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Crime Stoppers Tasmania's tips are 35% higher compared to this time last year, but still more information from the community is needed to support Tasmania Police in their investigations.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania is on target this year to receive around 2,000 more community tips compared to 2022. The information that is provided by the community via Crime Stoppers contributes significantly to Tasmania Police's information holdings.

Crime Stoppers Tasmania Chair, Mr David Daniels OAM said as Crime Stoppers Week launches this year, Tasmanians are encouraged to remember the value their tip can have when they choose to take action.

"The increase in tips from the community to Crime Stoppers is uplifting. It is a clear signal that people have had enough of those criminally minded in our community looking to make a quick buck at their expense", Mr Daniels said.

Current data indicates that there is a need for more community information on vehicle related crime and Crime Stoppers Week aims to put those criminals involved in the headlights.

"Crime Stoppers Week is focused on vehicle related crime, as we have seen an opportunity to focus our efforts to support Tasmania Police to deliver their 'back to basics' policing model", said Mr Daniels.

"At Crime Stoppers Tasmania we know we can support Tasmania Police's 'back to basics' policing model by encouraging and facilitating more information from the community.

"It is a team effort that keeps Tasmania safe. Our law enforcement, our community and Crime Stoppers Tasmania all working together to combat crime", Mr Daniels said.

Tasmania Police has seen an increase in reports of vehicle related crime and there are important ways the community can assist police in managing these offences.

"Last year 1,746 cars were stolen across the state, and 1,740 cars were burgled," said Acting Commander John King.

"Police are committed to investigating crime and last year we charged offenders for 37% of stolen motor vehicle offences, and 27% of motor vehicle burglary offences.

"Information from the community can assist police to increase this charging percentage, and to deter further offences."

"If you know anything about a crime, I encourage you to report to Crime Stoppers Tasmania to assist police in detecting offenders, preventing crime, and ultimately keeping our community safe," he said.

Local Motor Group, Managing Director Mr Sam Nixon said as a prominent motor vehicle dealership company they experience first hand the impact of vehicle related crime, we also work with our clients that have been impacted by crime.

Lions Clubs of Tasmania, Crime Stoppers Representative, Mr Peter Goldstone-James said Lions are proud to support Crime Stoppers Week.

“Our membership is supportive of Crime Stoppers and see the critical need for the organisation”, said Mr Goldstone-Jones.

Crime Stoppers Week is designed to raise awareness about what everyone can do to combat criminal activity. Crime Stoppers Tasmania is central to this effort because intelligence provided by the community through Crime Stoppers is a powerful weapon for our Police.

If Tasmanians see or hear something that doesn’t seem right, we encourage them to speak up by reporting what they know at crimestopperstas.com.au or by phoning 1800 333 000.

Let’s stop vehicle related crime this Crime Stoppers Week.

Media Enquiries

For media enquiries and more information about Crime Stoppers Tasmania and Crime Stoppers Week 2023 (running from 17 - 24 September), please contact:

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Background - Crime Stoppers Tasmania

Crime Stoppers Tasmania operates as an independent non-profit, community organisation that supports crime solving through providing anonymous mechanisms for reporting crime. It is part of an international program that has been in existence for over forty years.

By offering anonymity and rewards (for information leading to charges being laid) Crime Stoppers combats the three major problems faced by the police in generating crime-solving information: fear of reprisal, apathy and reluctance to get involved.

For 29 years, Crime Stoppers Tasmanian has been the trusted voice for the community, providing an independent link between the public and Tasmania Police. Crime Stoppers Tasmania offers people a safe and secure option to report information under the assurance of being completely anonymous, no identifying information is recorded or required.

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