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Crime Stoppers Celebrates 40th Anniversary

(WICHITA, Kan.) - Crime Stoppers of Wichita – Sedgwick County is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this month. The local crime-fighting program started in June 1980. The Wichita-Sedgwick County program began when Wichita Police Department officials traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to meet with Crime Stoppers Founder Greg MacAleese. Those officials returned, and soon after, a volunteer board of directors was formed, and the program received its official 501(C)(3) non-profit status.

Today, Crime Stoppers tips have led to more than 3,700 arrests. The program has approved more than \$522,000 in rewards. Crime Stoppers has also recovered more than \$4.7 million in property and helped seize over \$791,000 in drugs.

“Preventing and solving crime is not just a law enforcement problem,” said Crime Stoppers Chair, Stacey Kluge. “Forty years ago, our community decided that working hand in hand with media and law enforcement was a great way to help keep our communities safe. That remains true today.”

Crime Stoppers is a division of the non-profit Wichita Metro Crime Commission.

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