started in 1992 and was known as Crime Stop Misdaad. In June 2007 the now very successful Crime Line headed by Yusuf Abramjee from Prime Media joined the Crime Stoppers South Africa family and were the first in the world to introduce mobile phone texting as a medium to submit anonymous tips.

In June 2007 when Crime Stop and Crime Line joined forces under the umbrella of Crime Stoppers South Africa, we “re-set” the successes meter.

In April 2011 a new Crime Stop / Crime Line Contact Centre will be launched that will ensure that information received from ‘tipsters’ are investigated by dedicated tracing teams leading to improved information integration. This will also assist in ‘connecting the dots’ regarding the trans provincial movement of criminals. ■

WESTERN PACIFIC

STATISTICS FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGION

- Arrests - 228
- Rewards Paid - \$21,300.00
- Property Recovered - \$249,543
- Narcotics Recovered - \$2,655,235.00
- Total Recovered - \$2,904,778.00
- Homicides Cleared - 3

Statistics from Inception (1989) to December 2010





THE WESTERN PACIFIC

The Western Pacific Region is a unique district that covers a vast number of square miles, island nations, and cultures. Nations and islands west of Hawaii and east of continental Asia fall under this region.

The hundreds of islands of the Western Pacific were the home of many World War II campaigns, invasions and occupations. Many islands were initially colonized by the Spanish, then by the Germans and Japanese, before gaining independence and establishing their own governments. Now they vary from sovereign nations, territories, nations, federations and commonwealths and are under a number of different flags.

CSI Western Pacific is headquartered in the Northern Marianas Islands, on the Island of Saipan, a Commonwealth of the United States of America.

Initiatives continue this year including school and village outreach programs which bring the police and the Crime Stoppers message and mission to each school and village on the importance of community involvement in the effort to prevent and solve crime on their islands. These efforts continue to bring out many questions about law enforcement and crime stoppers from villagers and students alike.

Growth of the Crime Stoppers in this region continues to be challenging. Meetings held in 2010 with law enforcement and government leaders of NMI, Chuuk, Yap, Palau, Marshal Islands, Kosrae and Pohnpei continue to present opportunity for expansions, training and more synergy between law enforcement, the public and media. The

need for additional funding from US and/or Australian sources will be required prior to ensure proper introduction of programs in the islands. Funding continues to be a challenge for our non-profit crime stoppers organizations the strains of the world economy affect these island nations even greater. Sadly, this strain on the economy in turn poses the opportunity for criminal activity to increase.

2010 grant money from the Criminal Justice Planning Agency has been awarded to the local NMI Crime Stoppers Program in Saipan to help promote the Crime Stoppers mission, by developing informational materials in various languages on how the program works and can be used to make their island communities safer. Particular efforts have been initiated to promote web based tip collection. The CSI for Western Pacific Region has made available brochures in many of the local languages as well as Chinese, Tagalog, Korean and Japanese, to help local law enforcement on these islands.

Operating a Crime Stoppers program in the islands is challenging. Close knit island communities with hardened traditions, and firm family ties make a program such as Crime Stoppers difficult to run effectively. Much focus is made to insure all have an understanding of anonymity, a concept unfamiliar in many island nations where everyone knows everyone else and knows their business as well. This combined with continued efforts for insuring caller ID and other identifying technology is never used, remains a trying endeavor. The world wide use of text messaging and the internet are popular in

many of the more developed islands, leaving the opportunity to text tips taking.

Travel between the many island nations is easy and extensive; this opens the opportunity for Crime Stoppers to obtain information on crimes that occur on the various islands throughout Micronesia and beyond. The challenge continues for 2011 to muster enough corporate sponsors to fund the further expansion efforts in the islands.

The use of foreign labor from countries such as the Philippines, China, and Bangladesh pose additional challenges for local law enforcement and cause a strain on already extended resources, especially in the area of language/communication. More efforts to help identify victims of human trafficking and prevent its occurrence need to continue as well as the fight to minimize the trafficking of drugs and weapons into these island nations. Western Pacific Region continues its relationship with US Federal law enforcement agencies ensuring that the Crime Stoppers mission is known among the Local and Federal agencies including the US Marshals, ICE, FBI, DEA and the Australian Federal Police. Most recently, this relationship was again validated when our regional program was invited to sit on the US Attorney General's Regional Task Force on Human Trafficking. ■■

Jim Arenovski
Regional Director, CSI Western Pacific

UNITED KINGDOM

STATISTICS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM

- Arrested and Charged - 105,022
- Drugs seized - £203,973,152
- Stolen Property Recovered - £114,660,101
- Actionable information - 1,217,420



Statistics since 1988.





THE UNITED KINGDOM

2010 proved to be a very busy year for Crimestoppers UK with the charity announcing a significant landmark: the 100,000th arrest inspired by our work. During the year, Crimestoppers' continuing international crime-fighting efforts increased, a number of large-scale national crime campaigns were launched and renowned crime-fighting tool Most Wanted celebrated its fifth anniversary.

INTERNATIONAL WORK

The on-going fugitive campaign, Operation Captura, continued to enjoy considerable success with 10 more arrests of British criminals on the run abroad, showing an increase upon last year's total of seven. As we go to press the campaign has so far brought 38 (76%) out of a total of 50 criminals to justice.

Following the huge success of Operation Captura, in March a similar initiative was launched in the Netherlands entitled Operation Return. This is a multi-agency campaign involving the Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA), Crimestoppers UK, Meld Misdaad Anoniem/'M' (Dutch Crimestoppers) and Netherlands law enforcement. It aims to identify fugitives wanted for serious crimes committed in the UK but are now known to be in and around the city of Amsterdam.

In July, Crimestoppers UK was proud to join forces with Crime Stoppers International and Interpol once again in the fugitives campaign, Operation INFRA-Red, which aimed to trace the whereabouts of foreign criminals known to be on the run abroad.

CAMPAIGNS

Working with Operation Liberal, the UK police unit which focuses on distraction burglary, Crimestoppers UK launched a campaign to target distraction burglary, as the peak period of February-March for this crime approached. As part of the campaign a list of the police's 10 Most Wanted individuals for this crime type was released. Within a week, two arrests were made.

In November, Crimestoppers UK worked with the Home Office to launch a national campaign which tackled counterfeiting and highlighted the links between fake goods and serious organised crime, such as human trafficking and drugs smuggling. The campaign

also educated members of the public about the associated dangers to the community of purchasing counterfeit items and the direct harm to those who consume fake goods. The results for Crimestoppers were outstanding, with a 133 per cent increase in actionable information relating to counterfeiting during the month that the campaign ran.

ENGAGING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

In April Crimestoppers UK launched its new national youth brand, Fearless. Fearless introduces young people to the service provided by Crimestoppers and consists of the website fearless.org, where young people can get information about crimes that affect them and also gives them the opportunity to pass on information about crime anonymously. Crimestoppers UK also has a dedicated youth team who provide workshops in schools and youth groups across the UK. ■■

Michael Gordon-Gibson, CSI President

Dave Cording, Director of Operations, Crimestoppers Trust

USA

STATISTICS FOR THE USA

- Arrests - 123,573 arrests made
- Cases Cleared - 249,675 cases cleared
- Rewards Paid - \$16,259,719 paid in rewards
- Arson Loss in Value - \$34,747,172 worth of arson solved
- Property Recovered - \$137,259,464 worth of stolen property recovered
- Drugs Seized - \$549,993,956 worth of illegal drugs seized

*Crime Stoppers International 2009 Annual Report.





THE USA

Crime Stoppers USA reflection on the past year can be best summarized by: success, change, and growth.

SUCCESS

From 2009 - 2010, the organization was admirably led by Chairman Tom Kern, Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana. It was a cornerstone period of time for our organization in establishing name recognition, solidifying key contacts and improving responsiveness to local program requests.

One of the areas that Crime Stoppers USA had been attempting to accomplish over many years was to acquire some grant funds to help propel the organization to the next level. Chairman Kern and his team were able to successfully acquire some significant grants during 2010. The Motorola Foundation and Target Corporation were most generous in supplying funding that was used to increase our resources and responsiveness to local Crime Stoppers programs. These funds were used to help bolster some of the foundational activities of Crime Stoppers USA such as website improvements, marketing enhancements, online presentations, enhancing membership databases and improved training.

Crime Stoppers USA conducted a most successful training conference in San Antonio, Texas during late August and early September. Through the assistance of the Motorola Foundation and Target grants, numerous high-level speakers were obtained for the conference as well as obtaining some amenities for local programs participating at the conference. It was a spectacular event which culminated in a Gala closing banquet.

CHANGE

At the end of 2010, the Crime Stoppers USA elections brought forward a new slate of of-

ficers following the departure of Tom Kern. Following the Crime Stoppers USA annual meeting in San Antonio, K. Scott Abrams, Chairman; John Lamb, Vice Chairman; Chris Cameron, Secretary; and, James Chambers III, Treasurer, were installed as the new officers. Building on the success of our recent past, the board will continue focusing on building accountability and responsiveness to the local Crime Stoppers programs while continuing to look at areas that will grow the organization in terms of numbers and resources.

GROWTH

One of the primary resources that Crime Stoppers USA provides its membership is communication. With this in mind, the CSUSA website is one of the basic ways in which we can keep our members and communities up to date on Crime Stoppers activities. A significant amount of work was devoted into improving and updating the Crime Stoppers USA website. An expanded area for Crime Stoppers USA members offers content regarding legal services, operations manuals and Crime Stoppers presentations. Besides covering the basic generic information regarding Crime Stoppers, development and expansion of an area devoted to Crime Stoppers USA board members to access recent board minutes and organizational documents. The Crime Stoppers USA website can be found at: www.crimestoppersusa.com.

There are many reasons why it is important to be members of Crime Stoppers International, but certainly one is that others can learn from what nation/regions have done within their programs. Case in point, Crime Stoppers USA learned from their Australian brethren of a very successful crime prevention and fundraising opportunity. Data Dots offers a great product in protecting personal property by applying personal identification numbers that are undetectable by the

naked eye. Data Dots expanded their operations to include a presence in the United States. Crime Stoppers USA has established a memorandum of understanding with Data Dots USA developing a sharing of revenues from products sold with local Crime Stoppers programs in the United States. Thus far it is still in its infancy stage, but there are very positive benefits that have been generated in various regions of the country, particularly Palm Bay, Florida, one of the early participants in the program. This is being rolled out to all local Crime Stoppers programs during 2011.

Crime Stoppers USA is looking forward to even more improvements in supporting and assisting local Crime Stopper programs during 2011. Continued enhancements to the website are planned, work is well underway on our next annual conference in August 2011 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and continuing work with Data Dots USA assisting with name recognition and funding for local Crime Stopper programs throughout the US. Our focus, the reason we exist, is to assist our local Crime Stopper programs succeed to the best of their ability. ■■

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UNITED NATIONS REPORT 2011

CSI was granted Special consultative Status at the United Nations as a Non-Governmental Organization in 2005. It was recognized, that Crime Stoppers is a proven method of securing information to assist in the development of intelligence and as an aid to the law enforcement investigation process.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE UN

In 2010 a meeting was held between UNODC and the Chair of the UN Committee of CSI.

Parties explored the contributions to the work of each others organizations and agreed to create a paper about the development of cooperation fields and activities for the near future.

CSI could assist UNODC in parts of the world where they assist law enforcement to get strengthened and where the combat against organized crime like human trafficking, drugs, weapons and corruption could benefit from the aid Crime Stoppers can bring to them. The UN Committee of CSI started the draft of a more years plan to draw the lines of a direction of development in this cooperation. The plan will be launched in 2011.

In 2010 there was contact with the UNODC representative and with Law Enforcement in Pakistan, to create a contact for the discussion of setting up Crime Stoppers in that country. This will be continued in 2011.

EXPANDED AREA'S OF ACTIVITY

Since 2005 when we were granted Special consultative status, Crime Stoppers programmes have started in Hyderabad, India (2007) and Barbados, Antigua, US Virgin Islands (2008) and the city of Juarez in Mexico and British Virgin Islands (2009)

Strong interest of starting a programme come from diverse countries and regions including Nigeria where CSI is working with the Dutch Government and other agencies to scope out visibility. The item is Nigeria as a source country for human trafficking into Europe.

This continued expansion has increased our ability to carry out our stated mission and purposes as well as improving the safety and security of member countries.

SUBJECTS OF INTEREST

From 18-22 October 2010 in Vienna the 5th UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime was held. Subjects were protocols against human trafficking, people smuggling and the illicit manufacturing of firearms. CSI attended the Convention and started to work out several items in the new more years plan as mentioned.

In 2010 Canada, the UK and The Netherlands continued their active participations by the national Crime Stoppers organizations in strong campaigns against human trafficking and forced prostitution in their countries. The Prime Minister of Canada wrote a letter of thanks to the Canadian Crime Stoppers Organization. In The Netherlands CSI presented themselves in an international Human Trafficking Conference in The Hague, organized by the National Rapporteur in The Netherlands.

THE CSI UN COMMITTEE

In 2010 the committee was expanded and now consists of CSI board members from diverse regions, like South Africa, Caribbean region and Europe. Also the former head of UNODC, section DTA/OCB/ISS is a member now of the Committee. ■■

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