



CRIME STOPPERS FACTS

- It is a community program **NOT** a police program.
- It uses combined efforts of police, public and media.
- Is not a new concept, it has been used as an investigative technique for years by Police but rewards were paid out of their own pockets
- Tipsters phone TIPS phone line with information concerning crimes that have been, are being, or about to be committed
- Established in Albuquerque, New Mexico by Greg MacAleese, a Canadian, who was investigating a murder but had no clues. A re-enactment on television with reward offered (paid by Greg) resulted in an arrest within 24 hours. The concept spread through the U.S., Canada and across international borders.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- Tipster phones a toll free number with information on a crime, or submits a tip via webtips.
- Tipster is assigned a Code Number and instructed to call back in a week or so, using their code number only - no names, completely anonymous.
- Crime Stoppers Coordinator packages information and gives to investigators.
- Investigator investigates, arrests and reports back to Crime Stoppers Coordinator.
- Tipster calls back, given the results of investigation and if successful, advised to call back after the Crime Stoppers Board meeting for amount of reward.
- Crime Stoppers Coordinators report results at monthly Board meeting and recommend reward based on crime and point chart determination
- Board decides if reward appropriate, it can increase or decrease and approve payment.