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Press Release

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RE: Covington Police Department Joins Crimestoppers



Richard Palmisano
Chief of Police

Covington Police Chief Richard Palmisano recently joined the Crimestoppers Program. The police department was not a member under the previous administration. Covington Police can now use the "Crimestoppers" tag line with their press releases asking help with a specific crime. Citizens can also report a crime they witnessed or even a crime in progress, and receive a \$2,500 reward if an arrest is made. The payouts are in cash, and made by Crimestoppers not the police.

Chief Palmisano said the Crimestoppers Program gives the police department another powerful tool to fight crime in Covington.

The Crimestoppers Program began in the Greater New Orleans Area in 1981. It has helped to solve 6,800 violent crimes and paid almost 1 million dollars in cash rewards. Citizens can call Crimestoppers toll free at 1-877-903-STOP to report a crime.

Chief Palmisano also joined the St. Tammany SALT Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together); to better protect the senior citizens in Covington. The SALT Program focuses on elder abuse, physical, mental and financial. It also includes Personal Safety, Fraud Prevention, and Emergency Preparedness.

Chief Palmisano said the St. Tammany SALT Council is one more tool to bring the police department closer to the citizens it protects.

Photo: Left to Right Darlene Cusanza, Director of Crimestoppers welcomes Covington Police Chief Richard Palmisano into the Crimestoppers Family.

