



THE FACTS ABOUT CRIME STOPPERS

Nearly everyone has heard of Crime Stoppers, but most people don't know a great deal about the program – what it is and how it works. Here are some of the most common questions and answers.

What exactly is Crime Stoppers?

Crime Stoppers is a community organization that solicits anonymous tips about crimes and criminals, and then pays small rewards when tips lead police to make an arrest. Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers serves Bernalillo, Sandoval, Valencia, and Torrance Counties.

Where did Crime Stoppers come from?

Crime Stoppers originated right here in Albuquerque in 1976 after a senseless, brutal murder. It has grown to include more than 1200 programs in some 24 countries. Over 1.25 million cases have been solved worldwide!

Isn't Crime Stoppers part of law enforcement?

No, we are a private, non-profit organization that receives no tax dollars for its work. Crime Stoppers aids law enforcement but is not part of law enforcement.

So how is Crime Stoppers funded?

Crime Stoppers is largely dependent on financial support from individuals and businesses within our community. We are a 501(c)(3) organization.

How are tips submitted and how do they remain anonymous?

We accept tips by phone, e-mail, and text. As long as the published tip number, e-mail link, or text address is used, tips are passed through a software program that masks all sender information. Although veteran detectives receive the tips, the sender's identity is unknown. **We want your information, not your name!**

How much are rewards?

Rewards range from \$25 to \$1000. They are paid in cash and kept small to insure that callers can remain anonymous. Every reward is approved by the Board of Directors – community members who oversee the program and work to raise funds.

How can I help?

Donations are always needed! Checks can be mailed to our PO box listed below; visit our website www.crimestoppersnm.org to make a secure credit card donation. You can even designate some or all of your United Way giving to Albuquerque Metro Crime Stoppers. To learn more about us, call to arrange a presentation for your business or organization.

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