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CRIME STOPPERS BAIL OR JAIL MOVES ONLINE THIS YEAR

Crime Stoppers Bail or Jail is one of the programs oldest and most recognizable annual events. Celebrating over 30 years, this event has evolved from a simple live in person event, to telethon style events broadcast locally, to live streaming trials on social media. Every year guarantees fun and laughs as arrestees attempt to raise funds to escape their convictions. All while supporting valuable Crime Stoppers programming.

Every dollar that is raised goes towards Crime Stoppers programming, the reduction of crime, public awareness of the programs, and education of crime prevention in our lo-

cal community. Crime Stoppers raises 100% of their funds through events like this, as they receive no government funding to cover program operating cost.

The Bail or Jail event has been a staple in the Crime Stoppers annual fundraising calendar, and this year is evolving to meet the challenges the program is facing during the ongoing pandemic. This year's event will be held online, with funds raised through online donations by "arresting" your friends, family, neighbours, employers, or even businesses virtually. They will then be showcased online where people can donate to help the raise

(Bail or Jail, Continued) the funds to escape their automatic convictions.

Throughout this event, the intention is to be as entertaining as possible, so we encourage people to have fun. All of the 'Arrestees' will be convicted of a humorous offence and thrown in jail (in cyberspace!) where they need to raise money to "Bail them Out", but some may want to pledge to "Keep'em in Jail"!

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Sign ups for "Arrestees" is now open at www.catchcrooks.com or by contacting Tyler Lamphier at 519-255-6700 ext 4497.



Lamphier, Program Manager. "Our program truly is a community driven program, and we are in greater need of support than ever. The loss of our major events over the past year has affected us greatly. Unfortunately, our fundraising was down roughly \$80,000 in 2020. The need to change the format of our Bail or Jail event will also allow us to reach a greater number of people and for a longer period of time." This year's event will run online the week of May 9th to 15th, rather than the single day events of the past.



Program News & Information

CRIME STOPPERS LOOKS TO COMMUNITY SAFETY IN 2021

The Crime Stoppers program has always been founded on the unique three-way partnership between Police, the Media and the Community. By leveraging the power of the media (news, social media and in person contacts), Crime Stoppers is able to communicate valuable information regarding crimes that have taken place, crime prevention education and ongoing alerts to keep the public safe. With this information, the community is then able to provide anonymous information to the police to further enhance public safety.

In 2021, Crime Stoppers is focusing its vision on “Helping Communities Stay Safe”. Crime Stoppers mission statement is simple:

“We are a charitable, civilian organization that encourages members of the community to provide anonymous information to assist police and other authorities to solve crime”. However, there is so much more that the program is able to do.

Throughout 2021, Crime Stoppers will be offering simple educational tips and strategies to help the community stay safe, healthy, and alert. They will be partnering with a number of different community charities, groups and services to promote different ideas, topics and strategies. Stay tuned throughout the year for more details, activities and opportunities.

WELCOME TO THE PROGRAM

In January, Cst. Sarah Werstein joined the Crime Stoppers program. Cst. Werstein brings a diverse background, with many community connections. She will be a part of the program for the next three years.

The program is very excited to welcome her and seeing the unique ideas that develop.

SOUTHERN FOOTPRINTS

DELAYED

Unfortunately, our Southern Footprints Race event has been postponed until October. Those who have signed up last year, will receive their race package transferred. We hope to be able to share more details soon.

BEST WISHES

The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers wish to extend their sincerest thanks to two long term board members that have recently stepped away from the program.

Reverend Ernie Harris has been with Crime Stoppers for just over 18 years. During his tenure, he has been the single biggest contributor in our annual Bail or Jail event, in total raising just under \$100,000 for the program.

Kris McInnis has been with the program for just under 5 years and brought many ideas to the table.

Crime Stoppers wishes them both good health and success in all their future endeavors.

BAIL



JAIL

**THROW
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**Bail or Jail Week is Coming This May
Throw Someone in Jail Online to Help Support
Crime Stoppers Programming**

**For More Details, visit www.catchcrooks.com
Or Contact Tyler Lamphier at 519-255-6700 ext. 4497
or tyler@catchcrooks.com**

CRIME STOPPERS NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

In April 2020, Windsor & Essex County Crime Stoppers celebrated its 35th anniversary. As one of the oldest programs in Canada, Windsor & Essex County Crime Stoppers, operates as a non-profit charity, and has been a valued partner of local law enforcement agencies and the media. This long-standing partnership has resulted in over 6,950 arrests, more than \$13,000,000 in recovered property and more than \$53,000,000 in illegal drugs seized since its inception in 1985.

Crime unfortunately affects us all. Crime rates affect our feeling of safety and security within our homes, parks and even workplaces. Crime Stoppers offer rewards for information to help the police and policing agencies solve crimes. Since inception, our Crime Stoppers Board of Directors have authorized over \$1,300,000 in reward payouts. In short, the program works.

Being a non-profit charity, Crime Stoppers does not receive any government funding. Unfortunately, 2020 was also a year filled with challenges. Due to the challenges faced by the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to run many of our fundraising events such as our Golf Tournament, Spitfire Games (Chuck a Puck), Bail or Jail, Bingo's, Shredding/Take Back your drugs events and grocery packing days (at the Zehrs on Lauzon Rd/Tecumseh Rd). Just last month, our program has had to cancel our premier spring event, our Game Dinner that is held at Colasanti's Tropical Gardens. Our hope is that later this summer we will be able to begin hosting our public fund-

raising events again.

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Throughout 2020, the program took measures to cut cost and appeal to the community in different ways. "Without the support of our local businesses and community members, we could not thrive as the successful program we are today," stated Lamphier. "Now, more than ever, Crime Stoppers needs the support of the community to move forward, we are facing challenges like never before. Crime affects us all, but together we can offer a safe way to report things that would otherwise go left unsaid. We are very proud to be able to work in such a strong and heartfelt community."

Donations to the program can be made online at www.catchcrooks.com or can be sent to:

Windsor & Essex County Crime Stoppers, Inc.
150 Goyeau St.
P.O. Box 60
Windsor, Ontario
N9A 6J5



Save the Date



14th Annual
**Windsor & Essex County Crime Stoppers
Charity Golf Tournament**
Thursday, August 26th, 2021

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Board of Directors Corner

President's Message

This certainly has been a trying period. Who would have thought back in March, 2020 that we would still be dealing with Covid-19. Hopefully once the vaccines are available, we will be able to again meet “face-to-face”.

I became President of Crime Stoppers in November 2020 and I am proud to report the following:

Karen Sinnaeve, O.P.P. Police Coordinator, retired at the end of November. We thank Karen for her hard work and dedication to Crime Stoppers.

We welcome Sarah Werstein as the new O.P.P. Police Coordinator. Sarah is a community leader in the Town of Essex and has been a driving force in raising funds for community endeavors.

The Board approved Moe Susa to the position of Vice President.

The Board has increased by 3 members who we believe will make a meaningful contribution. We welcome two new members:

Joan Allison and Melissa Petz. Joan is a retired Windsor Police Officer and has been active in a number of civic organizations. Her experiences as a fund-raiser will be of great assistance to Crime Stoppers. Melissa is a Member Consultant with WFCU and is involved with Neighbourhood Watch. She brings over 20 years of experience in management and customer service to the Board.

Mike Kelly is returning to the Board after a short absence. Mike originally joined in 2011 and has held numerous positions in Crime Stoppers. He feels the need to get back on board and looks forward to being part of the team.

Fundraising activities have been put on hold and we are grateful for the many donations which our friends in the community have made. On a positive note, the Crime Stoppers team will be geared up and ready to go when we get the “green light”.

Don Cyr - President of the Board

Looking for a Few Good People

Windsor & Essex County Crime Stoppers is looking for a few good people to join the Board of Directors and help shape the future of the program.

More details and applications can be found of the Crime Stoppers website at www.catchcrooks.com or by contacting Program Manager Tyler Lamphier.

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From the Archives ...

A look back at the first Bail or Jail from 1987 – Devonshire Mall

