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CRIME STOPPERS ISSUES PLEA FOR ANONYMOUS TIPS TO GET GANG MEMBERS ARRESTED, AFTER RECENT SURGE IN SHOOTINGS

20 shooting incidents and four deaths in 40 days is why Crime Stoppers has revived its “Guns and Gangs” ad campaign to generate ANONYMOUS tips

VANCOUVER, B.C. (February 10, 2022): Gunfire has erupted across the Lower Mainland on several occasions in recent weeks, and Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers urges anyone with information about who’s behind this recent surge to come forward ANONYMOUSLY with any information to solve these crimes.

It’s not just one municipality - it’s a province-wide problem, with gang members firing weapons in public places from shopping malls, pubs and restaurants, to the airport and in otherwise quiet neighbourhoods, as we’ve seen in the past week. Any time bullets fly, it’s a clear threat to public safety.

“Police can’t be everywhere and anyone who sees, or knows about, suspicious activity needs to report it right away, and we urge them to do that anonymously to Crime Stoppers for everyone’s safety,” says Linda Annis, Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers.

“Anonymous tips get criminals off the street. It’s that simple. Often there are people who are in close contact with criminals and could provide inside information investigators need, but they won’t call police for fear of reprisal from their associates,” Annis says. “This is exactly what Crime Stoppers is for. Anyone can provide information anonymously and without fear of being found out. In fact, the Supreme Court of Canada guarantees you will never be identified or called to answer questions.”

Just 40 days into the New Year, more than 20 gang-related shootings and four homicides are under investigation in the Lower Mainland. That’s double the pace seen in 2021, where 123 gang-related shootings were recorded for the entire year.

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers recently brought back its previously successful “Guns and Gangs” advertising campaign. The first campaign five years ago was credited for the arrest of 145 people for gang and/or illegal weapons offences. 219 guns were seized based on anonymous tips provided.

About Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers is a non-profit society and registered charity that offers rewards for anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to investigators in the communities of Metro Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

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Anonymous tips may be provided through Crime Stoppers' downloadable "P3" app for Apple and Android phones, calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477, 1-855-448-8477 (new number), online at solvecrime.ca or by following the link on the Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers [Facebook](#) page. Find MVCS on Twitter: [@solvecrime](#) and Instagram: [@metrovanancouvercrimestoppers](#).

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers accepts tips in 115 different languages and will pay a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest of a criminal, recovery of stolen property, seizure of illegal drugs or guns or denial of a fraudulent insurance claim. Tipsters stay anonymous by using code numbers to check back later and collect their rewards.

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