



“Coming Together to Educate, Communicate, and Celebrate”.

**May 31 to June 3, 2018
Sheraton Hamilton Hotel**

***Crime Stoppers of Hamilton Inc. is proud to host the
Canadian Crime Stoppers Association, First National Conference.***

Program Overview

Crime Stoppers programs across Canada have been in operation for more than 30 years. This conference is the first time all Crime Stoppers programs across Canada will take part in a single Canadian conference. The conference theme “**Coming Together to Educate, Communicate, and Celebrate**” is designed to build on this opportunity.

Change in types of crimes, technology, and funding to cite a few have had impacts on how Crime Stoppers Programs operate. We face challenges in terms of fundraising, director, and coordinator recruitment, daily operations with respect to tip taking from a legal and practical perspective (software).

The agenda is built around the legal and operational foundation for Crime Stoppers. It is organized to provide training about Crime Stoppers for both Coordinators and Directors.

Legal Focus

Robert S. Gill, Legal Advisor to the Canadian Crime Stoppers Association is the keynote presenter on Friday morning. Mr. Gill represented CCSA in 1997 and again in 2017 at the Supreme Court of Canada in defense of protecting tips from disclosure. In light of the recent Supreme Court challenge and tip management related practices, this presentation will benefit both coordinators and directors.

Dedicated Coordinator Sessions

Coordinators will have several coordinator-dedicated sessions dealing with all aspects of the role and work of the coordinator. As follow up to his presentation, Bob Gill will work with Coordinators on best practices for tip management. Other coordinator-dedicated sessions will include expert panels on tip management related topics such as search warrants, law enforcement agencies, and working with partners.

Other operational topics will include working with call centres and tip management software. The Canadian Crime Stoppers Association has made the determination to migrate from the TipSoft program to P3 software. Representatives from P3 will provide at least one session on P3. As well, one on one time is built into the schedule for individual coordinators to meet with the P3 reps.

It is recommended that any program that has not migrated to P3 by the conference should encourage their coordinators to do the online web training at and complete the *New Client Training*. Please follow this link to choose a training day and time. <http://getp3now.com/webinar.htm>

Crime Stoppers Board and Director Sessions

The administration of the Crime Stoppers Program in each community is becoming more challenging as incorporation and charitable requirements are undergoing change federally and in many provinces. Sessions will include workshops on governance, CRA, marketing, social media, new fundraising through online campaigns and best practice in community awareness.

Other Conference Sessions

The Canadian Crime Stoppers Association will hold its Annual General meeting during the conference. As well, the CCSA is planning a general information and update presentation about cross Canada initiatives and partnership, including defending the name of Crime Stoppers with a trademark.

General Sessions on crime awareness are also being planned. Topics such as cybercrime, fraud, and environmental crime are being planned.