



Be a Crime Stopper

When someone breaks into a house or a car and takes something that does not belong to him, that's a crime. There are many other types of crimes. They are all hurtful and wrong. In September of 1976, a group of very concerned citizens in Albuquerque, New Mexico, decided it was time to do their part to help solve the crime problem in their community. That was the birth of the Crime Stoppers Program, and it has spread throughout the nation. Community volunteers help their local police departments by raising funds and by reporting criminal activity in their neighborhoods. Since the Crime Stoppers Program began, many crimes have been solved, and our communities have been made safer. This shows what good can be done when people work together. In January of 2005, President George W. Bush recognized and praised the efforts of Crime Stoppers volunteers and declared it National Crime Stoppers Month. It is a reminder for all of us to be good citizens, help our neighbors, and protect our families.

1. Name a type of crime mentioned in the story.

2. What city started the Crime Stoppers Program in September of 1976?

3. Why did the citizens of Albuquerque start the Crime Stoppers Program?

4. Have communities been made safer by the Crime Stoppers Program?

5. Who declared January as National Crime Stoppers Month in 2005?

