



# 2024 IMPACT REPORT

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## BACKGROUND: ABOUT METRO VANCOUVER CRIME STOPPERS

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers (“Crime Stoppers”) is a non-profit society and registered charity incorporated in 1984 that receives anonymous tip information about criminal activity and provides it to law enforcement agencies in communities from Powell River through Boston Bar.

Since its inception, tips to Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers have led to more than **13,000 people arrested** and more than a half-a-billion dollars in property and drugs seized as of the end of 2024.

## How Today's Crime Stoppers Anonymous Tip and Reward Program Works

Members of the public often have information that would assist in solving crimes but may not want to reveal their identities. Crime Stoppers assists by providing a means to leave that information anonymously.

Tips received by Crime Stoppers are vetted to ensure that no tipster’s identity can be revealed. They are then forwarded to investigators at the RCMP, municipal police forces and additional investigative agencies.

Anonymous tips can be submitted by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Tipsters are eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$5,000 if their tip leads to a charge or arrest. You never have to give your name or any personal information and you will never have to testify in court.

### STEPS TO ENSURE ANONYMITY:

- We do not ask for your name*
- We do not ask for your phone number*
- We do not use Caller ID*
- We do not trap IP addresses*
- You will never have to testify*



Since our telephone tips line was first established more than 40 years ago, new technologies have developed that provide tipsters with additional options.

## THREE WAYS TO REPORT TO CRIME STOPPERS

1. Call 1-800-222-8477  
We operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week
2. Report on our website  
[www.solvecrime.ca](http://www.solvecrime.ca)
2. Download our smartphone app  
“P3” Tips

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January is Crime Stoppers Awareness Month!

Crime Stoppers Quick Facts

- 1,800 Crime Stoppers organizations worldwide
- 100 in Canada
- Formed by a Canadian-born Detective Greg MacAleese

### YOUTUBE

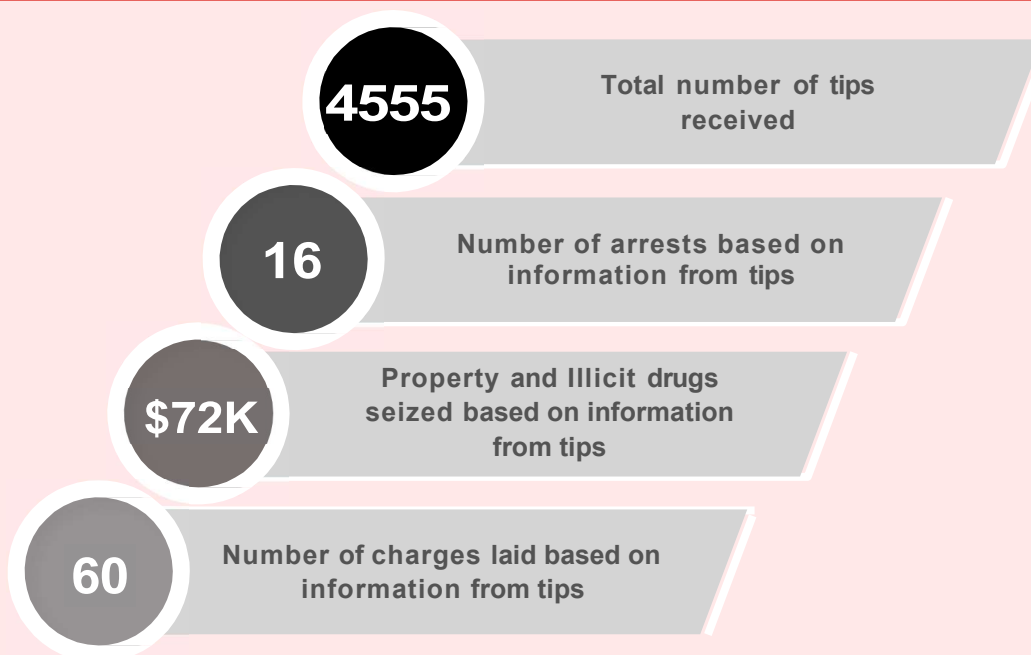
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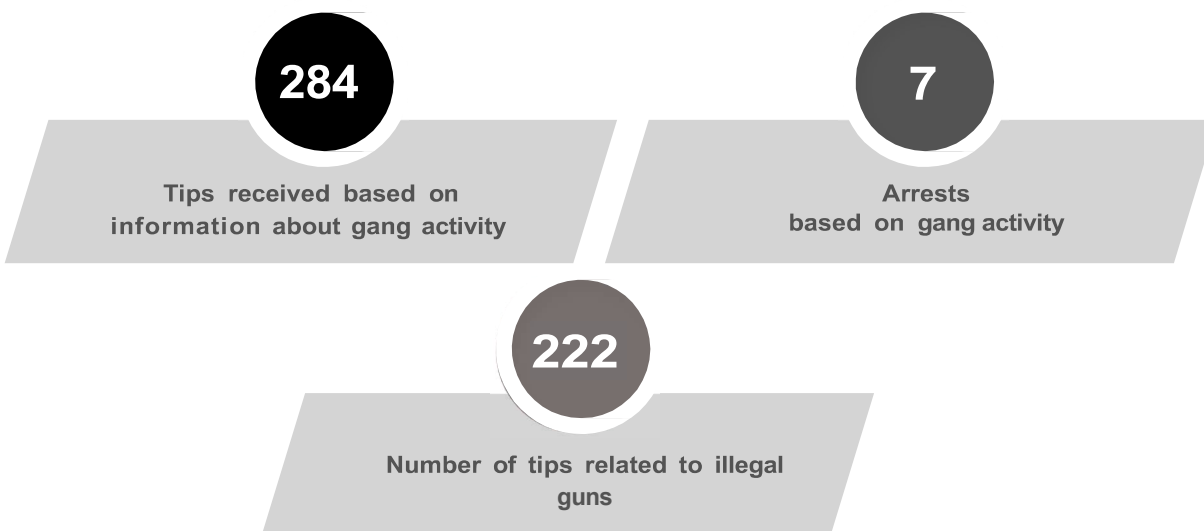
### QUICK STATISTICS ON TIPS RECEIVED BY METRO VANCOUVER CRIME STOPPERS

These statistics exclude additional crime tips that remain under active investigation.

## 2024 STATISTICS



## GANG RELATED TIPS



### British Columbia Anti-Gang Tip Line

Crime Stoppers proudly manages the province's Anti-Gang Tip Line, offering the public a secure and anonymous way to share information specifically about criminal gang-related activity. This initiative empowers individuals to play an active role in keeping their communities safe by providing a channel for reporting suspicious gang-related behavior without fear of retaliation.

Since assuming responsibility for this vital tip line from the Province of British Columbia in 2009, Crime Stoppers has significantly enhanced the program's reach and infrastructure. By leveraging advanced technology and fostering partnerships, the program has been made accessible to citizens across the entire province, ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to contribute to the fight against gang violence.

These efforts have yielded remarkable results. Since 2009, the Anti-Gang Tip Line has received over 4100 tips, leading to the arrest of 220 individuals involved in gang-related criminal activity. In addition, millions of dollars in illicit drugs and gang-related assets have been seized. These statistics highlight the critical role public participation plays in Crime Stoppers' mission to combat organized crime and gang violence.

To further amplify awareness and encourage public participation, Crime Stoppers launched the *Guns and Gangs Campaign* under the banner #WorldWithoutCrime. This initiative has been instrumental in urging residents to take action by reporting criminal gang-related activity. The campaign highlights the importance of collaboration between the public and law enforcement in reducing gang violence and creating safer neighborhoods for future generations.

Through these efforts, Crime Stoppers remains committed to its mission of making our communities safer, one anonymous tip at a time.

## PROGRAMS

### Students: "See Something, Say Something" School Safety Presentation

Since its inception, the number of students who have seen our "See Something, Say Something" school workshops program has reached **more than 85,000**. It is a joint initiative with the police, the Vancouver School Board, Surrey School Board and schools in the Tri-Cities, Burnaby, Delta, Chilliwack and the Sunshine Coast

*The "See Something, Say Something" school program was presented to more than **21,655 students this year.** (January to November 2024)*

The "youth mentoring youth" philosophy provides students in grades 8 and 10 with a safe, anonymous way to report suspected criminal or bullying behavior while encouraging them to support others. Delivered through small classroom workshops, it uses roleplay scenarios and age-relevant topics to help students navigate difficult situations. Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers also collaborates with Vancouver Police detectives and other resources to discourage youth, particularly young women, from engaging in organized crime and to promote responsible decision-making.

### New Immigrants: Tips received in almost every language

For Metro Vancouver’s new immigrant families, language is often an impediment. Immigrants to Canada are often unaware of the laws of Canada, of what’s acceptable and what’s not. People from some countries often bring an abiding distrust for the police or authorities. This program provides our new immigrants with the knowledge that it is safe to report to the police but if they would like to remain anonymous from the beginning of an investigation through to the accused going through our court system, their identity will never be revealed. Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers provides multilingual translation services, with tips accepted in 115 languages, 24 hours a day – seven days a week.

### Seniors: “See Something, Say Something” Elder Abuse Awareness Program

This joint initiative between Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers, support agencies, and the police aims to raise awareness and provide elders with a safe, anonymous way to report suspected abuse or criminal behavior. Recognizing that many seniors feel too ashamed or fearful to report these offenses directly, the program offers resources and training, including a 2020 "Financial Abuse" component to address suspected financial exploitation. Through a volunteer-based approach, seniors are trained to mentor and present the program to their peers at community and retirement centers, fostering support and empowerment within the senior community.



### Environment: We take tips on crimes against the environment and public safety

This campaign encourages the anonymous reporting of illegal activities that harm British Columbia’s wildlife, land, and marine environments. Posters in community spaces urge the public to report crimes such as selling animal parts, harming species at risk, illegal fishing or hunting, waste dumping, and unlawful resource extraction. These offenses threaten livelihoods and the province’s renowned ecosystem, making public vigilance essential for protecting BC’s natural resources.



Crime Stoppers also accepts tips from the public concerning the theft of metal and electricity from providers such as Fortis BC and BC Hydro. Theft of metal and power poses a serious risk to our community and emergency personnel.

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### Indigenous: Building a Healthy and Safe Community

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers has developed a program specifically for Indigenous communities focused on building healthy and safe communities throughout B.C.

73 Indigenous communities throughout BC have received presentations on this unique program.

In addition to creating awareness about providing tips to Crime Stoppers and crime prevention in general, police work together with contacts in these communities to ensure a prompt and appropriate response to any Crime Stoppers tip provided by an Indigenous resident.



### Volunteers: Our Crime Stoppers volunteers create public awareness

Each year, Crime Stoppers' volunteers and staff in our outreach and school education programs participate in almost every significant community event and safety fair from Boston Bar to Powell River. This also provides us with the opportunity to make connections with Metro Vancouver's new immigrant families. Language can be a barrier for some, so providing awareness about our tip line's multilingual options is a priority. As well, individuals may fear reporting criminal activity because they do not trust police, or they fear reprisal. Educating the community about the anonymous nature of our tip line is a critical step in our overall awareness effort.

**2024 (JAN-NOV)**  
**143 EVENTS – 71,066 PEOPLE REACHED**  
**FOUR MEDIA EVENTS – 103,000 PEOPLE REACHED**

If you'd like to volunteer with Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers, please contact us at [info@solvecrime.ca](mailto:info@solvecrime.ca) or visit [www.solvecrime.ca](http://www.solvecrime.ca)



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### Media Releases

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers sends story ideas to media on a regular basis to highlight crimes topics that impact our communities. From urging the public to report wanted individuals, to tips on keeping you and your family safe.

Here are some of the highlights from 2024 media releases:



**“DEFINITELY “SWIPE LEFT” IF YOU COME ACROSS THESE “UNWANTED VALENTINES” - AND THEN CALL CRIME STOPPERS”**

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers offers a “Dating App” list of this year’s “Least-wanted Valentine’s”, including a \$100,000 reward for one of them in February 2024.

**WATCH AS COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE “REPRIMANDED AND THROWN IN JAIL” - FOR A GOOD CAUSE**

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers’ “Jail & Bail” is back – Friday September 13, 2024 and raises over \$22,000



**THIS YEAR’S FIVE “LEAST-WANTED TRICK OR TREATERS”**

Crime Stoppers Reveals Hallowe’en “Pumpkin Gallery” Of Scary Mug Shots. Rewards up to \$100,000 have been offered for information on two of the fugitives

**METRO VANCOUVER CRIME STOPPERS AND “THE GRINCH” ON AIR AT PAN PACIFIC CHRISTMAS WISH BREAKFAST**

Linda Annis and Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers’ “Grinch” provide Christmas safety tips each year during the Global BC live broadcast of this annual toy drive. Selfie requests from the crowd also keep our Grinch busy all morning.



**OUR HOLIDAY ADVICE TO AVOID “CRIME AT CHRISTMASTIME”**

“The Grinch”, “Cindy-Lou Who” and Linda Annis of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers present holiday safety reminders to help prevent Christmas from being “stolen”



## **FINAL WORD - We are not the police, nor are we publicly funded**

Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers (“Crime Stoppers”) is a community-based, not-for-profit that relies solely on grants, donations and sponsorship.

Our own fundraising activities include the annual **Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers Jail & Bail** events in Vancouver and Surrey and the annual **Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers Golf Tournament**.

If someone you know is prepared to help support Crime Stoppers’ ongoing work to keep our communities safer, by making a donation or holding a third-party event, please contact us at [info@solvecrime.ca](mailto:info@solvecrime.ca).

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