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Crime Stoppers Honored with Six International Awards

November 15, 2007, Simcoe, Ontario... Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg has once again proven its excellence after receiving six international Crime Stoppers awards at the 2007 Crime Stoppers International conference.

The crime-fighting program was recognized with two productivity awards including one for the greatest increase in arrests and one for the greatest increase in total property recovered. **Four media partners were also honored for the outstanding work that they do to help promote Crime Stoppers.** Print media recognized included the Tillsonburg News for "Best Special Feature" and The Port Dover Maple Leaf for "Best Public Service Announcement." Television and radio partners were also winners and include **Rogers Television for "Best Special Report / Feature"** and CKOT for "Best Special Report / Feature. The conference was held this year in Hamilton, Bermuda from November 5 – 8, 2007. All awards are presented for work done in the previous calendar year in the program's respective population category (locally = 75,001– 250,000).

"We are extremely proud to gather these awards on behalf of the media partners who work so hard to get the word out about our crime fighting program and on behalf of communities that we represent," said Gord Little, Chairperson for Crime Stoppers of Haldimand, Norfolk and Tillsonburg. He added, "These awards are presented after competing with other Crime Stoppers programs from around the world and so to bring home so many awards is an extreme honor and it is a great reflection of the outstanding support we receive from our media partners and our many committed community supporters."

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that gives members of the public an anonymous way to report information on crime. The program encourages people to call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) to report information on any crime without ever having to reveal their identity and cash rewards are paid for information that leads to an arrest or charge.

To date, more than \$8.5 billion has been seized internationally in illegal drugs and stolen property as a result of tips to Crime Stoppers programs in more than 23 countries around the world.