

How to Report a Crime Anonymously?

There are three (3) ways to report crimes anonymously through the Crime Stoppers and Student Crime Stoppers programs:

- **PHONE** - calling **1-800-458-TIPS (8477)**
- **COMPUTER** - logging onto www.crimestopperspbc.com "Report a Crime" (adult program) www.studentcrimestoppers.com (student program)
- **CELLULAR PHONE** - text messaging to tips@cspbc.com

All three methods will allow you to tell us what you know about a serious crime, remain anonymous and be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward. Everyone can make a difference. Make your community a safe environment in which to live. Call CRIME STOPPERS — don't give your name, just your information.

Who Benefits from Crime Stoppers?

You do! Every citizen in Palm Beach County reaps the benefits:

- *Criminals are apprehended, prosecuted and convicted*
- *Stolen property is recovered*
- *Vast amounts of narcotics are taken off our streets*
- *Hundreds of investigative hours are saved*
- *We're fighting CRIME one call at a TIME. Crime hurts...but UNREPORTED crime hurts more.*

Who Funds Crime Stoppers?

CRIME STOPPERS of Palm Beach County receives NO Local, State, or Federal funding. It is a community project supported only by contributions of money, goods, or services. Donations are sought from private sources, corporations, retailers, and the individual citizen. This effort keeps the CRIME STOPPERS program functional, providing reward money and basic operating materials.

How Can You Get Involved?

Crime Stoppers works, but it needs your support if it is to continue to be successful. Contributions to the reward fund are needed on a continuous basis and can be made online at www.crimestopperspbc.com. The more successful the program, the greater the funds necessary. Donations of video equipment for unsolved crimes, printing and graphic services for brochures, flyers, posters, production of promotional items such as T-shirts, caps, mugs, bumper stickers, billboard space, etc., are also needed. Volunteers can also help with publicity, mailing and fund-raising events.

The responsibility of fighting crime belongs to all of us, not just law enforcement alone. Citizen involvement is our greatest asset in Crime Stoppers assisting law enforcement. So get involved – **Help Solve a Crime** – Support CRIME STOPPERS of Palm Beach County. If you are interested in becoming an active volunteer, go to info@crimestopperspbc.com.



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What is Crime Stoppers?

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County is a non-profit citizens' organization created in September 1981 to aid the law enforcement community in reducing the crime rate. It was a project of the Palm Beach Crime Prevention Officers' Association.

The Board of Directors are made up of 21 concerned citizens, who administer the program. They are directly responsible for all fund raising and the distribution of rewards. The Board of Directors meets monthly to coordinate projects and review cases.

Day to day administration of Crime Stoppers and Student Crime Stoppers is the responsibility of the Police Coordinator, a sworn investigator who is appointed to that position by the Sheriff of Palm Beach County and the Civilian Board of Directors.

The Crime Stoppers concept originated in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1976. Its success exceeded all expectations. By the end of 1986 over 600 organizations formed throughout the United States and Internationally. Although each operates independently, all rely on the original formula for success. Today there are over 1,200 Crime Stoppers programs working together with commitment and cooperation of law enforcement, the media, and the public.



How Does Crime Stoppers Work?

South Florida's first crime re-enactment was aired by Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County on September 9, 1981, on WPEC TV-12. Each day unsolved felony crimes committed here in Palm Beach County are requested to be advertised by Crime Stoppers through the local law enforcement agency needing assistance in solving that particular crime. All local television stations, cable stations, radio, newspapers and web sites are used to inform the public of a crime.

Many other Crime Stoppers programs are advertised such as: Palm Beach County's "Wanted Fugitives", "Student Crime Stoppers", and other programs within the Crime Stoppers program. This tool that the media gives Crime Stoppers helps reach those people who may have information about a crime.



Each crime advertised reinforces the message...

"If you know something about this case, or any other serious crime in Palm Beach County, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-TIPS. If your information leads to an arrest, recovery of stolen property, or seizure of narcotics, you may be eligible for up to \$1,000 reward."

The validity of information received on the "Tips" line is checked by the Program Coordinator, then disseminated to the appropriate law enforcement agency. There are over 30 agencies in Palm Beach County. The caller is assigned a special "code number" and advised to call back at a specified interval of time to check on the progress of the case. In all future contacts, the caller is identified only by that code number, thus maintaining the anonymity.

When the information leads to an arrest, property recovery or narcotics seizure, the agency involved immediately notifies the Police Coordinator. This is included in the monthly report brought before the Board of Directors, and the amount of reward is determined. The caller is advised how and when to collect the reward.