About Crime Stoppers

Founded in 1976, Crime Stoppers is a **partnership** of the public, police and media that provides the community with a proactive program for people to assist the police **anonymously** to solve crimes, thereby contributing to an improved quality of life.

This community safety program is a registered charity and **does not** receive government funding and is solely dependent on **fundraising initiatives** to support the day-to-day operations and paying out individual rewards to Tipsters.

Note: Toronto Crime Stoppers have a unique program where they removed individual tip rewards and now channel their funding efforts back into the communities across Toronto, through their Community Reward Program. Basically, instead of rewarding an individual tipster, we will now reward an entire community.

Privilege of Anonymity

Crime Stoppers is the **only** true **anonymous** reporting platform in the world.

Two Supreme Court of Canada decisions provide **protection** to Crime Stoppers tipsters:

1. Greater Vancouver Crime Stoppers Association
   R. v. Leipert, [1997] 1 S.C.R. 281
2. Durham Regional Crime Stoppers
   R. v. Durham Regional Crime Stoppers Inc., 2017 SCC 45, [2017]

Community members can provide information **anonymously** by calling 1-800-222-8477 or by submitting a tip online https://www.p3tips.com/Drill.aspx

Who Operates Crime Stoppers

A group of concerned **citizens volunteer to** serve on the Board of Directors to oversee all operations of the Crime Stoppers program.

Board Members meet regularly to manage and promote the program, raise funds, and ensure the anonymity of tipsters is strictly maintained.

Each Crime Stoppers program has a **Police Coordinator** assigned to the program by their local Police Service who are tasked with vetting tips and liaising with investigators related to tip management and dispositions.