

January 30, 2018

Warden and Members of Grey County Council The County of Grey County Building, 595 9th Avenue East Owen Sound ON N4K 3E3 penny.colton@grey.ca, warden@grey.ca

Dear Warden and Members of Grey County Council:

Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. is urgently requesting A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 from The County of Grey, OR A COMMITMENT OF A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 EACH YEAR FOR THE NEXT FIVE (5) YEARS. Crime Stoppers representatives would be pleased to make a presentation to your council about the program and answer any questions your Councillors may have.

Crime Stoppers is at a crisis point. There are enough funds left to support this program for the next two years. Without the assistance of your municipality, and every other municipality in Grey Bruce, the program will then have to close due to lack of funding.

## 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/coordinator, 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 the respective local communities.

## **Statistics for Grey and Bruce Counties**

Over the past 30 years, tips provided to Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce Inc. have led to the solving of 2,613 cases, with more than 1,590 arrests and the seizure of nearly \$52 Million in stolen property and illegal drugs. Approved awards for these tips amounted to more than \$256,500.

## How Does Crime Stoppers Work?

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 <u>completely funded by donations</u> from municipalities like yours, who believe Crime Stoppers offers an invaluable tool in the fight against crime.

## 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.

Please contact us to arrange a presentation to your council 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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