



Minnesota Crime Prevention Association's Crime Prevention Tips

The MCPA strives to bring current information regarding prevention topics to its members. Please use these prevention tips to promote safety to the citizens of your community. These tips are great for brochures, newsletters, e-mails, etc.

Topic: **Crime Stoppers**

Crime Stoppers began in Albuquerque, New Mexico in September 1976. Members of the local community, in partnership with the media and law enforcement, began an effort to provide crime-solving assistance to law enforcement. Since then the program has enjoyed great success boasting an average conviction rate of 95% on cases solved by Crime Stoppers' tips. The Crime Stoppers programs worldwide have solved over a half a million crimes and recovered over 3 billion dollars worth of stolen property and narcotics.

Today there are over 1,000 Crime Stoppers programs in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Bahamas, British West Indies, Micronesia and other nations.

Crime Stoppers resolves crimes by:

- ✍ Offering ANONYMITY to people who provide information about crimes.
- ✍ Paying REWARDS, up to \$1,000, when the information supplied leads to an arrest

Where are the Minnesota Crime Stoppers programs already established?

- ✍ Bemidji
- ✍ Houston County-Caledonia
- ✍ Northland-Duluth
- ✍ Mpls/St. Paul-New Brighton
- ✍ Tri-County-St. Cloud
- ✍ Winona

How do you start a Crime Stoppers program in your area?

Any effective crime stopper organization must involve law enforcement, the media and the public, all as equal participants.

Citizens are responsible for forming a Crime Stoppers non-profit corporation, whose directors establish policy, determine amount and method of reward payments, work closely with the police and the media and generally oversee the program. The directors are also responsible for fund raising and all other volunteer service. Tax money is not sought.

For more information check out www.crimestopusa.com or www.tricountycrimestoppers.org