



# The Tipster

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The Central Virginia Crime Stoppers will be hosting the 2006 VCSA Annual Training Conference in beautiful Lynchburg.

Located along the magnificent James River and centrally located in the Commonwealth, Lynchburg is the perfect place for a meeting event.

The conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in downtown, a facility that has many years of experience meeting the needs of large and small gatherings.

The hotel features a first class restaurant and lounge, high speed internet, and state of art meeting facilities.

The conference will feature training sessions for civilian board members and law enforcement alike. Hot topics such as fund raising, C/S in schools and effective use of media, will be addressed in a panel discussion, “C/S Resources”.

A problem solving roundtable, “Learning From Successes” will be hosted by Officer Tom Kifer of Colonial Heights PD, a long time C/S coordinator.

A highlight will be a session presented by renown retired FBI criminal profiler and author, Roger Dupue. (see page 4).

Homicide Detective Richard Leonard of the Stafford County Sheriff’s Office brings 30+ years of experience to his presentation on “Victims and the Police - a Case Study, the Stacy Reed Murder”.

Lynchburg Police Officer Kevin Poindexter will give an overview of the expansion.

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**Holiday Inn Select in downtown Lynchburg provides a first class conference site.**

## New Methods for an Old Problem - Fugitive Apprehension

Mr. Lou Thurston, PIO  
Newport News Police

The problem with active warrants and fugitive apprehension is a concern that every law enforcement agency faces. The Newport News Police Department is no exception. With over 4,000 active warrants, Chief James D. Fox was confronted

with a situation he found unacceptable.

Chief Fox proposed that every person wanted by the Newport News Police Department should be listed in the local newspaper. The Department made this initiative part of its “No More Crime” program and moved actively toward addressing the problem of outstanding warrants

In researching the data on the

active warrants, the Department found that 46% of the warrants were for individuals who had addresses that were located outside of Newport News. This information made the need for an advertisement even more logical.

Using the proposed advertisement, the Department believed the ad would make every citizen who read the “Wanted”

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# President's Call

By: Richard Abbott

Dear Fellow Crime Stoppers:

With 2006 well underway, your VCSA Board of Directors has had a busy year. The Board is transitioning and moving forward on many initiatives that are designed to help your programs and to make your state leadership more responsive and proactive to the needs of the local programs.

But we need your input. Please visit the VCSA website at [www.vacrimestoppers.org](http://www.vacrimestoppers.org) and take a few moments to complete the updated survey. We have developed a series of questions that are aimed at gauging the needs of the local programs and as a result, giving your board a map which will guide us to the point where we will be providing a level of service to your program that you deserve. Communication has been and continues to be the lifeline for successful organizations. You see it at the local level and you see it at the state level. Your programs are the reason that the VCSA Board of Directors exist, so put us to work!

The Board has obtained the

services of an administrative assistant. Dana Brocklebank joined the Board in April and immediately went to work contacting local programs and law enforcement offices. We have much work to do. Among our projects are contact lists to develop, update and maintain, new program kits to build, communication channels to establish and better management of our website. Ms. Brocklebank can be reached at 804.435.4115 should you have specific needs or if you wish to make helpful suggestions regarding the VCSA Board.

The VCSA website is also in transition. Marty Shirilla has been an integral part of the VCSA since its inception and he has graciously provided his time to build and maintain the website. We have begun the process of reviewing the website in its entirety and are hopeful to have the site revamped and made fresh by year end. With the efforts of Marty and other talent, your Board hopes to provide you with an exceptional resource for your program and for law enforcement. Again, please visit the VCSA website and email me with your

suggestions. We want the site to be a valuable resource and without your input, we may not achieve that goal.

Communication remains a top priority. I noted in the Spring 2006 Tipster that your Board needs a renewed focus on communication with the local programs, and I remain dedicated to making that happen. Email, voicemail, newsletters, Blackberry's, Palm Pilots, cell phones and pagers all keep us tethered to work and family. Yet, not being informed and lack of communication remains the number one reason for discontent among working Americans today. Help us help you. Make the VCSA an agenda item at an upcoming meeting and if you wish, we will have a Board member present to answer questions and bring your feedback to the VCSA. We're here to help.

My door is always open to you. I can be reached at 804.435.4104, toll free at 800.435.1140 extension 1104 or by email at [rabbott@banklanc.com](mailto:rabbott@banklanc.com) Please contact me with questions, concerns or suggestions. Thanks and have a great Fall and Winter!!

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## Newport News Police Use Tips to Capture Fugitives

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list an active collaborator in looking for even the most violent criminals.

After continued research, the Department made the decision to obtain a two-page advertisement in their local newspaper, *The Daily Press*. Personnel from the Department's Public Information Office met with officials from the newspaper to work out the details for the ad layout and discuss pricing. Police personnel also met with the staff of the United States Attorney's Office to discuss sponsoring the ad in conjunction with the "Project Safe Neighborhood" program.

December 6, 2004, was the date chosen to publish the advertisement. The Department organized detectives, officers, police dispatchers and civilian personnel throughout the department to handle the day-to-day functions of the project. Tying in the apprehension of wanted individuals and the need to keep guns and drugs off our city streets, the United States Attorney's Office was able to sponsor the two-page ad.

The advertisement listed every outstanding warrant in the City of Newport News and gave the phone number of the Fugitive Apprehension Unit for citizens to call if they had information. Police personnel and volunteers manned these phone lines. *[If a caller expressed an*

*interest in obtaining a reward for their information, the caller was directed to call the Peninsula Crime Line 1-888-LOCK-U-UP.]* Also, sworn police personnel actively targeted those individuals with active warrants.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation had been informed of the operation and agreed to send nine agents to participate. There were a total of 141 personnel dedicated to this operation by the Newport News Police.

Soon after its publication, the ad became known simply as "The List" and was an absolute success. Newport News Police Department's Public Information Officer Lou Thurston noted, "The *Daily Press* sold every newspaper they printed that day. Even local businesses called to ascertain when the next 'List' would be printed so they could increase their advertisement potential. The mere fact that every paper sold out and that we received numerous calls from citizens showed how this program had a positive affect on the community. FOX and ABC News participated in ride-alongs with the street teams and generated positive stories about the operation. CNN Radio News contacted the Department for information for a story and the Associated Press reported the operation."

The operation ended with the Department receiving 381 calls from citizens, and 151 calls were leads from citizens giving information on the location of fugitives. There were 294 attempted ser-

vices of warrants with 127 arrests, and 135 charges being made. One week after the operation, there were a total of 207 arrests generated from the advertisement.

In May 2005, the Department conducted a second "List" with similar success. This time only felony warrants were listed and a local car dealership sponsored the advertisement. Street teams and office personnel were used for three days during this operation, and 369 warrant service attempts were conducted. There were 152 warrants served and 109 persons arrested with 44 of these subjects arrested on felony charges. *[The Peninsula Crime Line paid rewards in 18 of the cases generated by the program]*

In July 2005, the Department conducted another citywide warrant operation. During the operation, 544 warrant attempts were conducted, 97 subjects were arrested and 110 warrants were served. In addition, 17 individuals arrested were wanted on felony charges.

In review of the past fugitive apprehension projects, Chief Fox believes, "Every citizen wants to be on the police department's team. They want to be part of a winning team. The Newport News Police Department is committed to this ideal. Working with the community, we will continue to strive to make our City a safer and better place to live."

***[Original article edited for publication space availability. Inserted text VCSA editor added.]***

### From the Virginia Code

#### § 15.2-1713.1. Local "Crime Stoppers" programs; confidentiality.

A. As used in this section, a "Crime Stoppers," "crime solvers," "crime line," or other similarly named organization is defined as a private, nonprofit Virginia corporation governed by a civilian volunteer board of directors that is operated on a local or statewide level that (i) offers anonymity to persons providing information to the organization, (ii) accepts and expends donations for cash rewards to persons who report to the organization information about alleged criminal activity and that the organization forwards to the appropriate law-enforcement agency, and (iii) is established as a cooperative alliance between the news media, the community, and law-enforcement officials.

B. Evidence of a communication or any information contained therein between a person submitting a report of an alleged criminal act to a "Crime Stoppers" organization and the person who accepted the report on behalf of the organization is not admissible in a court proceeding. Law-enforcement agencies receiving information concerning alleged criminal activity from a "Crime Stoppers" organization shall maintain confidentiality pursuant to subsection E of § 2.2-3706.

## Hampton Roads' Annual Top Cop Dinner Set for October 7, 2006

Frederick Kern

The six Crime Line/Crime Solvers programs of the Hampton Roads region are completing plans for the sixth annual Hampton Roads Crime Lines Dinner and Awards. The Crime Line programs of the Virginia Peninsula, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake Suffolk, and the Virginia Beach Crime Solvers partner to sponsor this annual event covering 11 cities and counties.

The primary objective is to raise the several thousands of dollars of funds to pay for the 1-888-LOCK-U-UP telephone number used to acquire anonymous tips. The second objective is to recognize the "Top Cop" from each jurisdiction, honor the Hampton Roads' Top Cop, recognize the Top Corporation, Top Organization, and Top Citizen that made significant contributions to "making Hampton Roads a safer place to live and work."

This year's event will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Suffolk Virginia on October 7, 2006. Nominations for Top Cop recognition are being taken from both law enforcement and citizens while nominations for the other awards are being solicited from the public as well as Crime Line/Solvers board members.

The success of the Hampton Roads Crime Line/Solvers programs rests on two cornerstones. The first is the anonymous tip number, 1-888-LOCK-U-UP, that is the second most recognized telephone number in Hampton Roads, after 911. All major local television stations, local cable company, radio, and the print media use the tip number daily in their stories about crime in the region. Second, the six Hampton Roads Crime Line/Crime Solvers programs work closely together having established a regional committee to handle regional issues.

Want to know more? Contact me at [vacrimestopper@verizon.net](mailto:vacrimestopper@verizon.net).

## VCSA ANNUAL AWARDS

The VCSA annually recognizes an outstanding Civilian Board Member, Law Enforcement Coordinator and Media Representative / Outlet.

The awards are presented at the annual Awards Banquet. Rules and forms are on the VCSA web site

[www.vacrimestoppers.org](http://www.vacrimestoppers.org)

### Conference Host Programs Needed

The VCSA is looking for a local Crime Stopper program to host the 2007 Annual Training Conference.

Hosting a conference is a chance to bring the VCSA to your community, and enhance the activities of your local board.

Planned 2007 Conference will be in October.

For more information, contact us through the VCSA web site.

### FBI Profiler, Instructor at Conference

The VCSA is proud to bring to the Annual Training Conference, a legendary FBI criminal profiler as a Conference presenter.

Roger L. Dupue, retired FBI criminal profiler and author of the book "Between Good and Evil: A Master Profiler's Hunt For Society's Most Violent Predators", will be in Lynchburg, October 7, 2006.

A former Marine, Roger began his law enforcement career in the late 1950s. In 1962 he became Chief of the Clare Police Department in Michigan (one of the youngest chiefs in the country). Six years later, he was a special agent for the FBI, assigned to New Orleans.

He was an original member of the FBI's first SWAT team, Spider One, and served as chief of the FBI's Behavioral Science Unit (at Quantico) from 1979 to 1989 - a time when the unit's pioneering work in criminal profiling first came to prominence. In those same years he was the administrator of the

FBI's National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime.

Roger has served as a consultant on several high-profile cases, including the JonBenet Ramsey murder, the Martha Moxley murder, and the Columbine shooting.

Roger has a BS in psychology, an MS in society and law, a PhD from American University in counseling and development. He has won over 20 law enforcement awards, testified before Congress, conducted White House briefings, and delivered hundreds of lectures to professional organizations. He has been interviewed on all of the major networks, A&E, and the BBC, and has been profiled in the Washington Post, the New York Times Magazine and Vanity Fair.

He has served as consultants for novels, TV shows, and motion pictures, including Silence of the Lambs and Red Dragon. Larry King described Roger as "the legendary criminal profiler". (CNN - April 22 2005).

## “Book ‘em” Continues Support of Crime Stoppers

Officer Mark Kearney  
Waynesboro Police Department

Suspense author p.m.terrell and Officer Mark Kearney of the Waynesboro Police Department in Waynesboro, Virginia met during a book signing that Ms. Terrell was doing to benefit the Virginia Crime Stoppers Association. Terrell and Kearney became friends and together discussed how they could use literacy as a tool to reduce crime. At the time, Mrs. Terrell was a member of the Virginia Crime Stoppers Association.

Terrell proposed an idea that if she alone could raise hundreds of dollars in support of various Crime Stoppers agencies, how much money could multiple authors raise. The idea was bounced around and built upon to ultimately become Book ‘Em.

The goal behind Book ‘Em is to correlate the connection between illiteracy/poor reading skills and crime rates. Officer Kearney and Terrell did research and spoke with others in the judicial system. It was apparent to many that there is a connection between the poor reading skills of juveniles and adults and the amount of crime that occurs.

An easy example of this connection is that various studies have shown that between 50-70% of all inmates in the prisons in this country read at a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading level or lower. So, the train of thought is that if reading skills could be improved, then

over time, the rate of incarceration of our young people should go down.

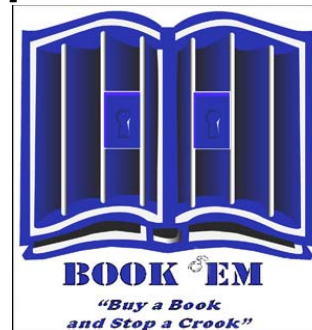
The Book ‘Em event was born. Book ‘Em is an event that was first held on October 23, 2004. Book ‘Em was held at the Waynesboro High School. Nearly 50 authors came from around the country and even from Scotland. All authors brought their books with them and had them available to sign and sell. During this day long event, the author’s put on presentations. Admission to Book ‘Em and to the presentations was FREE.

Every author who wanted to put on either a solo talk or participate in a panel discussion was afforded the opportunity to do so.

During the planning phase of this event, Kearney and Terrell started receiving inquiries from other organizations who wanted to do the same thing that they believed it would be prudent to form a non-profit organization, The Book ‘Em Foundation.

The mission of The Book ‘Em Foundation is to raise awareness of the link between high illiteracy rates and high crime rates, and to work with other non-profits such as the Reading Council and Friends of the Library to increase literacy rates, and with Crime Stoppers to assist police in solving crimes.

A successful Book ‘Em 2005 event was held with a total of 75 attending authors. Now, we are planning for Book ‘Em 2006. Book ‘Em 2006 will occur on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 4:30



**For more information**

[www.pmterrell.com](http://www.pmterrell.com)

or the official  
“Book ‘em” website

[www.bookemfoundation.org](http://www.bookemfoundation.org)

at the Waynesboro High School. **Once again, the Central Shenandoah Crime Stoppers will be an integral part of this event.** [Emphasis added]

This is a way for Crime Stoppers to get some additional publicity and to interact with the public. A donation will be given to Crime Stoppers from the Book ‘Em Foundation. This is the Book ‘Em Foundation’s way of giving something back to an organization that does so much good in helping the police and sheriff’s solve crimes and catch wanted people.

## Conference Information.....

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sion of criminal gangs in Virginia.

Also, the annually offered “Newcomers School - Crime Stoppers 101” for new coordinators and board members. DCJS in-service credit for the class.

The highlight of the Annual Awards Banquet will be a long-time Crime Stoppers friend, retired FBI Special Agent in Charge, Ed Sulzbach. Ed has graciously agreed to be the evening’s keynote speaker.

The conference registration fee is based on whether or not the attendee is affiliated with a VCSA Member Program.

The fee for a non-affiliated person is \$85.00. A person affiliated with a Member in Good Standing VCSA Program is \$75.00. The awards banquet only is just \$25.00. Registration received after September 15 will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

The room rate for the conference is a reasonable \$66.00 plus tax.

Now is the time to make your hotel reservations. The special conference rate cut off is September 15. Call 434-528-2500 and mention Crime Stoppers.





Virginia Crime Stoppers Association  
October 6-7, 2006  
Training Conference



## AGENDA

### FRIDAY

- 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Registration  
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm **New Comers School “Crime Stoppers 101”**  
Captain Marc J. Woolverton, DACP / Manassas City Crime Solvers  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Crime Stoppers Resources – A Panel Discussion**  
Moderator: Officer Tom Kifer, Colonial Heights / Chesterfield Crime Solvers  
· C/S In Schools: Jim Pierce, Winchester / Frederick Co. Crime Solvers  
· Effective Use of Media: Jeff Taylor, WSET-TV Channel 13 Lynchburg  
· C/S Fund Raising: Gordon Howell, Central Virginia Crime Stoppers  
5:00 pm – till Hospitality Suite  
Central Virginia Crime Stoppers

### SATURDAY

- 7:30 am – 9:00 am Registration  
7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast Buffet  
8:45 am Opening Ceremonies  
9:00 am – 10:30 am **“Gangs in Virginia”**  
Officer Kevin Poindexter, Lynchburg Police Department  
10:45 am – 11:45 am **“Learning From Successes” C/S Problem Solving Group Discussion**  
Moderator: Officer Tom Kifer, Colonial Heights / Chesterfield Crime Solvers  
12:00 pm Lunch Buffet  
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm **“Victims and the Police” a Case Study – the Stacy Reed Murder**  
Detective Richard Leonard, Stafford County Sheriff’s Office  
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm **“Criminal Profiling”**  
Mr. Roger L. Dupue, FBI Profiler, retired  
4:14 pm – 5:00 pm VCSA Business Meeting & Annual Board of Directors Election  
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Hospitality Suite  
Central Virginia Crime Stoppers  
6:30 pm VCSA Annual Awards Banquet  
Keynote Speaker, Mr. Ed Sulzbach, FBI, retired

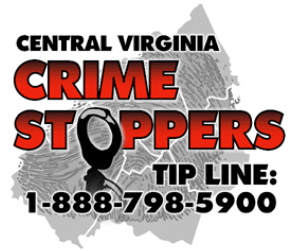
### SUNDAY

- 9:00 am – 11:00 am VCSA Board Meeting



Virginia Crime Stoppers Association  
 2006 Annual Training Conference  
 October 6 –7, 2006  
 Lynchburg

Hosted by: Central Virginia Crime Stoppers



# Registration Form

Conference: \$75 (Individuals affiliated with a VCSA member program)

Conference: \$85 (Individuals from non-VCSA member programs)

Includes all training, meals, breaks, and awards banquet

Saturday Awards Banquet Only: \$25

**Registrations received after September 15 \$25.00 late fee**

Registration checks payable to: Central Virginia Crime Stoppers, Inc.

Mail to: Joyce Sachs  
 406 Robin Drive  
 Lynchburg, VA 24502

Questions: email to rabbott@banklanc.com or 804-435-4104

**Hotel Reservations:** Holiday Inn Select Lynchburg 434-528-2500

Conference rate registration cut-off: September 15, 2006

“Virginia Crime Stoppers Association Conference”



**Room:** \$66 plus tax

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*Cut and mail with check to above address*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ (separate registration, please)

Full Conf VCSA Member \_\_\_\_\_ Full Conf Non-VCSA Member \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Only \_\_\_\_\_

C/S Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ VA Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

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