



## CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item H  
January 23, 2012

**SUBJECT: Approval to enter partnership with Crime Stoppers of Michigan for \$500 from State Forfeiture Funds.**

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety - Police *DEM*

**CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:** *[Signature]*

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$500
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$500
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	N/A
LINE ITEM NUMBER	266-266.00-740.245

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is securing partnerships with area law enforcement agencies to help support their mission. The cost of this partnership is \$500. The Novi Police Departments has entered into this partnership for the past two years. It is suggested these monies come from State Forfeiture funds which is allowable under State Statute.

Crime Stoppers of Michigan is an organization which provides an avenue for people to supply anonymous tips to law enforcement about serious crimes. They are a partnership of businesses, law enforcement, and community leaders as well as being a 501-C3 non-profit. A cash reward is given to the tipsters if the information they supplied resulted in the arrest of a suspect. Crime Stoppers believe people want to come forward and give information that will help police apprehend a fugitive or solve a crime. However, they want to do this in a safe way that will not put either them or their family in jeopardy. Many would also like to have some acknowledgement or reward for helping their community become safer.

In the last twelve months over 4,276 tips were received which cleared 256 cases and resulted in 386 arrests. In addition, there was over \$59,150 in rewards paid out and there was \$1.4 million worth of illegal drugs recovered. Crime Stoppers markets this service through their 1.800.SPEAK UP anonymous tip line that is on billboards and bumper stickers throughout the Metro Detroit area.

Our Investigators have posted requests with this organization dozens of time over the course of the last several years. While none of these have resulted in an arrest of a suspect for those cases, information has been obtained which resulted in arrests on other outstanding fugitive charges. Crime Stoppers also provides the Novi Police Department with thousands of flyers, marketing merchandise, etc. which we can utilize to enhance marketing and branding of this concept. Currently we have a link to Crime Stoppers on the Novi Police web site as well as having the information available on cable channel 13 and through our Crime Prevention officers.

Crime Stoppers is the only non-profit focused on this very important need. The Novi Police will use their service again in the future and feel it is a very important tool when needed. It is recommended we enter into this partnership.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to enter partnership with Crime Stoppers of Michigan for \$500 from State Forfeiture Funds.

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Mayor Gatt				
Mayor Pro Tem Staudt				
Council Member Casey				
Council Member Fischer				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Wrobel				