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Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers Hosts 2010 Fundraiser Event
*San Jose Police Officers Association partners with
Crime Stoppers to raise reward funds*

Event: Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers 2010 Friendraiser

Time: 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

When: Thursday, May 27, 2010

Where: Fahrenheit Restaurant and Lounge
99 East San Fernando Street
San Jose, Calif. 95113

San Jose, CA — On Thursday, May 27, 2010 Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers (SVCS) will host a Friendraiser to raise awareness and funds for the Crime Stoppers program. The event will be held at Fahrenheit Restaurant and Lounge located in Downtown San Jose. There is a suggested donation of \$10.00, for which 100% will go towards supporting the Crime Stoppers program. All donations are tax-deductible.

This event is being co-hosted by several Crime Stoppers supporters including: Santa Clara County District Attorney Dolores Carr, Councilmember Ash Kalra, Councilmember Kansen Chu, Councilmember Nora Campos, Councilmember Madison Nguyen, and San Jose Police Officers Association President George Beattie.

The first Crime Stoppers program began in September 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico and has since spread to include over 1,000 cities and 13 countries worldwide. The mission of Crime Stoppers is to work with law enforcement and the media to help make our communities a safer place in which to live. Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers (originally named San Jose Crime Stoppers) was formed in September 1982 and is made up of a board of community volunteers.

Crime Stoppers is a partnership among the community, local media, the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office, law enforcement agencies in Santa Clara County including the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, San Jose Police Department and other local Police Departments.

Since January 2010, 952 calls were received on the Crime Stoppers phone tip line, 329 emails tips, 20 cases solved which included 15 illegal drug related, 7 gun cases, 10 warrant cases, 1 auto theft arrest, approximately 194 lbs. of marijuana and approximately 2 lbs. of methamphetamine were seized for a combined street value of \$107,580.00. A combined cash seizure in U.S. currency was approx. \$116,400.00. A current total of 25 suspects were taken into custody to date, related to the above listed felony and misdemeanor charges. (Source: San Jose Police Department. May 2010)

"The San Jose Police Officers' Association is proud to be a part of the efforts to raise awareness about Crime Stoppers," stated SJPOA President George Beattie, "Crime Stoppers has been instrumental in solving thousands of criminal cases in our community. The continued collaboration between Crime Stoppers and local law enforcement will help keep our neighborhoods safe."

The key to a successful program begins and ends with the citizens in the community who provide anonymous tips that help solve crimes that otherwise may go unsolved. The Crime Stoppers reward fund is comprised of tax-deductible donations from service groups, businesses, and private citizens collected through annual fund-raisers and individual donations.

"Crime Stoppers works, because of you! That's our motto, because it recognizes our reliance on the community for exposure, financial support and most importantly tips," stated Jim Cogan, President of the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers Board. "Our Annual Friendraiser is one thing we do to communicate with our supporters and future supporters. It's a great time for a valuable cause."

In addition to the Friendraiser, SVCS will host the Annual Crime Stoppers Awards Dinner to honor the men and women of Santa Clara County's law enforcement agencies, recognizing awardees who have shown exceptional commitment to preserving public safety. The 2010 SVCS Awards Dinner is scheduled for October 1, 2010.

The 2010 Friendraiser will be held at Fahrenheit Restaurant and Lounge. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres provided and no host bar. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Maria Le at (408) 623-9271 or via email at svcrimestoppers@gmail.com.

If you wish to leave information concerning criminal activity, call the Crime Stoppers Anonymous Tip Line (408) 947-STOP (7867) or visit: <http://www.tipsubmit.com>
Website: <http://www.crimestoppers.sjsv.com>

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