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Advisory Council Meets in San Antonio

The Texas Crime Stoppers Advisory Council met in San Antonio, January 20. Janice Gillen was elected chair for 2003 with Major Juan Jorge serving as vice chairman. Dr. Betty Bosarge provided the director's report and George Landry reported Southwest Texas State University activities.



Seated l to r: council members Dorothy Spinks, Jim White, Juan Jorge, Janice Gillen and Texas Crime Stoppers Director Dr. Betty Bosarge.

Gov. Rick Perry Announces Major New Volunteerism Initiative 'OneStar Foundation' to be Formed to Help Meet Texans' Needs

Governor Rick Perry announced a major new initiative with the creation of the "OneStar Foundation," a non-profit volunteer organization whose goal will be to help marshal Texans' indomitable spirit into meeting the needs of their fellow Texans.

Perry made the announcement during a speech commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the South Union Church of Christ in Houston. The church's parishioners participate in the Interfaith Care Partners, a program that draws volunteers from 80 Houston churches and synagogues.

"Texans are a spirited people rich in compassion and charity," Perry said. "Today I am announcing a bold new effort to channel the Texas spirit to a cause greater than self – the cause of active volunteerism that can

transform our communities, our families and our citizens."

The mission of the OneStar Foundation, which will be formed in the coming days, will be to

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"empower Texans in need with the help of volunteers dedicated to meeting need." The foundation is a practical way by which Texans can build a unified state "where people who are blessed reach out to those who are less fortunate," he added.

Perry said his foundation will work with the many volunteer organizations and help direct more volunteer workers to them. The OneStar Foundation, he added, will

address a broad range of citizen needs by acting as a clearinghouse that spreads the word about the ways Texans can volunteer. It will also distribute best practice models that will help other volunteer organizations improve the services they offer.

He cited Interfaith Care Partners as the type of program he wants the new foundation to assist. Among other efforts, the Interfaith Care Partners provides a range of services, including providing respite care for those who are ill or have disabilities. Last year, the group was recognized

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Best Practices

Tidbits from Texas crime stoppers programs for your consideration

Estela Quintanilla and Sandra Rocha, Laredo I.S.D. Crime Stoppers, have formed a male dance team that travels the district entertaining students and conveying the crime stoppers message. The team is so popular they are often asked to participate in local parades and community events.

Susan Rogers, Odessa Crime Stoppers, is always looking for new ways to get her program's name out front. She is looking into placing the tips line number and a short message in movie theater ads, on ATM machines, and video arcade machines. She also presents business cards and information to service industries, like exterminators and plumbers, so employees know whom to call anonymously with crime information.

Share your best practices by emailing GLØ2@swt.edu.

Remember! The best fundraising tool for crime stoppers is publicity about its success.

Your News

We invite your crime stoppers program news to include in our statewide newsletter. Send pictures and copy electronically (GLØ2@swt.edu), or United States Postal Service (attention George Landry).



9th Annual Campus Conference

The Greater Dallas Crime Commission is hosting this year's annual campus conference. The event is scheduled October 6-8, 2003, at the beautiful Adam's Mark Hotel downtown. The Adam's Mark is the largest hotel in Texas with 1,842 elegantly appointed rooms and the largest ballroom in the southwestern United States. Training, recognition, networking, and after-hours fun are conference features. The Mall of Las Americas is attached to the hotel for shoppers, and the State Fair of Texas is a short ride away for thrill-seekers. Plan on attending this year's Texas' best conference and register now.

Help Wanted

Bright, energetic and talented individuals needed to help facilitate the 9th Annual Campus Crime Stoppers Conference. Texas Crime Stoppers needs help operating audio-visual equipment, supervising groups, and overseeing after-hours activities. If you are going to the conference and are ready for a challenge, give us a call at 866-220-4357.

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Copy Deadlines

May-June Issue—May 1

July-Aug. Issue—July 1

Sep.-Oct. Issue—September 2

Nov.-Dec. Issue—November 3

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16th Annual Conference

Midland, Texas, is the site of the 16th Annual Texas Crime Stoppers Conference, May 19-21, 2004.

The City of Midland's website proclaims: "Named among the 150 best U.S. cities in which to live for the past twelve years, Midland's warm climate, friendly people, and central location are the primary reasons for the city's popularity. Midland is located midway between Dallas/Fort Worth and El Paso on Interstate 20. Twenty minutes to the west is Odessa, with a population of about 100,000. With Midland's population nearing the 100,000 mark, nearly a quarter of a million people reside in the Midland/Odessa metropolitan area.

Midland serves as administrative center for the petroleum producing region known as the Permian Basin, where about 20 percent of America's oil and gas reserves are located in reservoirs deep beneath the surface."

Midland is also proud to be the former home of President George W. Bush, First Lady Laura Bush, Former President George H. W. Bush and Barbara Bush. The city boasts three former homes of the Bush family. The host hotel is the Holiday Inn and Suites. Rooms are 70 dollars plus tax and suites are 85 dollars plus tax. The convention center is located conveniently next door. Come to Midland and see "the middle of somewhere."



Assistant Principal Jeff Pollard, Mansfield, Texas, Independent School District leads students in after lunch exercises at the recent Basic Campus Crime Stoppers course in Dallas.

Gov. Rick Perry Announces Initiative

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by the Governor's Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service for exemplary work.

"Texas is a national leader in working with faith-based organizations," Perry added. "The state has taken several steps to allow community groups, including faith-based groups, to partner with the state to provide services for Texans in need."

Perry said he will ask the foundation to identify and help remove obstacles that stand in the way of faith-based groups providing needed services.

"Victims of violence, children from broken homes, Texans with chronic conditions are just a handful of examples of the people the OneStar Foundation will aim to serve," Perry said.

"By the very act of giving, we are a richer people, a people achieving a purpose that cannot be measured in monetary terms, only in lives changed," he added.

Deadlines

Basic Campus Crime Stoppers
April 23-24, 2003
Registration: April 18

15th Annual Crime Stoppers Conference
May 19-21, 2003
Awards: March 17
Registration: March 31
Cancellation: March 31

9th Annual Campus Crime Stoppers Conference
October 6-8, 2003
Awards: September 1
Hotel Reservations: September 5
Registration: September 22
Cancellation: September 26

For more information
www.crimestoppers.swt.edu
866-220-4357

Laredo Conference

Register Now!

The 15th annual conference is approaching fast. Don't miss this opportunity to learn and network with Texas crime stoppers. The conference begins Monday, May 19, at noon and ends with the award ceremony at noon, Wednesday, May 21. Laredo Crime Stoppers has wonderful activities planned. You can shop in Mexico with a group or dine in one of the many fine restaurants serving authentic Mexican cuisine. Come to Laredo and "Savor the Flavor."

Get registration and award forms at www.crimestoppers.swt.edu.

MARCH

18-20	Basic SRO/School District Police	Houston	\$75
24-28	Introduction to Crime Prevention – Part 1 (40 hr)	Wichita Falls	\$45

APRIL

7-11	Introduction to Crime Prevention – Part 2 (40 hr)	San Marcos	\$199
14-15	Use of Restraint (16 hr)	San Marcos	\$25
22-23	Use of Restraint (16 hr)	Houston	\$25
23-24	Basic Campus Crime Stoppers	Houston	No Fee

MAY

5-9	Basic TCLEOSE Instructor Course	San Marcos	\$90
19-21	Annual Crime Stoppers Conference	Laredo	
30-2	Advanced Training Techniques	Grand Prairie	\$45

JUNE

2-6	CPTED for Schools (40 hr)	Grand Prairie	\$75
9-13	Basic SRO/School District Police (40 hr)	Abilene	\$95
16-20	Improve Your Presentation Skills	San Marcos	\$150

OCTOBER

6-8	Annual Campus Crime Stoppers Conference	Dallas	
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New Crime Stoppers E-list

Texas Crime Stoppers recently debuted a new listserv message system for distributing newsletters and other special interest items to crime stoppers programs. Make sure to add your email to the list so you do not miss out on any hot topics. The listserv is accessed by visiting our website at www.crimestoppers.swt.edu and clicking on “What’s Hot.” Don’t delay, sign up today!



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