

Virginia Beach

Crime Solvers

1-888-LOCK-U-UP



“Crime Solvers 101”

*Understanding
Virginia Beach
Crime Solvers*



Understanding Crime Solvers

- A community based program that unites
 - law enforcement
 - the media
 - citizens

Basic principles...

- A risk free way for citizens to assist law enforcement.
- Anonymity is guaranteed.
- Cash rewards paid for good information.



What's in a Name??

- Crime Solvers, Crime Line, Crime Stoppers, and Silent Witness are all the same.
- They are all programs that pay cash rewards of up to \$1,000 for info that helps the police

What it is not?

It is not a crime prevention program like Neighborhood Watch, D.A.R.E. or other similar programs.

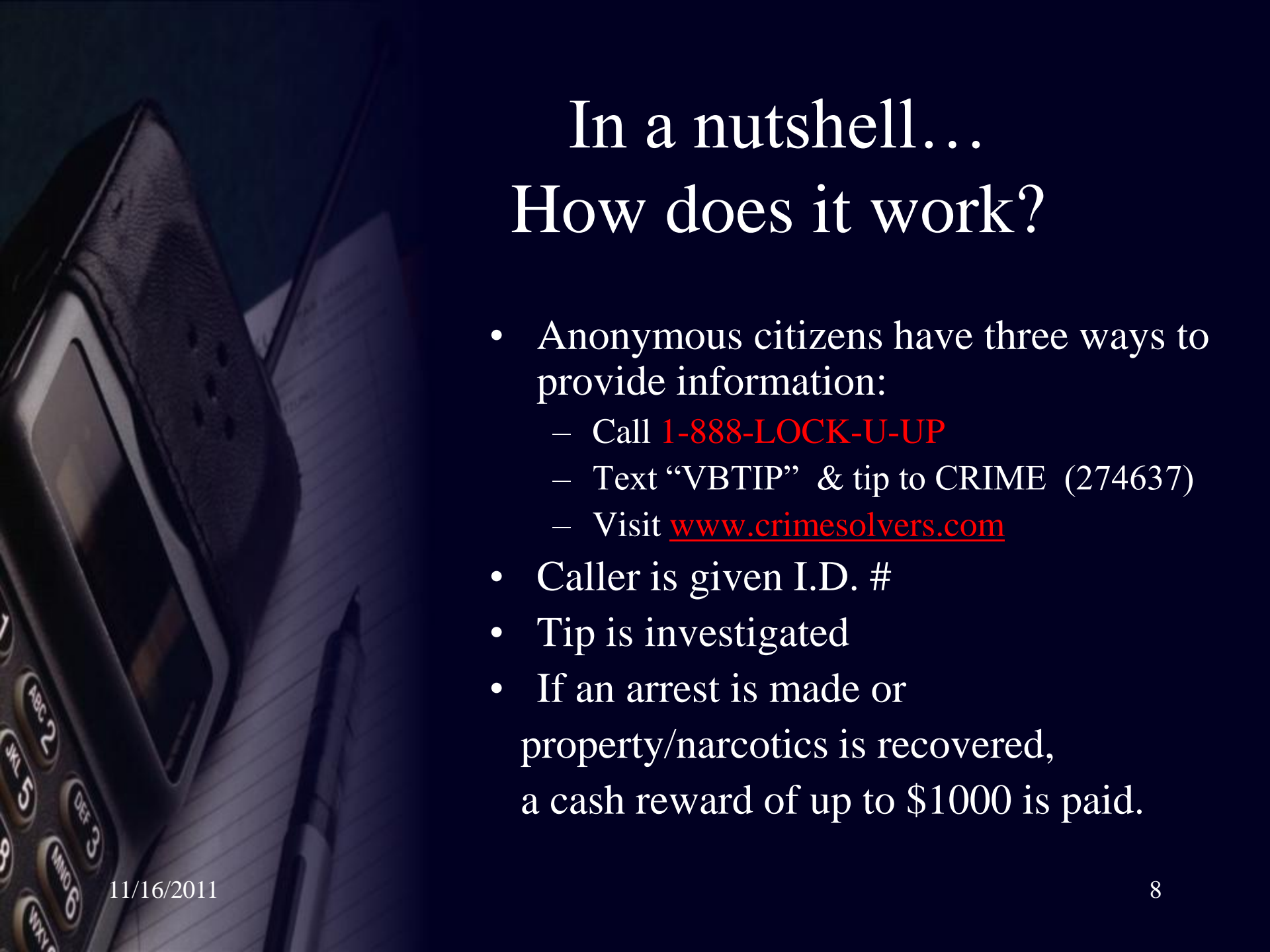


What does it do?

Helps law enforcement:

- Solve crimes
- Locate wanted criminals
- Seize illegal drugs
- Recover stolen property
- Improves the quality of life for citizens





In a nutshell...

How does it work?

- Anonymous citizens have three ways to provide information:
 - Call **1-888-LOCK-U-UP**
 - Text “VBTIP” & tip to CRIME (274637)
 - Visit www.crimesolvers.com
- Caller is given I.D. #
- Tip is investigated
- If an arrest is made or property/narcotics is recovered, a cash reward of up to \$1000 is paid.

Typical tip progression



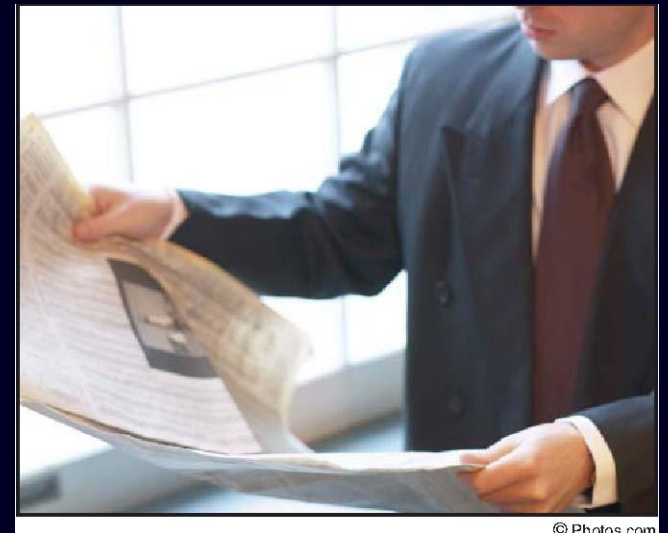


Role of Law Enforcement...

- Obtain, record, investigate & corroborate tips.
- Respond to crime scenes.
- Act as liaisons between the Crime Solvers Board, law enforcement, and the media.
- Create and release the “*Crime of the Week*”
to the media and law enforcement.
- Supply the Virginian Pilot/VBTV with information and photos of wanted persons.

Role of the Media...

- Publicize the *Crime of the Week*
- Publicize wanted criminals
- Assist in contacting callers
- Publicize the program



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Media Relations



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Role of the Board of Directors...

- Raise funds to pay rewards
- Pay rewards
- Promote the program



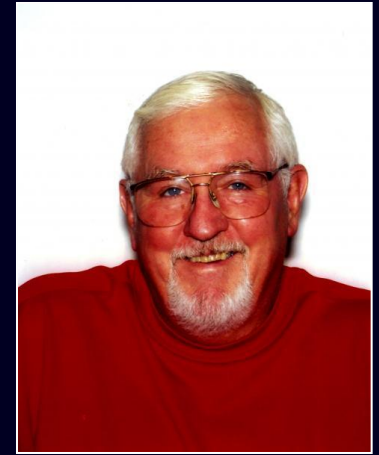
Board composition...

- 24 Board Members, 7 Emeritus Members, 12 Advisory Members, 1 Police Coordinator & 1 Office Administrator

Our members represent a wide variety of careers, backgrounds, and skill sets.



How did Crime Solvers start?



- 1976 unsolved murder in a convenience store in Albuquerque
- Detective Greg MacAleese
- Police as actors re-enacted the crime
- 1 call led MacAleese to the suspect in a nearby apartment complex.
- Aired at 10 PM; arrest at 8 AM
- 4 other unrelated tips were received to clear a series of burglaries

So...

how BIG is it?

- 1200 + programs throughout USA
- World-wide: 789,000+arrests / \$1.2 billion recovered stolen property
- First program in Virginia - Fairfax Co. 1978
50+ programs in Virginia





Crime Stopper Associations

- Crime Stoppers International
- Crime Stoppers USA
- Southeastern Crime Stoppers
- Virginia Crime Stoppers Association
- Hampton Roads Crime Line



Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Hampton Roads Crime Lines

- Programs formed in early 1980's
- 1000's of arrests
- Millions of dollars recovered in stolen / seized property



Virginia Beach Crime Solvers - May 1982

as of 11/16/11

Since that time we have:

- Received over **29,654** phone tips
- Received over **124** web & **29** SMS tips
- Made over **7,053** physical arrests
- Filed more than **14,829** charges
- Recovered over **\$32,055,043** in Property & Narcotics
- Paid over **\$830,801** in rewards



2011 Statistics

as of 11/16/11

- Phone Tips Received - 665
- Web Tips Received - 124
- SMS Tips Received - 29
- Physical Arrests - 96
- Charges Filed - 307
- Property/Drugs Recovered -
\$128,825
- Rewards Approved - \$18,545

Significant Cases

- Plaza Homicide – 2 arrested
- 38 Commercial Burglaries – 2 arrested
- 52 pounds Marijuana Recovered
- Grow Op – 21 Marijuana Plants
- Embezzlement (\$159,266) – 1 arrested
- Bank of Hampton Roads Robbery– 1 Arrested
- Green Run Homicide – 1 Arrest

Common calls

- Unsolved crimes
 - (No viable investigative leads)
- Wanted criminals
- “Blind calls”
- Narcotics



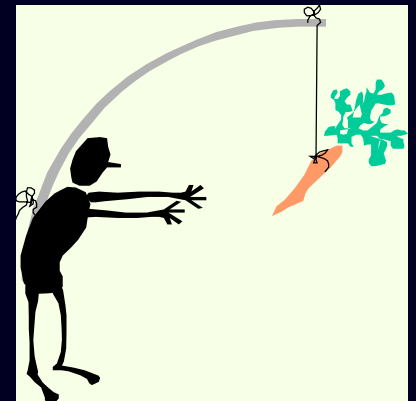
Crime Solvers / Line Operations

Who calls Crime Solvers?

- Drug Dealers
- Accomplices
- Family members
- Good citizens
- Cellmates
- Fringe players
- Wanna-be LEOs

What motivates callers?


- Financial strife
- Revenge
- Greed
- Eliminate competition
- Being a good citizen



Important points!




- Crime Solvers is a Virginia non-profit 501(C) (3) corporation that does not receive local, state, or federal tax dollars for paying rewards.
- The program is operated independently by its civilian Board of Directors.
- Rewards never exceed \$1000.




...more important points!

- Law enforcement records are available to criminal defendants/attorneys.
- Records of private corporations are not governed by same laws.
- The tip line is never recorded or traced and does not have caller ID capability.



How is the program promoted?

- Mass media
 - Internet, posters, billboards, the Ad Mobile, TV, radio, give-away
 - Street signs, posters inside jails, & bumper stickers on civilian and police vehicles.



Reward money...

Where does it come from?

- Corporate Sponsors
- Fund-raisers
- Private donations



Corporate Sponsors

- Golden Corral
- Peter Kwick Printing
- Avis Rent-A-Car
- Haynes Furniture
- The Breakers Resort Inn
- Hoffman Beverage Co.

Annual Fund-Raising Events

- Mardi Gras
- Golf Tournament
- Pig Pickin'



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Virginia Beach Crime Solvers is a Citizen / Police / Media Partnership whose purpose is to create public awareness of our anonymous phone line, solve crimes and raise funds to pay anonymous rewards which will result in a safe city.

NO NAMES NEEDED

NO COURT APPEARANCE

Rewards up to \$1,000

2011 Fundraisers

2011

MARDI GRAS

Saturday
February 19, 2011

Holiday Inn & Suites
39th & Atlantic Ave.

VBES
5th Annual
PIG PICKIN'

Saturday
June 4, 2011

VIRGINIA BEACH AIRPORT
in Pungo

VBES
29th Annual
GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 2011

HERON RIDGE GOLF COURSE



SAVE THE DATE!!!

1-888-LOCK-U-UP (888-562-5887) • www.crimesolvers.com

A dark, moody background image featuring a mobile phone, a pen, and a notepad. The phone is on the left, showing its keypad and screen. A pen lies diagonally across the bottom, and a notepad is visible behind it. The overall tone is professional and focused.

Public Appearances

- Pungo Strawberry Festival
- Neptune Festival
- National Night Out
- Public Speaking Engagements
 - Schools
 - Citizen's Police Academy
 - Various Citizen Groups (Kiwanis, Rotary, Etc.)

Any Questions





Contact Information:

- Virginia Beach Crime Solvers
- Office: 385-8995
- E-Mail: tborman@vbgov.com
- Website: www.crimesolvers.com
- Tip Line:
 - 1-888-562-5887 (LOCK-U-UP)
 - Text “VBTIP” & tip to CRIMES (274637)
 - Submit a tip a www.crimesolvers.com