

CONGRATULATIONS! 14TH ANNUAL TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS CONFERENCE AWARD RECIPIENTS

BOARD MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Kathryn Miller, Waco Crime Stoppers, Inc.

COORDINATOR OF THE YEAR

Colin Ashburn, Hidalgo County Crime Stoppers, Inc.

NEWSPRINT

Best Crime of the Week - Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Best General Newsprint - Crime Stoppers of Midland, Inc.

RADIO

Best Crime of the Week - Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Best Special Production/PSA - Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers, Inc.

INNOVATIVE PUBLICITY

Abilene Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Crime Stoppers of Lufkin, Inc.

MOST IMPROVED PROGRAM

Texas Department of Criminal Justice Crime Stoppers

TELEVISION: BEST CRIME OF THE WEEK

1-50: Greater Dallas Crime Commission
51-100: Brazos County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
101 +: Amarillo Crime Stoppers, Inc.
El Paso Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Wichita Falls Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Cable: No Entries

TELEVISION: BEST SPECIAL PRODUCTION/PSA

1-50: Tarrant County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
101 +: Nacogdoches Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Odessa Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Cable: Waco Crime Stoppers, Inc.

PRODUCTIVITY AWARDS

Under 25,000

Most Cases Cleared
Greatest Dollar Recovery
Burleson County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Sulphur Springs/Hopkins County
Crime Stoppers, Inc.

25,000 — 49,999

Most Cases Cleared
Greatest Dollar Recovery
Lamar County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Pharr Crime Stoppers, Inc.

50,000 — 99,999

Most Cases Cleared
Greatest Dollar Recovery
Victoria Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Victoria Crime Stoppers, Inc.

100,000 — 249,999

Most Cases Cleared
Greatest Dollar Recovery
Crime Stoppers of Midland, Inc.
Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc.

250,000 — 499,999

Most Cases Cleared
Greatest Dollar Recovery
Montgomery County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Montgomery County Crime Stoppers, Inc.

500,000 — 1,000,000

Most Cases Cleared
Greatest Dollar Recovery
Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc.
Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc.

1,000,000 +

Most Cases Cleared
Greatest Dollar Recovery
Tarrant County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Crime Stoppers of Houston, Inc.



Texas Crime Stoppers

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Overseas Internet Tip Identifies South Texas Murderer

Did you ever wonder if your program should take the time and expense to build a website to promote your crime stoppers program? Read on for a prime example of how useful a website can be.

An informant browsing the internet from Spain came across the Hidalgo County Crime Stoppers, Inc., most wanted website and recognized a murder suspect (Carlos Antonio Calix) after a recent trip to Indiana. Calix was wanted in connection with the shooting death of Omar Trujillo of Mission, Texas, which occurred on October 25, 1998. The informant reported tip information to Hidalgo County Crime Stoppers, Inc., who notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Indiana state authorities. Upon investigation the suspect was arrested in Indiana by the FBI and local authorities. How's that for solving crimes? So sit down with your board of directors and discuss the options of building a website for your program. You'll find that web masters either donate this service in exchange for publicity, or build the site at a reduced rate. Another option is high school or college technology students.



Brazoria County Crime Stoppers received a proclamation from the Brazoria County Commissioners' Court in April 2002 for keeping its community safe for the past 10 years. (left to right) County Commissioner Larry Stanley, crime stoppers vice chairman Lon Glenn, crime stoppers board member Jerry McGinty, crime stoppers administrative coordinator Susan Avera Roth, shaking hands with County Judge John Willy. Behind Susan are County Commissioners Jack Harris, Dude Payne, and Jim Clawson.

Crime Stoppers Advisory Council Meets in South Padre Island

At its quarterly meeting May 14, 2002, the Council certified seven new programs and re-certified 21, illustrating that local organizations are eager to meet the standards necessary for certification.

Texas Crime Stoppers Director Betty Bosarge reported on grantee audit findings. The State Auditor's Office found seven out of 45 crime stoppers programs examined did not keep sufficient records on grant expenditures. The auditors reviewed grants awarded in 1999 and 2000. Audit results require crime stoppers grantees to send financial officers and project directors to grant management training (prior to grant award), conducted by regional Council of Governments.

Dr. Bosarge also described the newly formed Strategic Planning Workgroup, which binds the Governor's Office, Texas Crime Stoppers Association, and Southwest Texas State University's Institute for Criminal Justice Studies as a planning team to look at the future of Texas crime stoppers programs. The planning group's goal is to consider how programs should help generate growth. At present, the greatest area of growth is campus programs. The planning group conducts research, generates ideas, and submits those ideas to the Training and Technical Assistance Workgroup for consideration.

Future growth areas being considered by the Governor's Office include developing the basic training program for presentation over the Internet, encouraging crime stoppers programs to get involved in the White House Citizens' Corps initiative, and changing the structure of basic training to include basic campus training. See this issue's training calendar for more details.

The next council meeting is tentatively scheduled for August in Austin, with the date and time remaining to be set.

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Meet the Training and Technical Assistance Workgroup Members

The Institute for Criminal Justice Studies, Texas Crime Stoppers Training (TCST) office utilizes crime stoppers experts from across the state to instruct courses at conferences and regional training events. Instructors volunteer their time to share their knowledge and expertise. TCST appreciates the instructors for making crime stoppers training informative for all to enjoy.



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Susan began her crime stoppers career in 1988 as an Odessa Crime Stoppers, Inc., board member. Subsequently, she was elected board secretary in 1989 and board chair in 1991. In 1995, Governor George W. Bush appointed Susan to the Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council where she served as vice-chair and chair of the Education Steering Committee. Although her term ended in 1998, Susan continued to serve the committee, now called the Training and Technical Assistance Workgroup. During her tenure as executive director, Odessa received 33 Texas Crime Stoppers State Awards and 31 Crime Stoppers International Awards, both for productivity and publicity. Additionally, Susan received the Texas Crime Stoppers Coordinator of the Year award in 1997.

New Conference Award Category

ICJS introduces a new category to crime stoppers conference award competitions. Programs can now submit entries for "Best Website." Entries are judged on the following:

- A clear purpose for the website, original content, concise, accurate, well written, and up-to-date information
- Graphics are clear, sharp, and relevant to content
- Design (combining content and graphics) is well organized and logical
- Navigation is easy and user friendly
- Content is grammatically correct and free of errors

The first entries are accepted for the 8th Annual Campus Crime Stoppers Conference, San Antonio, Texas, October 28-29, 2002. To enter the new category entrants may complete the entry form, and attach a brief cover letter describing the website (more details available on the entry form). All entries are the property of Texas Crime Stoppers and may be used for promotional and instructional purposes. Entry forms are available soon on the ICJS Crime Stoppers website. For further information or entry forms, call ICJS.

2001 Innovative Publicity Awards

This year's innovative publicity award was presented to two programs for creative publicity ideas. Abilene Crime Stoppers, Inc., displayed pictures of murder victims, the dates of their murder, and the crime stoppers hotline number on billboards around the city to reach motorists for tips to help solve cases.

Who knows more about criminal activity than criminals? And where are a lot of criminals? In the county jail. Crime Stoppers of Lufkin, Inc., provides toothbrushes for all new prisoners in the Angelina County Jail. Since this was an item that the county had to provide and pay for, Sheriff Kent Henson readily approved. Each toothbrush has the words "CASH FOR CRIME INFORMATION" and "CALL CRIME STOPPERS 639-TIPS" printed on the handle. The county saves money and crime stoppers gets advertising where it's needed most.

More Campus Training...

ICJS and the Training and Technical Assistance Workgroup developed a Basic Campus Crime Stoppers course scheduled for December 2-3, 2002. This course is designed to teach school administrators, coordinators, and media volunteers the fundamental concepts of a non-profit campus crime stoppers organization.

Training topics are also geared toward advisory board members and sponsors including: gaining school administration and student body support; role of student board members, school resource officers, teachers, fundraising techniques, liabilities, techniques for working with student informants, and internationally recognized operational guidelines.

BASIC COURSE ENROLLMENT

PLEASE PRINT:
Course Name: _____

Course Date: _____

Course Location: _____

Full Name: _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

My crime stoppers program is: Certified Umbrella/Sponsored

I am: Female Male

Send To: Crime Stoppers Enrollment
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2002

- OCTOBER**
7-8 Basic Crime Stoppers Course
Wichita Falls
No Registration Fee
- 28-29 8th Annual Campus Crime Stoppers
Conference
San Antonio
\$75 Registration Fee
- DECEMBER**
2-3 *New!* Basic Campus Crime Stoppers Course
Dallas-Fort Worth Area
No Registration Fee

2003

- JANUARY**
20-21 Basic Crime Stoppers Course
San Antonio
No Registration Fee
- APRIL**
23-24 *New!* Basic Campus Crime Stoppers Course
Houston
No Registration Fee
- MAY**
18-20 15th Annual Crime Stoppers
Conference
Laredo
\$75 Registration Fee
- SEPTEMBER**
8-9 Basic Crime Stoppers Course
Dallas
No Registration Fee
- OCTOBER**
TBD 9th Annual Campus Crime Stoppers
Conference
Location TBD
Fee TBD

All training courses offer Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) hours, and Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours for teachers from the State Board for Educator Certification.

Reminder: Attendees are responsible for travel/lodging expenses, reservations, and conference payments.

2002 Annual Conference Photos



Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc.



Tarrant County Crime Stoppers, Inc.



Crime Stoppers of Houston, Inc.



Greater Dallas Crime Commission



Nacogdoches Crime Stoppers, Inc.



Odessa Crime Stoppers, Inc.

Waco Crime Stoppers, Inc.



2002 Annual Conference Photos



South Padre Island officials do not allow visitors to wear ties, as George Landry learns at opening ceremonies.



Lamar County Crime Stoppers attendees take it easy on the convention centre patio. (left to right) Gary Pirtle, Jeff Jones, Robert Trapp, Buddy Heuberger, and Ray Banks



Susan Rogers, Tim Johnson, Donna Deathridge, and Joe Snyder enjoy the view between courses.



Advisory Council members sit at the head table. (left to right) Vernon Cook, Jim White, Janice Gillen, and Juan Jorge



Chad Hogan and Danny Mallet take copious notes at the conference.



Joe Martino and Luci Stefek relax in the lobby.

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South Padre Island, Texas



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Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc.



Sulphur Springs/Hopkins County
Crime Stoppers, Inc.



Burleson County Crime Stoppers, Inc.



Midland Crime Stoppers, Inc.



Montgomery County Crime Stoppers, Inc.

Advisory Council members (Vernon Cook, Jim White, Juan Jorge, and Janice Gillen) present plaques to contest winners.

See back page for award winner details.