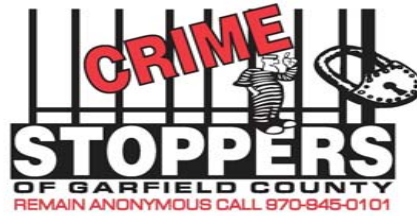


# Garfield County Crime Stoppers

Garfield County Law Enforcement, Media and Community Members

*"We're committing our time to solve the crime!"*





# What is “Crime Stoppers”?

- **Mission: To collect anonymous tips to help solve crimes**
- **Non-profit**
- **Community Based**

# Proven & effective

- **On average each tip saves 100 hours of investigator's time.**
- **Crimes solved more quickly.**
- **Cost effective.**

# Principal of Crime Stoppers

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***Someone other than the criminal has information that can solve a crime***

# Crime Stoppers

- **Created to combat the three major problems faced by law enforcement in acquiring information on a crime:**
  - **Fear of REPRISAL**
  - **Attitude of APATHY**
  - **Reluctance to get INVOLVED**

# History

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How Did Crime Stoppers  
Begin?

# Crime Stoppers Story

- **1976 – Albuquerque, NM – gas station attendant, Michael Carmen, is shot point blank in apparent robbery**
- **Detective Greg MacAleese moved by senselessness of Carmen’s death (young university student engaged to marry high school sweetheart in 2 weeks)**
- **Without leads in case, MacAleese contacts Max Sklower, general manager of KOAT-TV, to reenact crime for one of his newscasts**

# Crime Stoppers Story (cont.)

- **On September 9, 1976, after first TV broadcast of reenactment, Detective MacAleese is contacted by young man who provides clues to the number of assailants and description of their car**
- **Tip leads to arrest of gunmen within 72 hours from receipt of tip**
- **Six additional armed robberies solved from these arrests**

# Crime Stoppers Story (cont.)

- **MacAleese convinces Albuquerque Police to actively request help from citizenry to solve crimes by offering:**
  - anonymity
  - cash awards
- **Albuquerque's adoption of Crime Stoppers corresponds with significant drop in crime rate (288 cases solved, \$300,000 worth of stolen property recovered in first year)**

# Crime Stoppers

1979 - Grew from local organization to national:  
Crime Stoppers - USA

National Statistics as of 4/9/2010

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| ● Arrests Made             | 521,769         |
| ● Cases Cleared            | 859,285         |
| ● Rewards Paid             | \$78,481,672    |
| ● Property Value Recovered | \$1,086,184,685 |
| ● Drug Value Seized        | \$2,970,243,107 |
| ● Total Value Recovered    | \$4,056,427,792 |

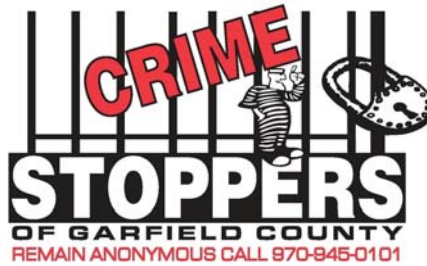
# Crime Stoppers - USA

- **Vision:** to establish Crime Stoppers as the Premier Community Based Crime Solving Program in the United States.
- **Mission:** to develop Innovative Resources and partnerships that promote Crime Stoppers throughout the United States.

# Crime Stoppers - International

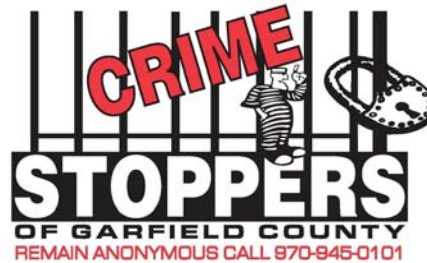
## Now world wide program

- USA
- Canada
- Australia
- United Kingdom
- India
- South Africa
- Netherlands
- Saipan
- Jamaica
- Bermuda
- Others



**Crime Stoppers of Garfield County started to take form in 1983 and went public with the signing of their By-laws on July 11th, 1985. After only one year in operation the non-profit organization was recognized as one of the best Crime Stoppers organizations in the state of Colorado.**

**After fifteen years of dedicated crime fighting the organization was rendered inactive by 1998. Committed to empowering the citizens of Garfield County, Sheriff Lou Vallario reorganized a Crime Stoppers Board and they signed in the new By-laws on September 19th, 2007.**

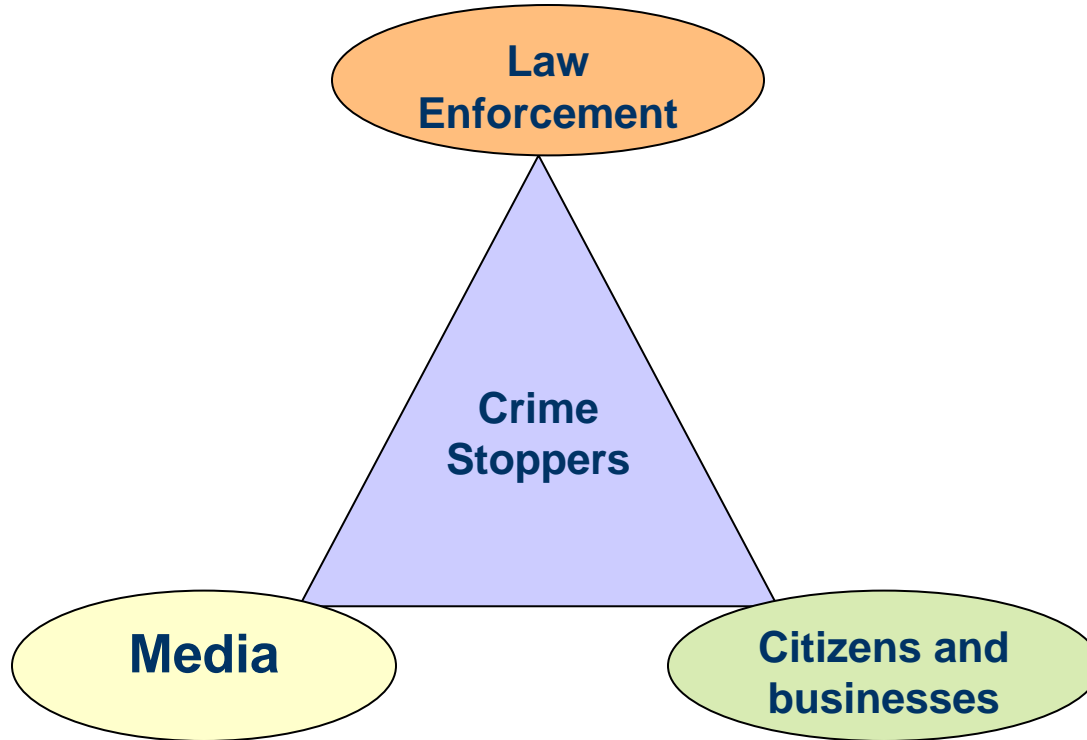


**With the support of all the Municipal Police Chiefs in Garfield County, Crime Stoppers was thrust into activity on July 29th, 2007 when a Glenwood Springs Police Officer was shot once in the chest. This tragedy created an amazing amount of ownership in our community.**

**The commitment to apprehending the suspects involved was fueled by each Crime Stoppers Update that was posted publicly. Citizens were donating money and calling in credible tips which led to the arrest of two suspects in this case.**

**We truly saw the power of the triangle; Citizens, Media and Law Enforcement working together to solve a crime.**

# Key to Success

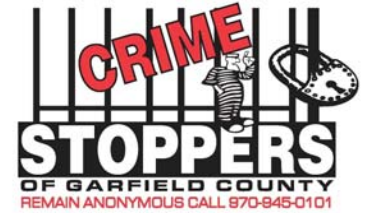


# Law Enforcement Role

- Receive and process anonymous tips
- Use information received to help solve a case by coordinating with area agencies

# Media Role

- Make Crime Stoppers a household word
- Weekly publicize an unsolved crime
- Get the word out:
  - cash rewards to those providing information leading to solving case
  - donations to Crime Stoppers reward fund accepted



# Community's Role

- Provide crime related tips via phone or TipSoft
- Serve on local citizens' board
- Donate to \$upport our Crime Stoppers non-profit program

**Garfield County Crime Stoppers  
P. O. Box 2784  
Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81602**

**Donations are tax deductible**

# Local Citizen's Board

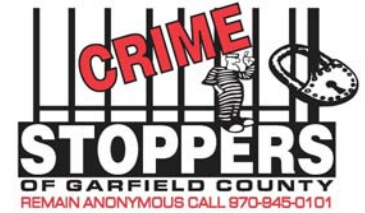
- Made up of concerned community members
- Oversees operation of program
- Raises funds to support program
- Meets monthly to determine reward amounts



# Crime Stoppers of Garfield County

Citizen's Board is diverse – Members' professions include:

- Radio DJ
- Postmaster
- Banker
- Retired school teacher
- USDA Hydrologist
- Construction business owner
- Firefighter



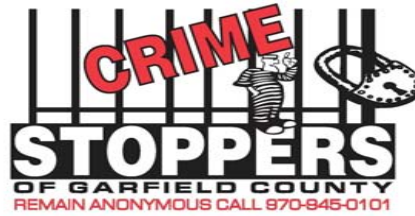
# Crime Stoppers of Garfield County

## Citizen's Board

- Chair: Dave Ruechel
- Co-Chair: Ron Milhorn
- Treasurer: Cami Taylor
- Secretary: Tom Ashworth
- Board Members: Sandy Decrow, Thad Green, Andrea Holland
- Advisory Board Members: Jane Ashworth, Robert Jones, Shaun Wood
- Law Enforcement Coordinators: Tanny McGinnis, Adam Ford

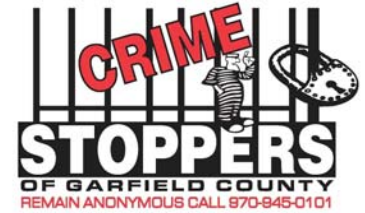
# Fundraising Efforts

- Dunk tank at community events
- City Market CARES participants
- Summer rafting trips
- Community donations



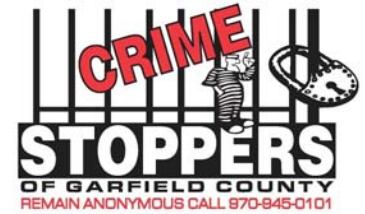
# Contributions help pay for:

- **REWARDS** for information leading to the arrest of and charges against persons committing crimes.
- **E-MAIL AND TELEPHONE LINES** for the collection of anonymous tips.
- **SCHOLARSHIPS** to local school districts for qualifying students interested in the field of law enforcement.



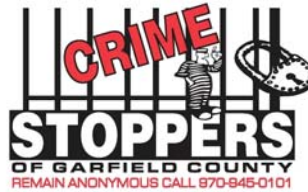
## How to make a crime tip . . .

- **Call 970-945-0101, press 2 to forward to law enforcement coordinator's cell phone**
- **TipSoft Online: [www.garcocrimestoppers.com/](http://www.garcocrimestoppers.com/)**
- **“Report a Tip” tab → <https://www.tipsubmit.com>**



## After Crime is Solved

- **Tipster maintains contact with LE coordinator either through TipSoft or designated call times**
- **If tip leads to arrest and indictment, tipster may be rewarded up to \$1,000 - cash**
- **All awards are confidential via pickup at local bank**



## “CRIME OF THE MONTH”

2010 Garfield County Crime Stopper law enforcement request form. This form is to request that an unsolved case you are working on be featured as our “Crime of the Month.”

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF CRIME: \_\_\_\_\_

SUMMARY OF OFFENSE (we can complete this section for you if you attach or e-mail me a copy of the report): \_\_\_\_\_

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Garfield County Crime Stoppers is searching for information that will lead to the arrest and or indictment of a suspect or suspect involved in this case. Remain anonymous and earn up to \$1,000.00 by calling **970-945-0101**.

Please return to:

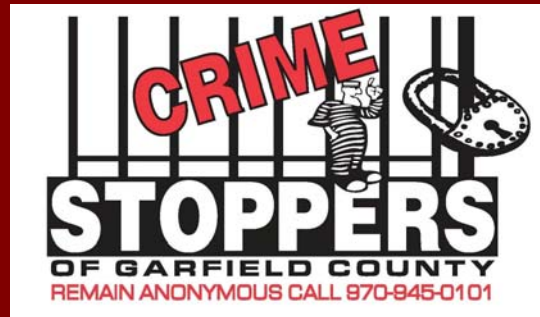
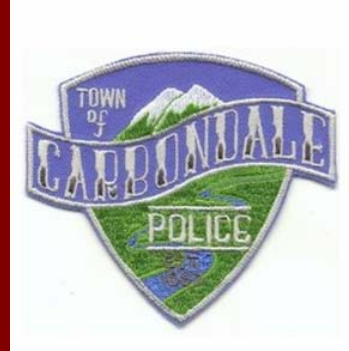
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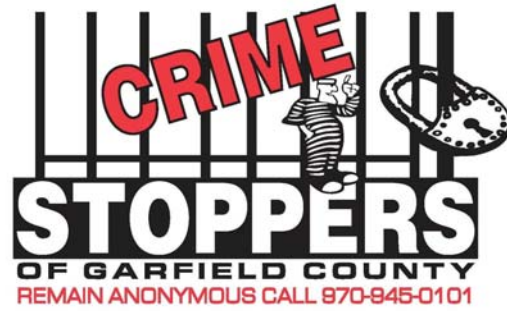
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# Participating Agencies





*Questions?*