



Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc.



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Mr. Brian Read, Chair
Brockton Police Services Board
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Dear Chair and Members of the Police Services Board:

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. is urgently requesting A COMMITMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT TWO (2) YEARS from every Police Services Board in Grey Bruce.

Crime Stoppers is at a crisis point. There are enough funds left to support the program for the next one and one-half years. Due to COVID-19, it was necessary to cancel the annual June golf tournament, which typically brings in \$18,000 to \$20,000 in revenue. In addition, the majority of the program's fundraising takes place during the summer months and most events have been cancelled due to the pandemic. Without the assistance of your Police Services Board, and every other Police Services Board in Grey Bruce, the program is at risk of having to close due to lack of funding.

As you are well aware, Crime Stoppers assists the police in making many arrests by passing the anonymous tips received by the Organization on to the various police agencies in our region.

Statistics for Grey and Bruce Counties

Over the past 33 years, tips provided to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. have led to the solving of 2,678 cases, with more than 1,680 arrests and the seizure of over \$53.6 Million in stolen property and illegal drugs. Approved awards for these tips amounted to more than \$274,900.

What is Crime Stoppers?

Each Crime Stoppers organization is a separate entity, which focuses on assisting with the prevention of crime in their local communities. Crime Stoppers is **not part of the local police services**, and the only assistance the Organization receives from the Ontario Provincial Police is one liaison officer, at their cost, to assess tip viability and report back to the Crime Stoppers Board of Directors for tip reward payout. Crime Stoppers **does not receive direct funding from the provincial or any other government.**

Crime Stoppers is a **completely volunteer based** organization. Each Board of Directors is comprised wholly of volunteers from their respective local communities. These volunteers are unpaid, and they perform in this capacity **at their own expense**. Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. contracts the services

of one full time Administrative Coordinator, who performs all the administrative tasks, receives tips, and forwards them to the respective law enforcement agencies.

Crime Stoppers offers telephone and encrypted internet based services that allow anyone to provide tips with **anonymity guaranteed**. In exchange for the tips, rewards of up to \$2,000, approved by the respective Board of Directors, are offered. These rewards are **completely funded by donations** by individuals and communities who believe Crime Stoppers offers an invaluable tool in the fight against crime. As there are many worthy causes and not-for-profit organizations in every community, there is a constant fight for the available donation dollars, especially in light of the current pandemic. Crime Stoppers appears to be at the bottom of this list as many people believe this Organization is funded by the police and/or government.

How are Donations Used?

Donations are used to pay out rewards, purchase office supplies and equipment, assist with attendance fees at local events to promote Crime Stoppers, and for core funding to keep the program running.

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce is open to any advice, suggestions, or partnerships that would help in light of the current situation.

Please contact us to arrange a presentation to your Board or to answer any questions you may have.

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. thanks you for your commitment to fighting crime and ensuring safer communities for the future generations of Grey and Bruce Counties.

Yours truly,

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