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Ottawa Police Services Board
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Subject: NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA CRIME STOPPERS: SEMI ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Mr. Smallwood;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with our semi-annual update during these challenging times. Like many organizations, COVID-19 has impacted 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 hosted a successful zone meeting with neighboring Crime Stoppers programs in the fall of 2019. This was an opportunity to share information while learning about new initiatives in the fight against contraband tobacco. This included a presentation by the Ontario Ministry of Finance Tobacco Enforcement Branch.

Our annual general meeting was held in November where we re-elected our board of directors for another term. The executive team remains unchanged for the 2020 term.

Crime Stoppers is celebrating our thirty-fifth anniversary in 2020. We look forward to marking this milestone in the months ahead.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, The Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers have postponed their annual four day training conference. Alternate arrangements are being explored. We have also cancelled all public presentations. Our last public presentation occurred on March 10, 2020 during a community safety evening hosted by Ottawa Community Housing at 453 Cooper.

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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. While we had 1328 fewer anonymous tips in 2019, we observed increased results in almost all areas. This included an increase from five recovered arms in 2018 to sixteen in 2019. Arrests, cases cleared and criminal charges also saw increases. The tip quality continues to provide our law enforcement partners with crucial information.

There was a slight reduction in tip volume in March with April numbers returning to a normal range.

2019 Year End Statistics

<i>Arrests</i>	62
<i>Criminal Cases Cleared</i>	36
<i>Criminal Charges</i>	298
<i>Recovered Property</i>	\$86,838.00
<i>Narcotics Seized</i>	\$241,991.00
<i>Recovered arms</i>	16
<i>Calls received</i>	3727
<i>Awards Approved</i>	\$16,975.00

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Community Outreach

The fall of 2019 was a busy period for our Crime Stoppers volunteers as they continue to support our outreach initiatives raising awareness about our anonymous TIP program. We participated at several community events, including three local Santa Claus parades beginning with the Help Santa Toy Parade, Barrhaven Santa Claus parade and the Orleans Parade of Lights. These are always well enjoyed by our youth volunteers as we raise awareness about our program while having a fun time with our popular Grinch.



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Partner Update

As you may be aware, our Ottawa Police Co-ordinator, Cst. Getz has been redeployed to front line duties during the pandemic. Her assistant has been 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. Many of our youth volunteers took to social media to extend appreciation to all those working to keep us safe during the pandemic.



Media Update

Once again our local media helped us raise awareness by donating extensive radio public service announcements during January. Several radio spots were produced with the assistance of local media personality Steve Gregory. We were pleased to share these recordings with some of our other Crime Stoppers programs around the province.

This was an opportunity to share information about Crime Stoppers with the community. Deputy Chief Bell joined Cst. Getz during a live CFRA broadcast hosted by Dahlia Kurtz. This was another chance to share information about our program while highlighting some of our success. We returned to CFRA in February to discuss our program.

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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 has diminished as has some of our other initiatives. We are concerned that our annual golf fundraising tournament may be in jeopardy this year. In the meantime, we are exploring other opportunities, including an upcoming online trivia event hosted by our program.

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