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ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF CRIME STOPPERS**Re: Crime Stoppers Month**

As Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), and on behalf of our 8,900 members, I am very pleased to acknowledge and support Crime Stoppers Month, which is recognized each January.

I wish to pay tribute to all Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers (OACS) members, volunteers and supporters who actively contribute to the ongoing success of the 38 Ontario Crime Stoppers programs. I say without hesitation that the OPP remains committed to Crime Stoppers. This is demonstrated by the assignment of more than 20 OPP members as Coordinators for these programs throughout Ontario.

Since its inception in Ontario, the efforts of OACS programs have contributed to a worldwide achievement in recovering more than \$10.2 billion dollars in recovered stolen property, as well as drugs that did not reach our communities. Success, such as this, truly indicates the extraordinary concept of the Crime Stoppers program.

Several initiatives that your local programs have undertaken, such as the "Jail Initiative," the "Safe-Aware-Secure: An Eye on Seniors Crime Prevention," and an initiative with local pharmacies that will help prevent the illegal trade of prescription drugs, have served our communities in Ontario very well. In the coming year, the awareness that has been created together in our partnership with all 38 Ontario programs will continue to assist in preventing and solving crime.

I take this opportunity to convey my sincere congratulations to the Ontario programs that garnered multiple awards at the 2011 Crime Stoppers International Conference that was held in Jamaica this past October.

Once again, I applaud you for the great work you are doing. Congratulations and best wishes for continued success in 2012.

Yours truly,

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