

# CRIME STOPPERS



## Crime Stoppers Plays Key Role for Riot Investigators

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# Crime Stoppers combatting gang crime in B.C.

The high profile gang-related shooting in Kelowna this past summer put up the red flag for British Columbia communities, and all Crime Stoppers programs in BC geared up for increased gang-crime Tip activity. The 2011 Crime Stoppers/ British Columbia Anti-Gang Crime Tip and Reward Program Media Campaign was made available to all Crime Stoppers programs. The campaign focuses on gang-crime and the key role that Crime Stoppers can play in stopping gang-crime.

There were two parts to the campaign: radio public service announcements and posters.

The three radio public service announcements each feature a spokesperson from a high profile investigative unit attesting to the importance and value of Crime Stoppers tips in stopping gang-crime. These spots were ready-to-use, and programs were invited to forward them to local radio stations.

The radio announcements were produced by John Ashbridge and team at CKNW in Vancouver. Ian Koenigsfest, Jon

McComb, Jeff Aldus, and Shirley Stocker donated their time and energy to put this series together. Dale Carr from IHIT, Shinder Kirk from IGTF, and Doug Spencer from the Transit Police are featured on the announcements and each provide a great endorsement for Crime Stoppers.

A series of three posters with the “anti-message” were also made available to British Columbia Crime Stoppers programs.

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is grateful for the Government of British Columbia Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General’s support of the British Columbia Anti-Gang Crime Tip and Reward Program.

If your program requires additional posters or the radio spots, please send an email to Tim Kelley at:

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# Sea to Sky Crime Stoppers Spreads the Good Word

*Helmut Manzl – Board Member*

What catches your eye as you drive below the Squamish Chief? It may well be Sea to Sky Crime Stoppers. This past April, the Squamish Nation in conjunction with Astral media generously allotted electronic billboard space in Squamish for a Sea to Sky Crime Stoppers message. We are looking forward to continuing that affiliation in the near future.

This year one of the main objectives of the Sea to Sky branch of Crime Stoppers has been to create greater awareness of our service by utilizing the widest range of media available.

As part of that program we have continued to distribute Crime Stoppers information pamphlets to retailers and businesses in corridor communities. Funding has come through donations from local businesses and other service clubs.



Sea to Sky Crime Stoppers has also partnered with Mountain FM in Squamish to air short radio anti-gang announcements provided by the Crime Stoppers/British Columbia Anti-Gang Crime Tip and Reward Program. These community service messages have been well received and have reached corridor residents from Pemberton to Bowen Island. We will continue to pursue this option and other initiatives with Mountain FM.

This past April we set up an information booth at the Squamish Chamber of Commerce XPO held

at the West Coast Railway Heritage Park. Large Crime Stoppers banners and smaller posters were displayed and a short information video was showcased. The booth attracted a substantial number of event attendees.

Our YouTube presence at “Sea to Sky Crime Stoppers” has been active since early spring and we are looking into expanding the use of that medium as the need arises.

We also submitted a three minute TV ad that was aired as a community service by Shaw TV twice weekly in Squamish and Whistler. That affiliation continues to have promising possibilities for various Crime Stoppers-related programming.

The local Farmers’ Market hosted our Crime Stoppers information booth in August and we had a chance to meet many people with Crime Stoppers questions and comments.

Last fall we produced a Sea to Sky Crime Stoppers poster that was distributed

to stores and businesses throughout the corridor. The feedback has been positive and we have generated a series of new community-specific posters ready for distribution in Pemberton, Whistler, Squamish, Lions Bay, and eventually Bowen Island.

We welcome inquiries about any of these initiatives and look forward to collaborating with other jurisdictions to get the message out to as many BC residents as possible.

# Students Win B.C. Crime Prevention Community Safety Awards for Crime Stoppers Project

Congratulations go to Jordan Choo and Jacqui Benson, who have been awarded British Columbia Solicitor General Crime Prevention and Community Safety Awards in the Youth Leadership category. This award honours positive role models for children or youth in their community and encourages their active participation in crime prevention and community safety projects. The pair, recent graduates of Rutland Senior Secondary School, and their teacher Brent Applegath, were involved in a project with Central Okanagan Crime Stoppers to get the message out about anonymous texting of crime information to Crime Stoppers.



Jordan Choo  
Capilano  
University



Jacqui Benson  
Capilano  
University

In 2009 Central Okanagan Crime Stoppers approached Rutland Senior Secondary School with the idea of students helping students in crime prevention and potentially tying it into the new technology of anonymous texting directly to Crime Stoppers. Rutland Senior Secondary graciously took on the challenge and added this project to their curriculum. Jordan and Jacqui were at the forefront of the work and creation and dedicated a year and a half to this project. These students along with many others were involved in the creation of the storyboards for the three videos made on cyber-bullying, drug awareness, and graffiti. Both Jacqui and Jordan are now attending Capilano University in North Vancouver, where they are studying filmmaking. The award ceremony will take place on Friday, November 4th at the British Columbia Crime Prevention Association's Annual Crime Prevention Symposium.

## Production

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# Hot Town—Summer in the City Update from Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

## *Busy Summer*

June was a record-setting month for tips in Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers (MVCS) due to the Stanley Cup Riot. However, activity has remained intense with higher Crimes Stoppers tips numbers in both July and August 2011.

## *The Riot*

The riots surrounding the seventh game of the Stanley Cup touched a nerve in the lower mainland community and had a dramatic impact on MVCS operations.

Media activity was frantic. Numerous interviews were requested and provided. Communication went out to media, police partners, and major Vancouver organizations like Tourism Vancouver and the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association.

Vancouver Police Department (VPD) Crime Stoppers Coordinator Sgt. Ron Fairweather took the MVCS van to the corner of Georgia Street and Granville Street. He was well received by many people including the Premier of British Columbia.



The day after the event, MVCS received the largest number of tips it has ever received in one day. Almost all of the tips were web tips that required a prompt reply so that the tipster knows that they can add more info/details. Tipsters followed up with Crime Stoppers after checking their social media and watching the news coverage.

MVCS coordinators Charlene Draper and Deborah Martens worked tirelessly and handled more tips in the first 36 hours than would normally be handled in a month.

Board member John Ashbridge, the voice of MVCS, wrote and recorded a 60-second public service announcement for CKNW 980 about riot-related tips. It received a lot of airplay.

The Crime Stoppers website set up a direct link so that tipsters could immediately provide riot-related tips online.

London Drugs, one of the hardest hit businesses in downtown Vancouver, set up a special "Riot Reporting" link on their home page and worked in partnership with MVCS to develop this.

### **Con-Air**

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers was a prime source for information in the Vancouver Police Department Con-Air program. Con-Air seeks to publicize the names of at-large criminals wanted in other provinces who are suspected of being in Metro Vancouver. Tips come in and VPD repatriates those captured criminals to the authorities in their home province. MVCS is an important part of this program. Eight of the suspects on the Con-Air ten most-wanted-persons list have been apprehended.

### **Abbotsford Air Show and the PNE**

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers has developed a series of three two-sided information brochures, which were distributed at two of the busiest events in Metro Vancouver. RCMP Crime Stoppers Coordinator Cst. Jack Stetz and the RCMP group distributed the brochures at the annual Abbotsford Air Show. CKNW 980 distributed the brochures at the Pacific National Exhibition.

### **Golf Tournament**

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers held its annual Crime Stoppers Golf Classic at Westwood Plateau and Country Club in Coquitlam BC, and had a great turn-out. Crime Stoppers netted over \$50,000 to help fund operations, public education programs, and reward pay-outs, which makes this year's tournament the most successful tournament ever! Thank you to all sponsors. Well done to tournament co-chairs Barrie Johnston and Grant MacDonald, and to those involved in the golf committee including Len McGeouch, Cliff Proudfoot, Bob Mann, Kathy Smith, Shirley Stocker, Al Tummon, Ron Singh, and John Paterson.



## **Current Board of Directors**

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Al Tummon	Kathy Smith
Barrie Johnston	Ken Cahoon
Bob Mann	Len McGeouch
Cliff Proudfoot	Ron Singh
Grant MacDonald	Shirley Stocker
John Ashbridge	Tony Mahon
John Paterson	Victor Chung

# British Columbia to join Alberta in 2012 for Western Canada Crime Stoppers Conference

British Columbia Crime Stoppers has decided to try something new for its 2012 Training Conference and Annual General Meeting. British Columbia Programs will join other Crime Stoppers programs in Western Canada for a joint training conference hosted by Calgary Crime Stoppers. The conference will be held in Calgary, Alberta. The aim is for Western Canada programs to share information and to network. British Columbia Crime Stoppers will also hold its Annual General Meeting at this event. There will be no separate British Columbia Crime Stoppers Training Conference in 2012.

Details are preliminary right now and much more will be coming soon.

Here is what is confirmed so far:

- Conference dates are May 3–5, 2012.
- Conference venue: Greenwood Inn and Suites, 3515 - 26<sup>th</sup> Street NE Calgary.
- The delegate registration fee will be \$375.00. Spousal Registration with all meals \$ 255.00, with Meet and Greet, Friday Evening Event and Saturday Gala only \$ 175.00.
- Rooms at the Greenwood Inn start at \$119 per night.
- A preliminary session schedule will be out shortly as well as full registration details.

To Commemorate **30** Years

**Calgary Crime Stoppers Association**

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**2012 Western Canada Crime Stoppers Training Conference**

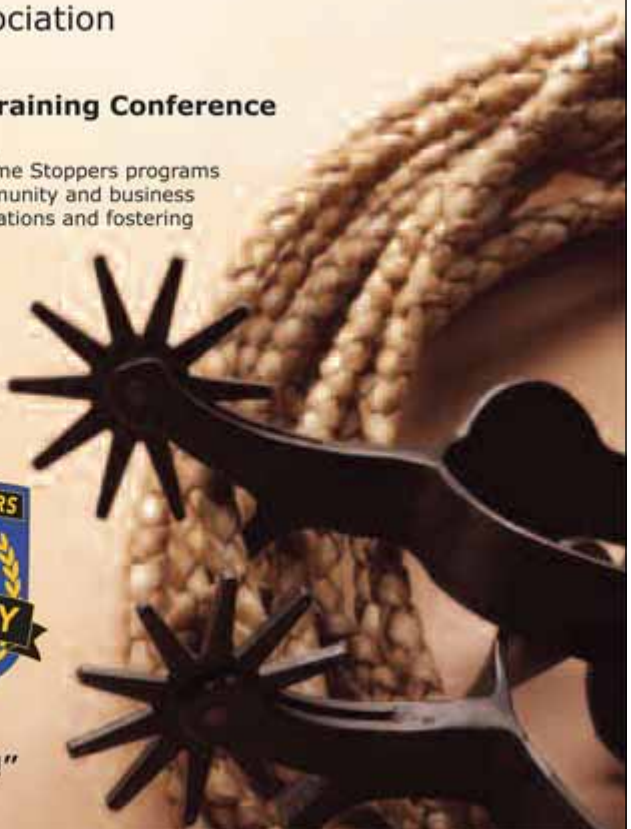

2012 Western Canada Conference will feature the role of Crime Stoppers programs with sessions focusing on Awareness Campaigns within community and business sectors, Branding, Economics, Media Networking, Communications and fostering partnerships

The training conference will culminate with a special 30th Anniversary celebration on Saturday May 5, 2012

We invite you to **ROUND UP** in Calgary May 3 - 5, 2012 to experience the finest Western Hospitality

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# New CRA Rules For Eligible Board Members

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*Robert S. Gill*

It is common for Crime Stoppers programs to require criminal history checks of their directors, senior staff, and even volunteers. The 2011 federal budget has introduced a concept of “ineligible individuals,” that makes the criminal history check more important than ever, and will also require other due diligence.

When the amendments to the Income Tax Act receive Royal Assent, or on January 1, 2012, whichever is later, Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will have the right to suspend charitable receipting privileges or revoke the registration of a Canadian charity where an “ineligible individual” controls or manages the charity directly or indirectly, or is a director, trustee, officer, or like official of that charity.

An ineligible individual is a person:

- With an unpardoned criminal record for financial dishonesty, including tax evasion, theft, fraud, or other offences involving breaches of the public trust; or
- Who has been found guilty of a “relevant offence” within the past five years. A relevant offence is a noncriminal offence either specifically relevant to the operation of a particular charity or is an offence of financial dishonesty contravening any law in Canada other than the Criminal Code, including breaches of charitable fundraising, consumer protection, and securities legislation; or
- Who was a promoter of a tax shelter for which a charitable registration was revoked within the previous five years.

Criminal or relevant offences are not required to have been committed in Canada; they will be captured by these provisions wherever they were committed, if they would have come within the definitions if committed in Canada.

The effect of this change is that Crime Stoppers programs will have to invest more time and care into recruiting and retaining suitable people to participate on their boards or as coordinators or other senior staff. Every program that does not already do so should implement a thorough screening process for all prospective board members. Although the federal budget does not go so far as to require a mandatory criminal history check, such checks have become accepted practice with most programs, and this is the first step towards ensuring that you do not inadvertently recruit an ineligible individual.

As an additional measure of diligence, each program should annually require a declaration of each of its directors and senior staff. These declarations should be in writing, dated and witnessed, and kept with the permanent records of the organization. This requirement should apply to all directors, and to any staff positions that could be seen as involving direct or indirect control or management of the operations of the program. This would include civilian or law enforcement coordinators and any paid or volunteer managerial staff where they exist in larger programs.

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The annual written declaration should state that the individual signing it:

- Does not have an unpardoned criminal record in Canada or internationally for any offence involving financial dishonesty, tax evasion, theft, fraud, or other offences involving breaches of the public trust; and
- In the previous five years, he or she has not been found guilty of a relevant offence (as defined above) either in Canada or internationally; and
- In the previous five years, he or she has not been a director, trustee, officer, like official, or an individual who controlled or managed either directly or indirectly in any manner whatever, a registered charity during which time the charity engaged in conduct that resulted in its charitable registration being revoked; and
- In the previous five years, he or she has not been a promoter of a tax shelter for which involvement the registration of the charity was revoked.

It should be clearly understood (and expressly provided in the declaration) that any dishonesty will lead to the immediate termination of the individual's role with the Crime Stoppers program. An individual found to have made a false declaration, or who becomes an ineligible individual as defined at any time, should automatically be removed from office.

One may assume that these new CRA rules were not aimed expressly at organizations such as Crime Stoppers. From time to time schemes are promoted that seek to gain tax advantages through inappropriate use of the rules governing charitable fundraising. The new provisions are obviously directed at such schemes. But all charities, including those legitimate organizations that have always followed the spirit as well as the letter of the rules, will be bound by these new requirements.

Bob Gill is legal adviser to the BC Advisory Board, and to the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association. Member programs of BCAB may contact Mr. Gill for general advice regarding legal issues affecting Crime Stoppers.

**Don't forget your Crime Stoppers program's awards submission for 2011.**

**Details and Entry Forms Coming Soon.**

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# New Board of Directors Elected at Kelowna Training Conference

The Annual General Meeting of British Columbia Crime Stoppers was held at the Kelowna Training Conference. Here is the complete list of the 2011–2012 Board of Directors and Board advisors:

**Rick Ekel**  
*President*  
Northeast BC Crime Stoppers

**Shirley Stocker**  
*Vice President*  
Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

**Lee Dodds**  
*Secretary*  
Kamloops and District Crime Stoppers

**Randy Komar**  
*Treasurer*  
Comox Valley Crime Stoppers

**Al Sismey**  
*Past-President*  
South Okanagan-Similkameen Crime Stoppers

**Eric Ausman**  
*Director (Statistician)*  
East Kootenay Crime Stoppers

**Gord Beerda**  
*Director*  
Bulkley Valley Crime Stoppers

**Roberta Stewart**  
*Director*  
Prince George Crime Stoppers

**Gerry Guilteneane**  
*Director*  
Central Okanagan Crime Stoppers

**Grant MacDonald**  
*Director*  
Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

**Cst. Ann Zimmerman**  
*Director*  
Greater Victoria Crime Stoppers

**Supt. Derren Lench**  
*BC Chiefs of Police Representative*  
RCMP - Burnaby Detachment

**Sgt. Ron Fairweather**  
*Municipal Police Representative*  
Vancouver Police Department

**Cst. Jack Stetz**  
*RCMP Representative*  
RCMP - "E" Division

**Bob Gill**  
*Legal Counsel*  
Clay & Company

# Awards presented at 2011 B.C. Crime Stoppers Conference in Kelowna

Award	Winner	Location
Coordinator of the Year 2010	Constable Ann Zimmerman, VPD	Greater Victoria
Presidents Award 2010	Chuck Campbell Jack Hooper	Nanaimo and District Prince George
Civilian of the Year 2010	Grant MacDonald	Metro Vancouver
Corporate Partner of the Year 2010	"Rolling billboards on Skytrain" Translink	Metro Vancouver
Student of the Year 2010	Jordan Choo & Jacqui Benson	Central Okanagan
Website Awards 2010 100,000+	Crime Stoppers John Fenimore People Schedule Inc	Metro Vancouver
Website Awards 2010 20,001	Gary Carleton	Cowichan Valley
Print Awards 2010	Vancouver Province Black Press Prince George Free Press	Metro Vancouver Greater Victoria Prince George
Radio Awards 2010	Island Radio Wave/Wolf Vista-'The Juice' 103.9fm Kelowna CKNW/Corus Entertainment	Nanaimo & District Central Okanagan Metro Vancouver
Television Awards 2010	Shaw TV Nanaimo CKPG TV Prince George CHBC TV Kelowna	Nanaimo & District Prince George Central Okanagan

## Productivity and Milestone Awards

### *Programs with population 20,001 – 80,000*

- North Okanagan/Shuswap for \$1.4 million drugs seized
- Prince George for \$5.4 million drugs seized
- Terrace for number of cases cleared
- Comox Valley for \$200,000 property recovered
- West Kootenay for \$188,980 drugs seized
- Nanaimo & District for \$520,380 drugs seized
- Campbell River for \$109,750 drugs seized

### *Programs with population over 80,000*

- Central Okanagan for \$3.1 million drugs seized
- Metro Vancouver for \$40.2 million drugs seized and \$11.8 million property recovered

### *Programs with population under 20,000*

- Williams Lake for \$705,000 million drugs and property seized
- 100 Mile House for \$818,000 drugs seized

**Program of the Year**  
Kamloops and District