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President's Message by K. Scott Abrams, CPA, FHFMA

Welcome to the 22nd Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers Annual Meeting and Training Conference!

With our conference theme 'On Target for Success - Take Off,' your Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers Board of Directors recognizes the importance of your volunteer time and commitment to Crime Stoppers. It is with that in mind that our conference agenda addresses some of the key issues in achieving and maintaining a successful Crime Stoppers program. We sincerely hope you find that the next several days will assist in achieving your organizational goals.

Think back over the last several months and years ... these are challenging times indeed! The recent federal fiscal cliff and global economic issues, continuing global unrest in the Mideast and North and South Korea, and certainly the significant political divide in our own state during the governor recall election. Given our insatiable need to know and the ability of news media to provide instantaneous access to this type of information through television, newspapers and radio, which now includes social media outlets, individuals have a multitude of access points in receiving information on everything affecting their daily lives. This is also the case when media attention is focused on Crime Stoppers as well.

There were recent news reports out of Los Angeles and the state of Texas regarding Crime Stoppers, and unfortunately not very complimentary reports. For example, the high-profile case of the former police officer on a shooting rampage in the Los Angeles area, then hiding out in the mountains, brought in significant reward fund money to be paid for the capture of this individual. These rewards were not through the Crime Stoppers reward fund, but through other various entities.

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President's Message (continued)

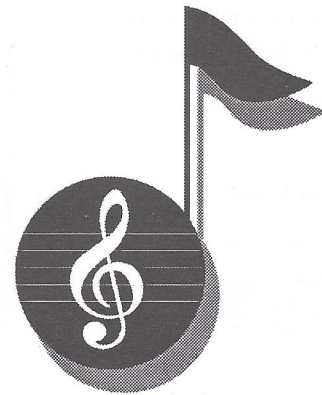
When the local media published that a reward fund was being established, unfortunately it referenced the Crime Stoppers program. Subsequent to the conclusion of this case, several of the donors contributing to the reward fund decided to pull out citing conflicts for various reasons. This reflected poorly on the Los Angeles Crime Stoppers program through no fault of its own. However, this impacts the image and integrity of Crime Stoppers programs throughout the United States because of the high media attention placed on this case.

In some cases, perception is reality. In this case, the perception was that Crime Stoppers offers extremely large rewards for certain high profile cases. The reality is that the Los Angeles Crime Stoppers was obligated to pay the \$1000 maximum reward, but the news media in various forms suggested different information.

Remember; always protect the image and integrity of your Crime Stoppers Program. It is highly improbable to control what the media reports and publishes, however, it is imperative that each Crime Stoppers program relate, interact and establish ongoing relationships with their local media on a regular basis. Keep reminding them about the principles of Crime Stoppers and our need to maintain the anonymity of those providing information to Crime Stoppers. This won't solve every issue on how news media reports information about Crime Stoppers, but it may assist in focusing the perception closer to reality.

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AB 74 - Crime Prevention Restitution and Funding Bill

Assembly Bill 74 has been introduced in the 2013 Wisconsin legislative session to modify and update the current restitution imposed on charged and convicted individuals in the state of Wisconsin. This modifies the previous legislation by imposing a certain fee on all felonies and misdemeanors, which has been patterned after several other states with this type of process. The legislation also establishes a grant process in which Crime Stoppers or other crime prevention organizations request funds in order to meet crime prevention organization operational expenses. For a detailed review of the legislation, please look at the following website:

<http://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2013/related/proposals/ab74>

Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers testified before the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Judiciary in support of Assembly Bill 74. Our written testimony is as follows:

**Assembly Committee on Judiciary – Public Hearing
Comments Regarding AB 74 - Crime Prevention Restitution and Funding Bill
March 28, 2013**

My comments are written on behalf of the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers, Inc. (WSCS). My name is K. Scott Abrams and I have been involved in Crime Stoppers organizations and activities for over 32 years in virtually all aspects of Crime Stoppers programs. Presently, I serve as President for the WSCS, a membership service arm overseeing 45 Crime Stoppers programs in the State of Wisconsin. In addition, I am also the Immediate Past Chairperson for Crime Stoppers USA, a membership driven organization overseeing 325 programs throughout the United States. I'm also a past board member of Crime Stoppers International, and an incorporator for the newly organized International Association of Crime Stoppers (IACS), a partnership between the United Kingdom Crime Stoppers and Crime Stoppers USA in working together to reduce terrorism, drug trafficking and human trafficking.

Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers supports 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 areas 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	623,488
Cases Cleared	11,367	964,842
Rewards Paid	\$ 8,262,155	\$ 98,143,906
Property Recovered	\$ 6,617,410	\$ 1,120,771,284
Narcotics Recovered	\$ 12,123,490	\$ 3,000,835,162
Total Recovered	\$ 18,740,900	\$ 4,121,606,446

WI Statistics - 1976 - March 2013

USA Statistics - 1976 - March 2013

Source: Crime Stoppers USA Database

AB 74 - Crime Prevention Restitution and Funding Bill (continued)

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 updated 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.

In analyzing 2013 Assembly Bill 74, the one caution or request that the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers would ask is to provide a further definition regarding what qualifies under the grant request for funds by a local crime prevention organization. It is the hope of the Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers that funding requests meet the purpose, organizational intent and operations of the local crime prevention organization and not just providing a pass-through for requests from local law enforcement agencies to the crime prevention organizations requesting funds, due to denied budget requests from local municipalities or county boards.

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 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 provide 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 individuals perpetrating crimes in the State of Wisconsin. Therefore, Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers supports the enactment of the 201 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. May you have a wonderful Easter Holiday Season!

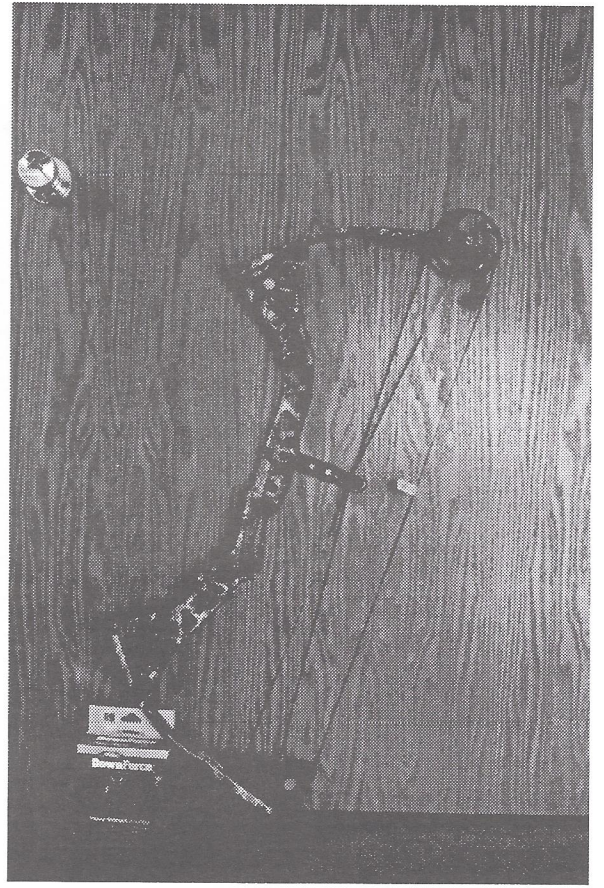
Sincerely,

K. Scott Abrams, CPA, FHFMA
President - Wisconsin State Crime Stoppers, Inc.
Immediate Past Chairman - Crime Stoppers USA, Inc.
Past Board Member - Crime Stoppers International, Inc.

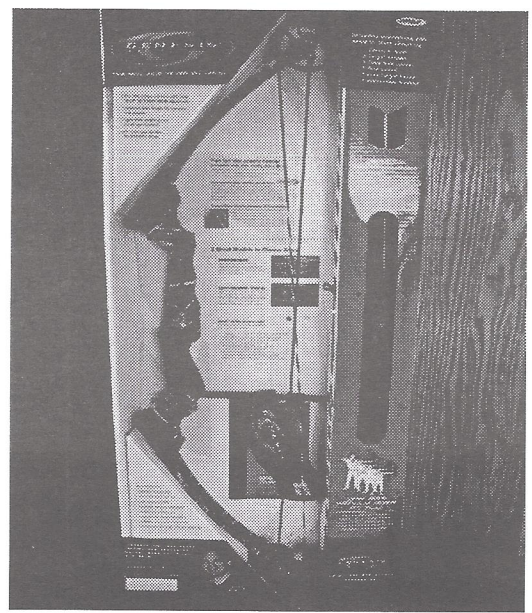


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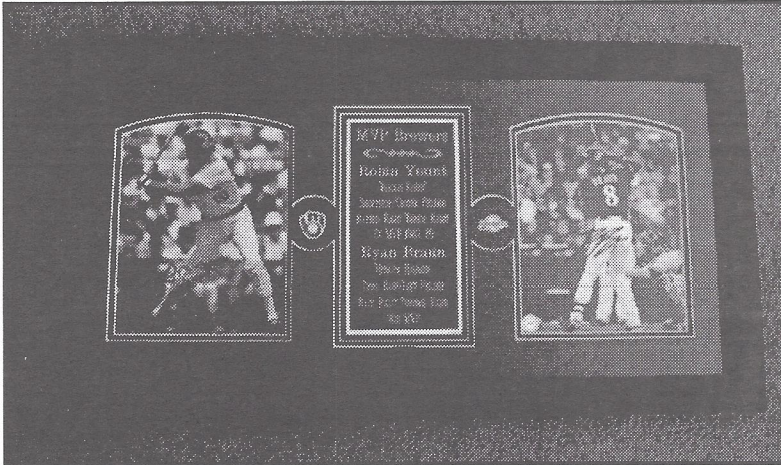


Genesis Compound Bow Kit
Includes 5 Arrows and Quiver
Universal Draw Length
10-20 pounds
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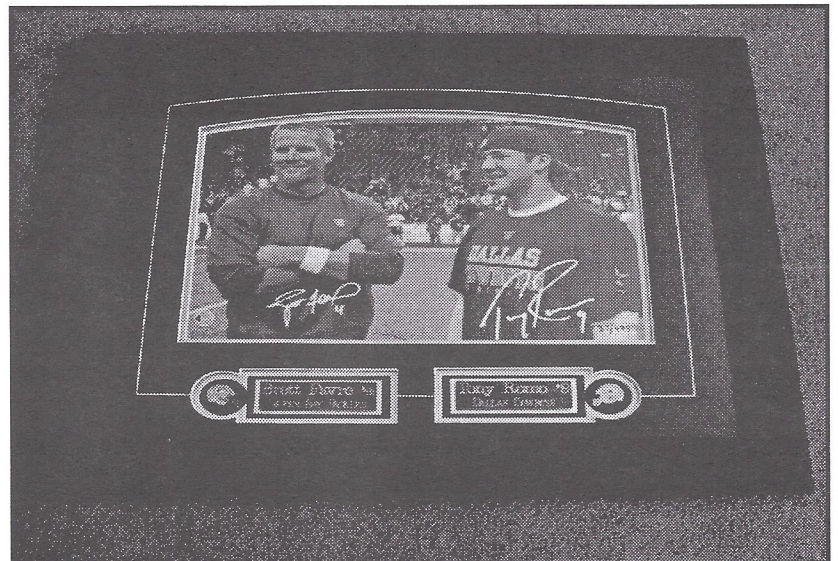


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If you or your business would like to sponsor a golf hole or a golf cart for \$50 or want to donate a prize to the tournament, you can do so by contacting Crime Stoppers at: (920) 236-5742 or sending a check to:

DAVE REUTER, TREASURER
1087 LAUREL CT.
NEENAH, WI 54956

Please make check payable to:

Winnebago County Wide Crime Stoppers

If you sponsor a golf hole or golf cart your business name will be posted at a golf hole or on a golf cart during the tournament. Once a donation or sponsorship is received, your business will be added to our list of generous businesses and individuals that will be prominently displayed at the tournament. We thank you for your support and hope that you will come out and join us for the golf tournament.

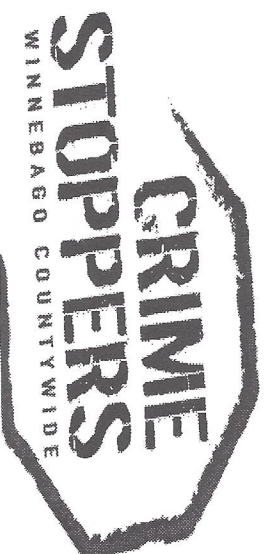
JOIN CRIME STOPPERS

If you are fed up with crime in your neighborhood and want to do something about it, come join a group that is committed to ridding crime from our streets. Every third Wednesday of the month (except June and July), Winnebago County Wide Crime Stoppers volunteers meet at a designated location to discuss ways of removing crime from the streets. Winnebago County Wide Crime Stoppers has implemented many crime fighting strategies such as Park Watch, Texting Tips, and Quick 50. If you would like to join Winnebago County Wide Crime Stoppers, please contact the number below. You will need to pass a background check and be at least 18 years old to join. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

P.O Box 1130 Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903-1130
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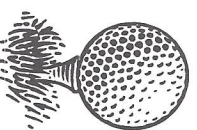
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TEXT: IGOTYA "plus your message" to
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THE SECOND ANNUAL
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SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2013
12 PM Registration

1PM Tournament Starts
UTICA GOLF COURSE
2330 Knott Road
Oshkosh WI 54904
(920) 233-4446



On Saturday, May 18, 2013, the Winnebago County Wide Crime Stoppers will be holding their Second Annual Golf Tournament at the Utica Golf Course in Oshkosh, WI.

Winnebago County Wide Crime Stoppers is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization administered by volunteer citizens and is funded entirely through donations from the public. Contributions are tax-deductible.

Crime Stoppers is a cooperative effort between law enforcement agencies, the business community, the news media, and the public, which provides law enforcement agencies with the information they need to solve crimes.

Crime Stoppers encourages people to provide tips that can be vital in the successful solution of a crime by offering cash rewards for tips which lead to the arrest and/or indictment of felony or misdemeanor suspects, and by guaranteeing that the tipster's identity remains unknown. The monetary reward can be up to \$1,000.

The Second Annual Winnebago Countywide Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament is sure to be a great time. There are many great door prizes, including 2013 tickets to Country USA, Rock Fest, and Four One-Day Park Hopper Passes to Disney World in Orlando, FL., Packer Tickets and Autographed footballs, Timber Rattler Tickets and The Hooter Girls will also be challenging your ring toss skills.

Registration includes 18 holes of golf with golf cart, and meal after the tournament and chances to win many other great prizes.

There will be three division winners: Men's, Women's, and Men/Women Mixed Teams.

Our sponsor list continues to grow and includes:

Kim Central Credit Union, Prospera Credit Union, A.L.S. Printing, Disney, Starshow, Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, Hooters, and many other businesses.

There will also be hole prizes, Ring Toss, Putting Contest, 50/50 raffle, Driver Raffle, and many, many more opportunities to win prizes.

We hope that you will join us for a fun filled day playing golf with your family and friends and knowing that you are helping one of the best community programs around!

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WINNEBAGO COUNTYWIDE
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AND MAIL THE FORM AND CHECK TO:

DAVID REUTER, TREASURER

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NEENAH, WI 54956

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**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
(920) 236-5742**

**THANK YOU! WE LOOK FORWARD TO
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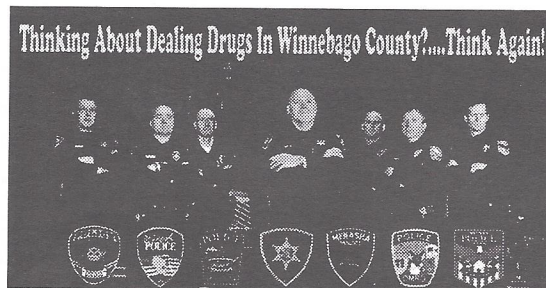
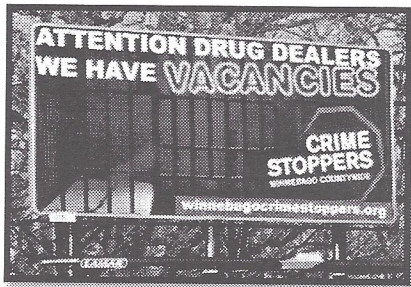


Stay out of Winnebago County --

That is the message that is being delivered to those drug dealers that are thinking about setting up shop here. In the past few years, we have seen an alarming increase in heroin abuse which is leading to a large number of deaths. Not only is this a problem here in Winnebago County, we have seen a spike throughout northeast Wisconsin. **According to the Winnebago County Coroner, in 2012 there were 27 deaths attributed to drug use! In addition to that, paramedics administered over 100 doses of Narcan, a powerful medication that reverses the effects of an overdose.**

Heroin is a very powerful drug and was once thought of as a "big city" drug and, quite frankly, we did not encounter it here in the Fox Valley. Heroin is not a beginner drug and is one that users work their way up to. With that said, there is really no prevention program aimed at heroin abuse. That is what makes prevention programs aimed at marijuana and prescription drugs much more crucial!

The message that needs to be sent is one that is aimed at the dealers. We are very fortunate to live in an area that has law enforcement agencies willing to erase the borders and work together on problems. This past November the crime prevention officers worked with the chiefs and sheriff to film a commercial featuring the SWAT team directed at drug dealers. This commercial and poster below will be surfacing at locations throughout the county and on television in the upcoming year.



We also partnered with Winnebago Countywide Crime Stoppers to place a billboard along USH 41 as a majority of the drugs are transported into our community along that route.

Drug abuse is a problem that is leading to deaths and crimes throughout the county and we - as a community- need to take a stand and tell these dealers to "Stay out of Winnebago County."

"I am tired of reading about young people dying because of heroin overdoses. You are responsible for that. The drug community is a close-knit community from my standpoint, because they watch what is happening to others and change their behavior. You are, in my aspect, going to be the poster child for heroin dealers in this county. So I'm going to hit you hard and make you an example."

Winnebago County Judge Thomas Gritton

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