

Crime Stoppers



Rising crime is a concern of all citizens. There are several ways in which citizens can become involved in helping the police to minimize or solve crimes. One of these ways is to participate in the Crimestoppers program. The local GREAT FALLS/CASCADE COUNTY CRIME STOPPERS began in 1985 with a Board of Directors made up of citizens who volunteered to serve their community, and is coordinated by the Cascade County Sheriff's Office and Great Falls Police Department. CRIME STOPPERS is a non-profit organization completely overseen by the Board of Directors. All rewards are paid from contributions received from the community and do not use any tax dollars.

As of 2009, the CRIME STOPPERS program has recovered \$1,644,252 worth of stolen property, recovered a street value of over \$460,000 of narcotics, seized almost \$50,000 cash, as well as solved over \$165,852 in vandalism cases, clearing a total of 927 felony cases and 300 misdemeanor cases. All of this is based on tips received from anonymous callers who received a reward if their tip resulted in an arrest.

How It Works

There is a 24 hour hotline, 727-TIPS (727-8477) for witnesses or persons with information to use to provide their information to CRIME STOPPERS. All callers can remain anonymous if they wish to do so. All tips are provided with a "caller ID number" and the callers are provided the number so they can receive a reward. Once the information is received, it is disseminated to the correct law enforcement agency for investigation. If the information leads to the arrest and prosecution of the suspect, the caller may be eligible for a cash reward up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

If the TIP you provided resulted in an arrest being made, you may call the CRIME STOPPERS TIPS line at 727-TIPS on the second Friday of each month, provide your "caller ID number" and be informed whether or not your TIP received a reward. If your TIP did receive an award, you will be given instructions for picking-up the reward at a local banking institution.

If you have further questions on Crime Stoppers, contact Sgt. Larry Brooks at (406) 771-1180 Ext. 493.

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