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President's Message by K. Scott Abrams, CPA

We have all been introduced this winter to the term 'Polar Vortex.' Even the sound of it sounds cold, and those of us living in Wisconsin have felt the brunt of the Arctic cold and the protracted and sustaining winter months in 2014. Even given that scenario, we all await the first hint of spring and the change of season to a warmer and more palatable outdoor season!

But this is of but one minor change that is taking place in our state, with another one revolving around our continuing struggle in gaining passage of legislation that would help support Crime Stoppers and other crime prevention organizations throughout the State of Wisconsin. Assembly Bill 74, The Crime Prevention Restitution and Funding Bill was included in last year's State budget process, only to be vetoed by Governor Scott Walker, at the insistence of Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen. Quite simply, the proposed legislation would ensure that those actually committing crimes, and having the financial wherewithal to do so, would pay a surcharge on any felony and misdemeanor criminal convictions decided by the court. Funds from these surcharges would be disbursed through a county developed mechanism to crime prevention organizations, of which Crime Stoppers would be a qualifying organization. No State funds would be utilized in this process and no additional taxes are placed on the residents of Wisconsin through this legislation.

Assemblyman Andre Jacque, Brown County, is the sponsor of AB 74 and has been leading this charge in attempting to get this proposed legislation into law. Representatives from the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers Board of Directors participated in the Judiciary Committee meeting earlier this year testifying in support of this legislation. To review the full text of this legislation, please visit this website location:
<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/proposals/ab74>.

The Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers leadership is requesting the assistance of all the local Crime Stoppers programs and any other interested citizens in the state of Wisconsin. This assistance can be accomplished in the form of a letter writing campaign to Governor Scott Walker and Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen. A letter of support written on your Crime Stoppers or personal letterhead identifying your support for AB 74, The Crime Prevention Restitution and Funding Bill, would lend additional support and credence in support of this Assembly Bill. The letter doesn't need to be a long and detailed correspondence, but rather an indication of your support, why you and/or your organization support the bill, and the ability to recoup funds from criminals to be placed into a local Crime Prevention Organization. Obviously, we feel strongly that with the implementation of AB 74, and we believe this crime prevention legislation will make our communi-

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Solving It Does



We Want Your
Information,
Not Your Name!

President's Message (continued)

ties safer for all. In addition, please make a copy of your letter and provide to Assemblyman Andre Jacque by e-mail or mail to him at PO Box 8952; Madison, WI 53708.

A copy of the letter of support by the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers is included in this newsletter. However, keep in mind that we provided a particularly detailed assessment and recommendation in support of this bill and there is no need to be that detailed in your own correspondence. Again, the primary importance is that they hear it loud and clear from Crime Stoppers and other Crime Prevention Organizations of our support in this important legislation.

So as we do think of the change of seasons, also keep in mind how you can assist in making a change with how Crime Stoppers organizations may be funded in the future in the State of Wisconsin.

Finally, please look inside this issue of In Pursuit for more information regarding our upcoming Annual Meeting and Training Conference. We have changed venues this year and have moved our conference to the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells, which offers a more robust conference center in order to conduct our presentations. Our Conference Committee of Diane Lotter and Bev Ghiloni, were once again able to negotiate the state room rates of \$70 per room per night for our delegates attending the conference! With the registration fee of only \$115 per person, this is one of the highest quality Crime Stoppers training conferences at the most reasonable cost throughout the United States.

And the lineup of highly qualified speakers and varied topics is truly outstanding. Crime Stoppers USA Chairman, John Lamb, will be returning and speaking on several topics, including motivating Crime Stoppers boards. The Crime Stoppers USA Coordinator of the year in 2013, Detective Kevin Boehm from the Kansas City Crime Stoppers, will be offering a training session on the law enforcement coordinators roles and responsibilities, 'I Am Suppose to do What?'. Take a look at the rest of the lineup of speakers and I am sure you will agree that this will be one of the most impressive conferences we have ever held.

So please join us at the Chula Vista Resort on April 24-26, 2014! Registration forms and other materials can be found on our website at www.wicrimestoppers.org. See you there!

Green Bay Area Crime Stopper receives \$7,000.00 donation

January of 2011 a young man in a wheelchair was hit and killed while traveling in a roadway in Green Bay. A witness stated the vehicle that hit the young man stopped a block away and then took off. The police had a description of the vehicle involved in the hit and run.

Information of the incident was placed on our website two days after the incident. The Green Bay Police Department made posters of the suspect vehicle they were looking for. The poster was sent to our President for review because it was going to have our Crime Stoppers logo and contact information on it. The poster was approved and was distributed throughout the community. The PD contacted the media to hype the posters which contained the description of the wanted vehicle.

The following day, we received a phone tip with some basic information about the accident. The following morning we received a web tip which contained additional information and we were able to have dialog back and forth with the tipster because of TipSoft programming and obtained more information. A contact was made with the officer in charge of the investigation and within 12 hours, the Green Bay Police Department had the vehicle and driver of the accident.

The court trail took place in November where the driver was found guilty. The driver stated he thought he had hit a garbage can.

On December 3, 2021 on what would have been the victim's 21st birthday the family presented to the Green Bay Area Crime Stoppers a check for \$7,000.00.

"Without (Crime Stoppers') help, we're convinced that this crime never would have been solved," Jeff Kennedy, the father of John "Mingo" Kennedy, said during a news conference to announce the donation from the John M. Kennedy Memorial Fund.

Kennedy's family presented the donation to Crime Stoppers President Hans Lux after showing a slide presentation with images from Kennedy's life.

This is why the members of all Crime Stopper Boards do what they do, helping to make a difference in their communities!



Wisconsin Fraternal Order of Police, Conference Sponsor

Monroe County Crime Stoppers Holds Successful Event

Monroe County hosted an Electronics Recycling Event on September 14, 2013. The event allowed citizens to bring in any old electronic items including televisions, computers, and printers for free collection and safe recycling. The event was a huge success and participants stated they appreciated being able to get rid of electronics they had around the house at no cost to them. Collection sites were in multiple areas across the county and several semi-truckloads of recycled goods left the county. Not only were citizens happy with the free recycling, Monroe County received money from the Vintage Tech Recyclers based on pounds of electronics collected. This was a true win-win event.



Save the Dates!

2014 Annual Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers Conference



Theme: #R We Thr Yet?

April (24) 25 & 26 2014

Chula Vista Resort

www.chulavistasort.com

Guarantee Room Reservation Deadline: April 19th

Conference Session Highlights include:

- Technology Tutoring Session
- "Smarter, Faster, Better: Using Data Visualization to Drive Intelligence-Led Policing"
- Motivating Boards, Diversity and Recruitment of Qualified Board Members
- "I'm Supposed To Do What?" – Coordinator Roles & Responsibilities
- Computer Crimes Overview
- How to Get Your Info Out! Social Media; Cam, Web, YouTube, Google Hangout
- What Should Happen When The Tip Phone Rings? How to Develop Tipster Info!

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October 9, 2013

Office of Governor Scott Walker
Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen
Madison, WI

Dear Governor Scott Walker and Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen:

I am writing today on behalf of the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers, Inc. During our recent board meeting on October 2, 2013, the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers reaffirmed its support by a unanimous vote of resolution regarding the initiatives included in the Crime Prevention Resolution and Funding Bill - 2013 Assembly Bill 74. In offering our support, it is important to know that Crime Stoppers programs are tax exempt 501(c)(3) organizations governed and operated by a local board of directors and work tangentially with law enforcement agencies in their respective communities and are considered crime prevention organizations under the current definition of Assembly Bill 74. Many programs in Wisconsin survive financially primarily through donations by citizens and businesses as well as conducting fundraising events in their local communities. Unfortunately, this is not enough for some areas in our state, which are large in terms of geography and not very well off financially, however, crime is still present in these areas. Despite the financial difficulties that many Crime Stoppers organizations face, our programs stand behind some very impressive statistics that underscores the success in resolving outstanding crimes, as the chart below indicates.

	WI	USA
Arrests	12,650	634,861
Cases Cleared	11,367	980,601
Rewards Paid	\$ 8,262,155	\$ 97,801,386
Property Recovered	\$ 6,617,410	\$ 1,129,098,237
Narcotics Recovered	\$ 12,123,490	\$ 3,015,228,042
Total Recovered	\$ 18,740,900	\$ 4,144,326,279
WI Statistics - 1976 - September 2013		
USA Statistics - 1976 - September 2013		
Source: Crime Stoppers USA Database		

Rewards and administrative costs are borne by the local Crime Stoppers programs and usually with no additional cost to local or county law enforcement agencies. Crime Stoppers programs do not rely on any local, county or state taxes for their operations.

While reviewing the statutes from across the United States, 14 other states have some form or type of surcharge or restitution charge to the offending individual which is then ultimately dispersed to Crime Stoppers organizations or crime prevention organizations. Interestingly, the states of Mississippi, Florida and Texas have the most comprehensive statutes encompassing surcharges on almost all misdemeanors and traffic citations which are then placed into a Crime Stoppers trust fund and are disbursed through granting requests by either the county or Crime Stoppers organizations. Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers believes this 2013 Assembly Bill 74 amending the current statutes regarding restitution to Crime Prevention Organizations greatly enhances the continued existence for Crime Stoppers organizations in the state of Wisconsin.

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In addition, the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers recognizes the accountability and oversight required in administering this type of a program regarding the funds distributed through the grant award process. Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers will work with its 45 member programs in over 50 counties in the state of Wisconsin in communicating, networking and publicizing the appropriate measures and processes in order to remain compliant with the annual reporting procedures. If acceptable, Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers would like to offer its assistance in participating as an active or advisory member with any State oversight or accountability committees.

We understand the current economic struggles facing individuals and governmental units. Crime Stoppers has been an effective means in which to provide crime solving tools and techniques without additional costs to law enforcement agencies across the state of Wisconsin. We want to be able to continue providing this community service for the long-term throughout the state, but due to the economic turmoil, several Crime Stoppers programs have had to suspend or disband this community service due to lack of funding. We believe the 2013 Assembly Bill 74 provides a good start in establishing a proactive means in which to fund crime prevention organizations, such as Crime Stoppers rewards and administrative costs, by adding a surcharge to those individuals perpetrating crimes in the State of Wisconsin. Therefore, Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers supports the enactment of Assembly Bill 74 and encourages the approval and adoption as quickly as practical.

Again, on behalf of the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers, thank you for allowing us to share our ideas and support for 2013 Assembly Bill 74.

Sincerely,

K. Scott Abrams, CPA, CGMA, FHFMA
President - Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Immediate Past Chairman - Crime Stoppers USA, Inc.
Past Board Member - Crime Stoppers International, Inc.
Incorporator - International Association of Crime Stoppers
Board Member and Executive Committee - Crime Stoppers of Racine County, Inc.

WISCONSIN STATE CRIMESTOPPERS CONFERENCE
Chula Vista Resort – Wisconsin Dells APRIL (24) 25 & 26, 2014
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Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers - 23rd Annual Conference – Registration Form

Name: (please print) _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Is this your first time at the WSCS conference? Yes _____ No _____ If not, how many total years attended? _____

Crime Stopper Affiliate: _____

Please check: Civilian Representative _____ (or) Law Enforcement Representative _____

<u>Conference Fees</u>	Prior to April 1 st	After April 1 st	Total	Meals & all breaks are included in the conference fee. Please check which meals you will attend.		
Full Conference (Thursday evening), Friday & Saturday Includes Thursday evening Technology Workshop, and Pizza & Salad Buffet Friday Breakfast, Lunch & Banquet Saturday Breakfast	\$115	\$125 No reduced rate after April 1st	\$ _____	Meals	Yes	No
				Thursday Nite Pizza, Salad Buffet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Friday B'fast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Friday Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Friday Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Sat B'fast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday Conference Only Friday Breakfast, Lunch and Banquet	\$85	\$90	\$ _____	Friday B'fast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Friday Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Friday Banquet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday Conference Only Includes Saturday Breakfast	\$35	\$40	\$ _____	Sat B'fast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Additional Guest Meals				For guest meals we will assume if you are purchasing the meal(s) for a guest, they will be present for those meal(s) and we will count them when ordering meals and for seating.		
• Thursday Pizza	\$17	---	\$ _____			
• Friday Breakfast	\$12	---	\$ _____			
• Friday Lunch	\$14	---	\$ _____			
• Friday Banquet	\$30	---	\$ _____			
• Saturday Breakfast	\$12	---	\$ _____			
Total Conference Fees			\$ _____			
No refund of food related costs if canceled after April 14th, 2014						

Make Checks Out to "Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers"

Mail registration and check to:

Treasurer Bob Berndt

2613 Hoeschler Drive

Lacrosse, Wisconsin 54601

Conference registration questions email to Bob Berndt at: romarjc4@centurytel.net

Hotel Reservations

Chula Vista Resort

2501 River Road Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 Phone: 1-855-616-2442

Hotel reservations are the responsibility of the attendee. Booking ID #B34682

Reserve Rooms under the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers Conference

Rooms will be held only until April 19, 2014 at the state rate of \$70.00, single, \$109 double.

If reserving a room after April 19th, you may have to pay the full room rate if there is availability.

State rate Saturday night guaranteed only when booked with original reservation

If using a business credit card (not in your name) a Credit Card Authorization form must be completed and submitted at time of check-in.

Proof of tax exemption can be shown at check-in.



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**“#R We Thr Yet?”
Conference Agenda
Thursday, April 24, 2014**

Time	Activity	Location
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Registration – Green Bay Area Crime Stoppers	
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm (6:00 – 7:30 pm Food)	Training and Hospitality Reception Hands On TipSoft, Facebook, Twitter & YouTube Training (Bring your own laptop) - Lt. Ryan Weber - Marathon County Crime Stoppers - Ofcr. Chad Sullivan – Janesville Area Crime Stoppers Meet & Greet – Sponsored by: WSCS Pizza, Pasta & Salad	

Friday, April 25, 2014

Time	Activity	Location
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration – Green Bay Area Crime Stoppers	
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet	
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Welcome – K. Scott Abrams, CPA, FHFMA President – WSCS Honor Guard – Adams County	
9:00 am – 10:15 am	Public Engines - TipSoft Daniel Seals - Director of Public Safety Relations & Strategy	
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break	
10:30 am – 11:45 am	Motivating Boards, Diversity and Recruitment of Qualified Board Members - John Lamb, Crime Stoppers USA Chairman	
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	Lunch & Voice Auction	
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Hotel Check-In & Networking	
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	I'm Suppose To Do What? Coordinator Roles and Responsibilities - Detective Kevin Boehm; Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers – 2013 Crime Stoppers USA Coordinator of the Year	



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Conference Agenda
Friday, April 25, 2014 (Cont'd)**

Time	Activity	Location
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	FBI Cyber Overview: Trends and Developments Special Agent - FBI	
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Break – Sponsored by: Janesville Crime Stoppers	
3:30 pm – 4:45 pm	Crime Stoppers Success Stories	
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Cash Bar	
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Banquet, Voice Auction & Silent Auction	
8:00 pm – 8:30 pm	After Dinner Speaker/Event - Crime Stoppers USA Update – John Lamb, CSUSA Chairperson	

Saturday, April 26, 2014

Time	Activity	Location
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast Buffet	
8:00 am – 8:45 am	WSCS Annual Meeting	
8:45 am – 9:30 am	Question & Answer Session – Panel	
9:30 am – 9:45 am	Break	
9:45 am – 10:45 am	How to Get Your Info Out! Social Media - Cam, Web, YouTube - Capt. Bill Bongle & Capt. Jeremy Muraski – Green Bay Police Department	
10:45 am – 11:45 am	What Should Happen When the Tip Phone Rings? How to Develop Tipster Info! - Shelia Moore, Crime Scene Information	
11:45 pm – 12:00 pm	Conference Wrap up 50/50 Raffle Conference Conclusion	
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	WSCS Board Meeting	