



Crime Stoppers Month

- An International Celebration of Commitment



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On behalf of the men and women of the FBI, it is my pleasure to join in celebrating January as Crime Stoppers Month.

The story of Crime Stoppers is a fine illustration of the old adage, "From a tiny acorn comes a great oak." From its genesis as a local initiative in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1976, Crime Stoppers has grown to become an international crime-fighting force of great effectiveness, with well over 1,000 programs assisting Crime Stoppers since its inception, and we look forward to continuing those efforts in the years ahead.

The FBI long ago realized that the most effective tool for combating crime was a concerned cooperative public, and Crime Stoppers provides a ready means for people to come forward with information vital to law enforcement investigators. It encourages people to step forward by publicizing unsolved crimes, providing an easy, anonymous, and safe way to report what they have seen and heard, and offering rewards for information that leads to an arrest. Crime Stoppers has proven time and again that engaged and courageous citizens can make a difference in making their communities safer.

Our gratitude goes out to all of those individuals whose time and efforts meld together to make Crime Stoppers work: the volunteer board members and local media outlets who work so hard to promote the Crime Stoppers program, as well as the financial contributors and police coordinators, and lastly, of course, the concerned citizens who are willing to become involved in an effort to make their communities a better, safer place to live.


Robert S. Mueller, III
Director



MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY

January 25, 2006

Mr. John Aboud
Chairman
Crime Stoppers Trinidad and Tobago

Dear Mr. Aboud,

As Crime Stoppers Trinidad and Tobago joins the world in celebrating Crime Stoppers Month this month, I would like to take the opportunity to extend, on my behalf and on behalf of the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, warmest congratulations and best wishes to your Organization.

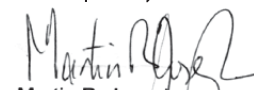
Since beginning its operations in 1999, Crime Stoppers Trinidad and Tobago has consistently partnered with the law enforcement sector and in particular, the Ministry of National Security, in strengthening our onslaught on the lawless elements amongst us. With over \$13Mn. worth of Narcotics seized, 929 Offences solved and 33 Illegal Firearms recovered, as a result of information required by your organization, ours has indeed been a fruitful relationship for the year 2005.

We are confident that the year 2006 will reap even greater accomplishments for your organization and for law enforcement, as the level of public confidence in Crime Stoppers deepens.

We salute you for your continued commitment to our shared goal – to restore to our citizens a secure and peaceful Trinidad and Tobago - and look forward to working together with you in achieving this goal.

May God continue to bless you and your organization.

Yours respectfully


Martin R. Joseph
Minister

1200+ programs in 20+ countries mark January as Crime Stoppers month worldwide