

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our report to the Haldimand Police Services Board on our activities and successes through 2020 and plans for 2021.

2020 saw another successful year for Haldimand and Norfolk Crime Stoppers while also being a significant challenge in the cancellation of our fundraising activities due to the pandemic.

At our Provincial Training Conference, held via Zoom, our program was recognized for excellence, receiving 2 awards including:

- Outstanding Fundraising Concept – our Protect your Identity document shredding events
- Best Special Feature – our Turn in a Fentanyl Trafficker campaign that offers a \$1,000 cash reward for anonymous tip information that leads to the arrest and charges against traffickers of this deadly substance.

The COVID pandemic had no effect on criminal activity with our 2020 statistics showing a slight increase from 2019 to 2020 in arrests of 31 and charges laid of 148 as a result of Crime Stoppers tips relayed to law enforcement. Our Board of Directors authorized \$7,275.00 in rewards for tip information received.

Most significant, with the assistance of anonymous tips from Crime Stoppers of Haldimand & Norfolk, \$2,500,866.00 in drugs were seized by our OPP partners through their dedicated efforts. This is a clear indication of the valuable partnership between Crime Stoppers and law enforcement in helping our communities stay safe.

With the pandemic continuing through 2021, raising funds will continue to be a challenge. Crime Stoppers of Haldimand & Norfolk is planning fundraising by means of virtual, online events. These include a rain barrel sale that will be online in the coming weeks. Other virtual fundraising efforts are also in the planning stages. We will be holding our annual Protect your Identity shredding events on May 8 in Simcoe, June 12 in Caledonia and September 11 in Dunnville.

Given the ongoing nature of this danger to our communities, it is anticipated we will once again this year make the offer of a \$1000.00 reward for information that leads to the arrest and charges against traffickers in fentanyl, methamphetamine and its derivatives. This has been a successful initiative in the past few years. We will also be offering a reward of \$500-\$1000 for information that leads to the significant seizure of fentanyl, methamphetamine and its derivatives.

We continue to support Student Crime Stoppers programs that are established in area Secondary Schools including offering a \$1,000.00 bursary to a graduating student that was active in his/her Student Crime Stoppers program through the William Courtnage Memorial Award.

On December 31, 2020, Calgary Police Sgt. Andrew Harnett was killed in the line of duty. Andrew was an active member of Hagersville Secondary School Student Crime Stoppers and was the 2001 Region Crime Stoppers Award recipient. To honour the sacrifice of Sgt. Harnett, Crime Stoppers of Haldimand & Norfolk is in the planning stages of establishing a further bursary in his memory.

To assist us in these initiatives as well as our ongoing programs of assisting law enforcement, we respectfully request funding of \$5,000.00 from the Police Services Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Neil Unwin  
Chairperson  
Crime Stoppers of Haldimand & Norfolk