



# CRIME STOPPERS / ÉCHEC AU CRIME

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Chair  
Ottawa Police Services Board  
Champlain Room  
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**Subject: NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CRIME STOPPERS: SEMI ANNUAL REPORT**

Dear Councillor Deans;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with our semi-annual update during these challenging times. Like many organizations, COVID-19 continues to impact our program. Please be assured that we continue to serve the community. We are pleased to provide you with the following report. Our report will outline the following:

## Board Governance

We continue to host monthly board meetings during COVID-19 restrictions. Participation continues to be strong. We were saddened to learn of the passing of our board member, David Smith. Dave served on our board for over seven years and was a regular contributor during meetings. We will miss his many contributions to our program and the broader community. We are planning our annual general meeting to be hosted in November where we appoint committee and board of directors for another term. We have several potential new members from the community up for consideration. This event will be a virtual AGM.

As you may be aware, National Capital Area Crime Stoppers is celebrating our thirty-fifth anniversary in 2020. While not the year we had expected, we continue to reflect on the successful history and contribution to community safety our program has provided.

The Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers (OACS) hosted their annual training conference this summer with the OACS Annual General Meeting being held virtually. The event was a success with coordinator training and presentations held virtually with dozens of programs from around the province participating in a Zoom conference.

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## Statistics

Our statistics allow us to measure the success of the Crime Stoppers program and the positive effect it has on helping our law enforcement partners solve crime. TIP volumes remain similar to 2019 (2542 TIPS in 2019 versus 2543 this year to date) with virtually the same number of tips year over year. Many of the metrics, including recovered property have been less this year. We observed a decrease in many areas resulting in fewer cash rewards so far in 2020 with \$4,789.00 this year versus \$9,815.00 in 2019. The tip quality continues to provide our law enforcement partners with crucial information. We continue to note quicker resolutions as a result of our anonymous TIPS.

### 2020 September Year to date Statistics

<i>Arrests</i>	18
<i>Criminal Cases Cleared</i>	11
<i>Criminal Charges</i>	43
<i>Recovered Property</i>	\$0.00
<i>Narcotics Seized</i>	\$9,023.00
<i>Recovered arms</i>	3
<i>Calls received</i>	2543
<i>Awards Approved</i>	\$4,789.00

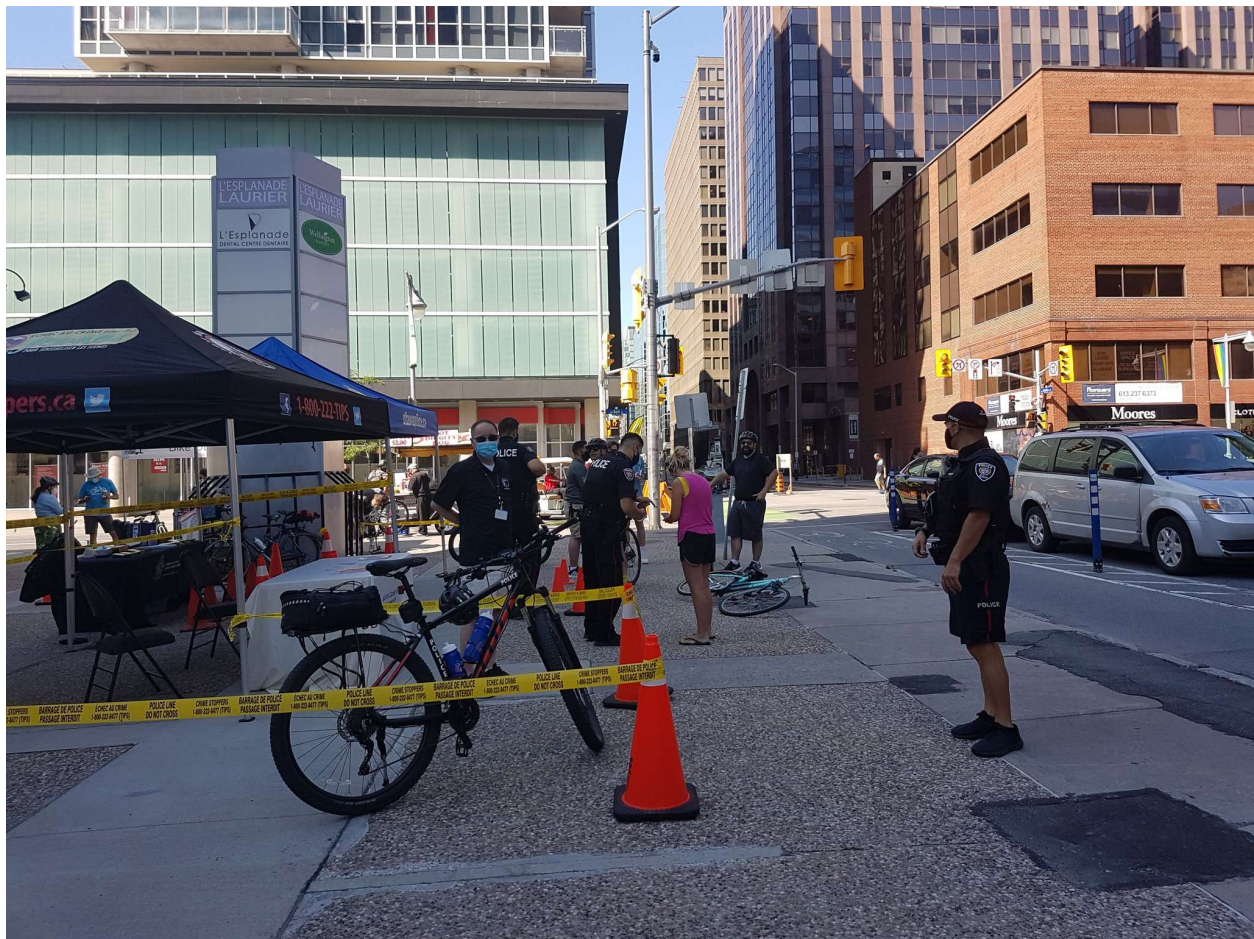
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## Community Outreach

This summer has been very different for our Crime Stoppers volunteers with fewer community events. On Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> we participated with our Ottawa Police partners during a socially distanced outdoor community event focused on bike theft. This was a successful event for us to share information and raise awareness with the public.

The upcoming fall season will be similar with no community events scheduled.



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We have been encouraged by new volunteers coming forward to help support our program. We hosted a virtual training orientation and plan on additional session in the months ahead.

We have also developed a YouTube Video Presentation for upcoming community engagements.

### Partner Update

As you may be aware, our Ottawa Police Co-ordinator, Cst. Getz was redeployed to front line duties during the pandemic. We were delighted to welcome her back to her substantive position and extend our appreciation to her assistant and Sergeant for managing the tips during this time. We are all very proud of the work that she and her police colleagues have done during this pandemic.

### Financial

Fundraising activities have been seriously impacted during this pandemic. As you know, we do not receive any direct taxpayer funding to support the program. Community support from the local business community had diminished as has some of our other initiatives. We made the decision to cancel our annual golf fundraising tournament. We launched a successful outreach initiative targeting the local business community to solicit donations for our program. This initiative has secured over \$10, 000.00 in community donations with the potential for more in the months ahead. We look forward to continued support. We appreciate the support of several city council members making mention of Crime Stoppers need for support on social media and in their community newsletters.

On behalf of the board of directors of Crime Stoppers, please accept our thanks for your continued support and encouragement. We all look forward to returning to a new normal in the months ahead. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours respectfully,

**NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CRIME STOPPERS**



Richard McMullen

President