

# CRIME STOPPERS REPORT



## KID FEST 2010

Marian Terry

I just wanted to give a short report on Kidfest. I believe that this was one of the largest events that EEC has ever done as far as attendance goes. We gave away a huge amount of materials and bags too. The weather was beautiful and it did not even get hot until after noon. Our new tent was visible from 23rd Street and all the way over to the other side of the baseball fields, so we were very well represented. A very warm thanks to all of you from Crime Stopper membership who came out and helped: John Newman, Norm Gulkis, Brian Miller and Alicia Terry. Judy McKee from US Customs and the two men who work with her, Rob Hatcher and Steve Peterson. Thanks to everyone of you for giving your weekend time to serve a great cause, the future of Bay County!

### Crime Stoppers and Gangs

Our mission, to help make our community a safer place, includes a direct effort to prevent & stamp out gangs. Our involvement has included making anti gang commercials and publicizing gang dangers. Panhandle Crime Stoppers Eddie Bell, of the State Attorneys Office, and Norm Gulkis are co chairs of the Region 1 Prevention/Intervention Committee

## Multi Agency Gang Task Force (MAGTF) -

Daryl White

Washington County Sheriff's Office

The Multi Agency Gang Task Force consists of representatives from the Bay, Jackson, Holmes, and Washington Counties Sheriff's Office, all municipal police departments within the counties, the Department of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Corrections, the State Attorney's Office, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, among others. MAGTF representatives accept this responsibility in addition to their regular assignments. MAGTF representatives are constantly vigilant to indicators of gang activity in their agency or assigned area, and are tasked with investigating any gang related activity. MAGTF conducts frequent street level operations in various locations throughout the region designed to curtail criminal street gang activity, as well as gather intelligence regarding gang activity.

### REGION 1 GANG REDUCTION STRATEGY TASK FORCE

The Region 1 Gang Reduction Strategy Task Force is a statewide, comprehensive strategy designed to combat gangs and their detrimental effect on our society. Santa Rosa Sheriff Wendell Hall has been designated by the Attorney General as the coordinator of Region One, which encompasses Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, Washington Counties. The strategy incorporates Criminal Justice, Rehabilitation/Reentry, Prevention/Intervention, Education, as well as the Business Community, to not only enforce criminal laws, but to aid those wishing to escape the destructive and dead end life style of being a gang member, as well as educate youth, parents, and other professionals on how to recognize and intervene with those who are falling into the gang trap.

From the mind of cartoonist Garey Mckee comes

### POLICE LIMIT



YOU KNOW WHO MY DADDY IS?!



I'M SUPRISED YOU KNOW WHO YOUR DADDY IS.



## Crime Stoppers Month is Moving!

During the 2009 Crime Stoppers International conference the board of directors voted to adopt September as Crime Stoppers month. Several factors that helped push the change were:

**Media Attention:** January is typically when newly elected officials are sworn into office. In lo-cal areas the change of political power can mean a lack of support during the transition limit-ing commitments to participate and getting any national media attention can be very difficult. Media outlets are also gearing up for February sweeps after heavily promoting charities during the holiday season.

**Weather:** In many geographic areas where Crime Stoppers operates, inclement weather is the norm during January making September more conducive to outdoor activities and celebra-tions.

**Fundraising:** January follows the heavy holiday giving season where many people have already made contributions charities whereas September falls about the time many individuals and companies are deciding how to budget charitable giving for the next year.

**Partnerships:** September is the month many other crime fighting organizations hold awareness campaigns. Crime Stoppers can work to maximize these oppportunities to become the call to action for citizens and those campaigns to do something about the issues.

**Tradition:** Greg MacAleese made the first arrest from the tip that lead to the creation of Crime Stoppers in September, 1976 marking the birth of our great organization.

If you already have plans to celebrate locally in January, 2010 by all means do so. Then join us at the CSUSA national conference August 29th through September 2nd where we will launch our new tradition of celebrating of Crime Stoppers Month in September!