



CENTRAL VANCOUVER ISLAND CRIME STOPPERS – 2025 SUMMARY REPORT

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January is National Crime Stoppers Month across Canada. Each year, communities help us celebrate this month by making proclamations or attaching our summary report to their websites or other social media outlets. The theme for the provincial program is “Sextortion” as the issue requiring our attention.

Keeping your family safe, keeping your community safe and reporting crime is a key for our success. Crime negatively impacts our safety and undermines our collective efforts to create healthy communities. By providing key information of criminal events through anonymous means, we can continue to do our part in reducing crime.

2025 was a notable year in which we completed many tasks including supporting others through donations while engaging the public through social media. Our newly expanded boundaries now take in many communities in Central Vancouver Island totaling 12 communities and 3 Regional Districts with an estimated 300,000 inhabitants as of 2021. Our key projects were the completion of distributing “Trauma Bears” to police and the “Spiked Drink initiative” where we publicize this criminal activity through the distribution of posters and drink coasters imprinted with key information to most pubs and bars in our area.

In 2025, Central Vancouver Island Crime Stoppers processed 594 tips from these areas, a slight increase from the previous year. Since inception, we have the following statistics with comparative last year’s numbers):

Total tips received – 13,538 (12,945)
Arrests – 553 (552)
Rewards paid - \$117,720 (\$115,670)
Property Recovered - \$ 1,465,577 (\$1,465,577)
Drugs Seized - \$9,242,481 (\$9,242,481)
Cash Recovered - \$19,600 (\$19,600)
Total Recovered - \$10,727,658 (\$10,727,658)

Central Vancouver Island Crime Stoppers is a not-for-profit society run independently of the police by everyday citizens. All information received is anonymous and is provided to the police in the hopes it will further investigations and lead to arrests, seizures and recovered property.

We are well supported by the communities we serve through monetary and in-kind donations from events we sponsor. As well, we are fortunate to have life estate donations from others which allow us to provide grants to groups whose mandate also is to reduce crime.

Central Vancouver Island Crime Stoppers has a strong Board of Directors comprised of 10 members of the Community who as volunteers provide the direction for the Board each year. This year, we will continue a project which addresses the incidents of spiking alcohol drinks in pubs/bars as well as raising money to pay tips and distributing funds to other non-profits who applied for assistance in reducing crime in their community.

We thank everyone for your support and look forward to a year of continued increases in the number of tips. Remember, a reward is payable for information leading to an arrest.

Stay safe, keep your family safe, keep your community safe.

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