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Advisory Council Appointments

The Governor's Office has appointed Jim White, Chairman of Tarrant County Crime Stoppers, Inc. as the newest member of the Crime Stoppers Advisory Council, replacing Lennie Sims of Wellington, Texas. Jim White has served as Chairman of Tarrant County Crime Stoppers, Inc. since 1995 and as Director of Region I for Crime Stoppers International, Inc. since 1997. He is also a current member of the Board of Directors of the Texas Crime Stoppers Association and the new Training and Technical Assistance Workgroup who is reviewing the training needs of Crime Stoppers programs across the state. Congratulations Jim!

Additionally, Juan Jorge of Tomball, Texas and Janice Gillen of Richmond, Texas have been re-appointed to the seats on the council. In September of 2001, the remaining two seats on the council will be up for re-appointment.

Training and Technical Assistance Workgroup Meeting

On October 16, 2000, the Crime Stoppers Training and Technical Assistance Workgroup participated in a workshop designed to establish training priorities for Texas Crime Stoppers.

The topics discussed at the workshop were the Basic Crime Stoppers Course, regional training, on-site technical assistance, telephone technical assistance, a resource manual and upcoming conferences.

The group agreed that a basic course must be presented as soon as possible. Tentative dates for this course are:

- January 22-23, 2001 in Austin, Texas
- June 2001, Mesquite, Texas
- August 2001, Rio Grande Valley
- October 22-24, 2001, Abilene, Texas

More details are forthcoming.

The workgroup also formed three subgroups to begin revising operational guidelines and plan the training courses/conferences for 2001. The group will meet at a workshop this December

to continue identifying the needs and priorities of Crime Stoppers programs across the state.

Margie Fernandez-Prew Accepts Position

Margie Fernandez-Prew, former Program Coordinator for the Governor's Crime Stoppers Office has accepted a position with Southwest Texas State University to work with the Crime Stoppers training grant. She will be working with George Landry, Director of the Institute of Criminal Justice Studies facilitating Crime Stoppers conferences and regional training courses. CJD will miss Margie and wish her the best in her new career. CJD staff member, Ed Dickens has assumed her duties and can be reached at 512.463.1784.

Crime Stoppers Conferences

Future conferences are as follows:

- 6th Annual Campus Crime Stoppers Conference, Amarillo, Texas, March 29-31, 2001, hosted by Student Crime Stoppers of Amarillo, Inc.
- 13th Annual Crime Stoppers Conference, October 22-24, 2001, hosted by Abilene Crime Stoppers, Inc.
- 14th Annual Crime Stoppers Conference, South Padre, TBD, co-hosted by Hidalgo County Crime Stoppers, Inc. and Pharr Crime Stoppers, Inc.

New Website

The new Texas Crime Stoppers website is up and running. This website provides a chatroom for Crime Stoppers practitioners to post messages communicating with each other on important information regarding programs, services and funding sources. The site also provides current information on training, a directory of all Texas programs, among many other resources. Visit the new website at: www.crimestoppers.swt.edu. If there is anything you would like to see on the website, suggestions are always welcome.