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METRO VANCOUVER CRIME STOPPERS



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BACKGROUND: ABOUT METRO VANCOUVER CRIME STOPPERS



Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers (“Crime Stoppers”) is a non-profit society and registered charity incorporated in 1984 that receives anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to police and government investigators in communities from Powell River through Boston Bar.

A Unique Three-Way Partnership: Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers – The Media – The Police

Police investigators often contact Crime Stoppers when they need information to solve a case. Crime Stoppers regularly distributes this information to the media, encouraging the public to respond with tips anonymously.

Crime Stoppers also reaches out to the community online at www.solvecrime.ca and on social media 24/7 through [Facebook](#), on [Twitter](#) and on the MVCS [You Tube channel](#).

How Today’s Crime Stoppers Anonymous Tip and Reward Program Works

Members of the public often have information that would assist in solving crimes but don’t often want to get involved with police. Crime Stoppers assists by providing a means to leave that information anonymously.

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Tipsters are eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$5,000 if their tip leads to an arrest. You never have to give your name.

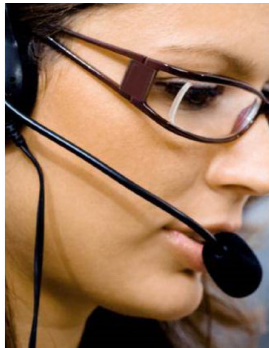
Since our telephone tips line was first established more than 35 years ago, new technologies have developed that provide tipsters with additional options. Today, anonymous tips can also be submitted:

- ✓ on Crime Stoppers’ downloadable “P3” crime reporting app for both IOS and Android smartphones
- ✓ by going online at www.solvecrime.ca
- ✓ following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers [Facebook page](#).



Tips received by Crime Stoppers are forwarded to investigators at the RCMP, municipal police forces and additional investigative agencies.

For new Canadian residents: Tips received in almost every language



For Metro Vancouver's new immigrant families, language is often an impediment.

Sometimes these individuals may fear reporting criminal activity because they might not trust police based on experiences in a different country, or they may fear reprisal.

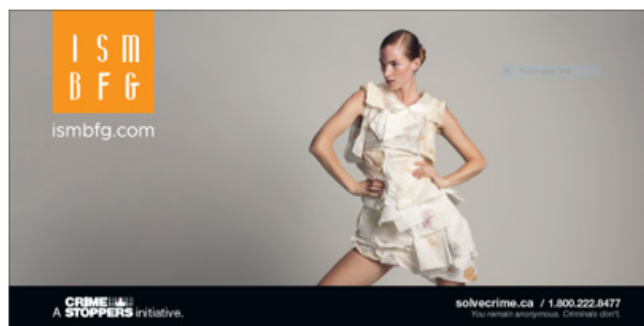
Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers provides multilingual translation services, with tips accepted in 115 languages, 24 hours a day – seven days a week.

Campaigns to encourage tips about gang crime and illegal weapons



With the assistance of sponsors DDB Canada and Pattison Outdoor, Crime Stoppers has created imaginative campaigns aimed at driving home the seriousness of gang crime, and the importance of receiving tip information to halt it.

Since these campaigns began in 2015, Crime Stoppers reports an increase in arrests and charges related to gang and illegal gun offences based on tips information received.



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STATISTICS ON TIPS RECEIVED BY METRO VANCOUVER CRIME STOPPERS

TOTAL NUMBER OF TIPS RECEIVED IN 2019

5,130 (3% increase over 2018)

Property and drugs recovered based on information from tips

\$10.2 million (up from \$1.7 million in 2018)

Number of arrests based on information from tips

87

Number of gang members arrested in 2019 as a result of tips

5

Number of charges laid based on information from tips

152

Number of illegal weapons taken off the street to date due to tips (since inception of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers guns and gangs program)

165



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN 2019

British Columbia Anti-Gang Tip Line

Under the auspices of the Province of BC, Crime Stoppers manages the Provincial Anti-Gang Tip Line which provides the general public the opportunity to provide anonymous tips on criminal gang-related activity. Since establishing this tip line in 2009, Crime Stoppers developed an expanded infrastructure and set up the relationships necessary to make the program available to citizens throughout the Province.

Reaching a new generation: “See Something, Say Something” School Safety Presentation

Since it started in 2014, Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers’ “See Something, Say Something” School Safety Presentation has worked with **36,000** students and counting. It is a joint initiative with the police, the Vancouver School Board, Surrey School Board and schools in the Tri-Cities, Burnaby, Abbotsford, Langley, Chilliwack and the Sunshine Coast.



This presentation reaches primarily grade 8 students. A second presentation was added in 2019 for grade 10 students that focuses on issues identified as relevant to that age group.

The initiative is constructed on a “youth mentoring youth” philosophy and is designed to provide students with a safe and anonymous method to report suspected criminal or bullying behaviour. Workshops take place in small groups in individual classrooms which allows leaders to

create role play scenarios where students try to determine how they might respond under difficult circumstances.

The new “See Something, Say Something” Elder Abuse awareness program



This initiative that began in 2019 encourages “seniors to mentor seniors”. Volunteers who lead this new program are trained to present the program to groups at seniors’ centers, community centres or retirement living homes.

The presentation is designed to provide seniors with a safe and anonymous method to report through Crime Stoppers what they know about suspected criminal or abusive behavior. This program expands awareness of financial abuse, domestic violence, bullying, fraud and more.

Tips on crimes against the environment and public safety

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers encourages the anonymous reporting of illegal activity affecting wildlife, our parks, our natural land and marine environment.



Crimes include selling animal parts or species at risk, illegal fishing or hunting out of season dumping waste on Crown land, removing sand, gravel or wood from public lands and fires in restricted zones or without a permit.

Crime Stoppers also accepts tips from the public concerning the theft of metal and electricity from providers such as Fortis BC and BC Hydro. Theft of metal and power poses a serious risk to our community and emergency personnel.

Crime Stoppers First Nations Program



This project strengthens inter-agency collaboration and information-sharing addressing existing crime issues and health and safety issues within the First Nations Communities (FNCs). There is a need to seek long term solutions to FNCs involving drug and alcohol related issues, mental and physical health and culture. This is a "harm reduction model" and the education and training provided to these First Nation Communities enables the reporting of critical and crime incidents to Crime Stoppers.

We work closely on a team-based approach with the police agencies and RCMP Aboriginal Policing Services to connect with elders, family counsellors, youth and culture departments.

Our Crime Stoppers volunteers create awareness



Each year, Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers recruits community volunteers who join staff to participate in community events and safety fairs from Boston Bar to Powell River.

These volunteers participated in more than 60 events in 2019.

FINAL WORD - We are not the police, nor are we publicly funded



Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers (“Crime Stoppers”) is a community-based, not-for-profit that relies solely on grants, donations and sponsorship.

Our own fundraising activities include the annual **Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers Jail & Bail** events in Vancouver and Surrey and the annual **Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament**.

If you, or someone you know, is prepared to help support Crime Stoppers’ ongoing work to keep our communities safer, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers Association at lannis@solvecrime.ca.

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