

Crime Stoppers

In addition to staying The Belle Plaine Police Department has joined forces with Crime Stoppers of Minnesota to increase ways that citizens can pass on information about crimes and remain anonymous. anonymous, persons giving tips may be eligible to collect up to \$1000.00 in reward. The additional ways that citizens can turn in tips through this partnership may save thousands of dollars of investigator's time, speed the solving of cases and help bring comfort to the victims of a crime. Tips may be turned in at a Toll Free phone number, On Line or through SMS Text Messaging from a cell phone, all supplied and maintained by Crime Stoppers of Minnesota.

Through this partnership, the Belle Plaine Police will receive tips that Crime Stoppers collects through its systems because citizens may be reluctant to step forward to get involved directly with authorities but who still want to "do the right thing". The Belle Plaine Police Department will put the information and a link relating to Crime Stoppers on its website along with their Facebook page as an additional means to anonymously collect tips.

People with knowledge of a crime or a fugitive can anonymously provide information to Crime Stoppers by calling (1-800-222-TIPS[8477]), going online at www.crimestoppersmn.org , or by texting on a cell phone TIP674, plus the message then sending it to CRIMES [274637]. Crime Stoppers accepts tips in any language by the phone.

Crime Stoppers of Minnesota is a non-profit organization operating separate and independent of Law Enforcement and government that is funded by tax deductible donations. It is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and has been in Minnesota since 1979. Today there are over 500 Crime Stoppers programs around the United States and another 700 in other countries that offer the same commitment to anonymity and a reward to help solve crimes. Residents of Belle Plaine can visit the Belle Plaine Police Department website or Face Book page to learn more about this program whose tips have led to almost 1,300 arrests in Minnesota.