

January named Crime Stoppers Month for Halton Hills

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Town of Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette proclaimed January Crime Stoppers Month in this municipality at a ceremony earlier this week at the

Civic Centre.

Since its inception in 1988, the Crime Stoppers of Halton program has received a number of anonymous tips that have assisted police in solving more than 2,100 misdeeds. Tips also led to the arrest of 1,119 individuals, the seizure of

almost \$18 million in illegal narcotics and the recovery of more than \$2.6 million worth of stolen property.

The statistic achieved in Halton demonstrates the vital role that Crime Stoppers plays to take tips from anonymous callers and provide the information to police to assist them in solving a myriad of crimes.

Last year tips to Halton Crime Stoppers led to the arrest of 28 individuals, the recovery of \$83,936 in stolen property and the seizure of illegal drugs with a street value of \$21,527. Statistics also show that since Halton Crime Stoppers came into existence, tips to the program have led to the arrests of 1,119 people, the



Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette (centre) presents a support letter to Halton Regional Police Det. Const. Paul Proteau (left) and Crime Stoppers of Halton board chair Norm Bellefontaine.

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recovery of \$2,643,517 in stolen property and the seizure of drugs worth \$17,995,013 on the street.

"It is an extremely valuable program that not only assists police in the fight against crime, but creates safer neighborhoods and makes residents feel much more secure," said Det. Const. Paul Proteau, coordinator of Halton's Crime Stoppers program.

"Crime Stoppers is also much more

effective because of the cooperation it receives from various partners who establish initiatives to alert people about crime concerns or fund projects that directly tackle criminal activity in the community," Proteau said. "Partnerships formed within the community, through the media or with the police, are truly the lifeblood of Crime Stoppers. They create the awareness that generates the tips to help solve crime."

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