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Crime Stoppers Sees Increase in Tips, Awards Paid to Tipsters in 2018

January 2, 2019, Flint, MI — It's been another successful year for Crime Stoppers of Flint & Genesee County's efforts to combat violent crime while offering anonymity.

For 2018, the organization received hundreds of tips that led to dozens of arrests.

"In 2018, we received 595 tips for Genesee County, and 41 of those led to arrests for homicides, probation/parole violations, fugitives, breaking and entering, assault, drugs, and human trafficking," said Julie Lopez, Director of Crime Stoppers of Flint & Genesee County. "Each year we are seeing an increase in tips, which lets us know that the communities we work with want to make their neighborhoods safer."

"The organization awarded \$23,500 to tipsters in 2018, which was an increase of \$14,700 from the previous year," Lopez stated.

A breakdown of the 2018 tips shows the majority of tips were reported for crimes in the city of Flint.

- Seventy-seven percent of the tips were for crime in the city of Flint.
- Twenty-three percent of the tips were for crimes throughout the county.
- Of all of the tips received, 23 percent were for fugitives.

D/Sgt. Tyrone Booth, Public Information Officer expressed, "The Flint Police Department continuously explores ways to better serve the Flint community. We are very proud of the partnerships that we are forming with concerned citizens whose objectives are the same as ours, making the city a safe place. One of the key components in that fight is having a place where citizens feel comfortable reporting information that helps us solve crimes. Crime Stoppers continues to provide an indispensable service to the public that helps our community in an outstanding way."

Since 2014, Crime Stoppers has processed more than 2,600 tips. Out of these tips, 195 helped law enforcement make arrests, and \$87,000 was awarded to tipsters. These arrests were in connection with crimes such as homicides, hit-and-run deaths, assault with intent to murder, armed robbery, arson, human trafficking, narcotics, and fugitives arrested.

Crime Stoppers is a 501c3, non-profit organization that receives no federal, state, or local government funding. The program is funded by tax deductible contributions from businesses and citizens.

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The mission of Crime Stoppers is to partner with law enforcement, the media, and the community to help solve and prevent crime. It is an avenue for citizens to get information to law enforcement anonymously.