



CRIME STOPPERS SUPPORTING THE UNITED NATIONS

26TH JUNE, 2013

A GLOBAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL DRUGS

Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1987, the **INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING** is held on the 26th June of each year serves as a reminder of the goals agreed to by UN Member States on the creation of an international society free of drug abuse.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) selects themes for the International Day and launches campaigns to raise awareness about the global drug problem.

Health is the ongoing theme of the world drug campaign.

Crime Stoppers International (CSI) is the umbrella body of registered Crime Stoppers programs in twenty (20) countries around the world. There are more than 2500 people from both law enforcement and volunteer civilians who are working in Crime Stoppers worldwide to help us fulfil our mission, which is **"To mobilize the world to provide information on crime anonymously"**

Since 1976, when Crime Stoppers first started in Albuquerque New Mexico, USA, anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers programs throughout the world have resulted in significant numbers of arrests and the seizure of over \$8 billion (USD) in illicit drugs. CSI will be supporting the United Nations on this **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** by encouraging our programs to increase awareness in their home communities and most importantly to encourage people to provide information anonymously to their local Crime Stoppers Programs.

The actions of Crime Stoppers programs throughout the world and the information from people who have provided anonymous tips are **"Helping to solve a crime every fourteen (14) minutes, somewhere in the world today."**

In pledging the support of Crime Stoppers International, CSI President Alexander MacDonald, states, **"On this day communities around the world should reflect on the hardship and pain of individuals affected by the abuse of illegal drugs, we need to STOP, PAUSE and REFLECT on what WE can do to make OUR communities safer, and in turn help create a positive environment for OUR families to grow and flourish rather than succumb to the negative influences created by drugs and those who gain profit from the suffering of others. On this day Crime Stoppers encourages communities from**

around the world to mobilize by providing information on this type of criminal activity anonymously. Let's help stop, solve and prevent crime globally".

Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers President and York Region resident Dave Forster added, **"the use of illicit drugs threatens the health and welfare of families, youth and children everywhere. We are very fortunate to live in one of the safest communities in Canada, but we must each continue to do our part in the fight against those that profit from the sale and use of illicit drugs. Crime Stoppers is a valuable tool for the community to anonymously report information on crime, whether by phone, on-line or text tips."**

Since the inception of Crime Stoppers in York Region, tips have led the police to make seizures of over \$100 million in illicit drugs.

For further information, contact Crime Stoppers Police Coordinator, Sergeant Trevor Hanco #400 at coordinator@1800222tips.com or call 1-866-876-5423, extension 6767.

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