



CALLING ALL CRIME STOPPERS!

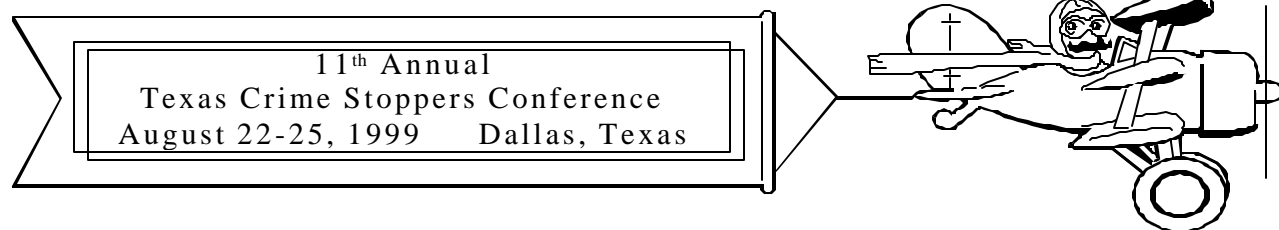
News Flash

On February 18, 1999, the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council voted to recommend legislation regarding the Texas Crime Stoppers program. This proposed legislation was a result of a joint work group comprised of individuals from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council, and members of the Texas Crime Stoppers Association. The attached legislation attempts to clarify some crime stoppers issues but offers no dramatic changes in the role or scope of the Texas Crime Stoppers program or the Advisory Council.

Representative William's office has expressed a willingness to sponsor the legislation in the House.

Some of the Highlights of yesterday's Advisory Council meeting include:

- ★ Janice Gillen of Rosenberg, Texas was elected Vice Chair of the Council.
- ★ The Council approved the enclosed administrative rules for publication in the Texas Register.
- ★ The Council voted to recommend the enclosed legislation for Crime Stoppers (the legislation eliminates the requirement of an audit by an independent accounting firm).
- ★ A work group was formed (including Council members Vernon Cook and Janice Gillen) to work on budget issues and bring recommendations to the Council in the event surplus crime stoppers money could be spent. A big "thank you" to Montgomery County Crime Stoppers' Keith Wagner, who was present at the meeting and volunteered to join this work group.
- ★ Another work group was formed (including Chairman Juan Jorge) to develop a training plan that could include the development of a new resource manual, training videos, etc.
- ★ We received an update on the Campus Crime Stoppers Conference that is in full swing and will be held in Mesquite from April 14-16th.



Further conference details will be forthcoming. For more information on this news flash, please contact Margie Fernandez-Prew at (512) 463-1784.

**The Education Steering Committee decided today that the 11th Annual Texas Crime Stoppers State Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas August 22-25, 1999.
Stay tuned for more details!**