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Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers Hosts Fundraiser to Fight Crime

Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers hosts Wine and Cigar Fundraiser

When: October 13, 2011 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: Biltmore Hotel, 2151 Laurelwood Road, Santa Clara, CA
What: \$50 per person. Tax-deductible donation. Tickets available at door

Santa Clara, Calif. – Representatives from the Campbell Police Department, Los Altos Police Department, Santa Clara Police Department, San Jose Police Department, together with local officials San Jose Councilmember Ash Kalra, San Jose Councilmember Donald Rocha, and San Jose Councilmember Nancy Pyle will be in attendance at an event to raise money for the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers reward fund today at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara, CA.

Crime Stopper Supporters attending the gala are helping the organization increase awareness of the anonymous tip line supported by Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers. 100% of the proceeds will support the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers reward fund to help keep criminals off our streets. The Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers mission is to work with law enforcement agencies and the public to collect tips to solve crimes in the greater South Bay Area. An incentive in many cases is to offer reward money to tipsters who are may be in fear of their lives to report crimes.

“In this difficult economic time, crime activity is on the rise in our communities and our local law enforcement agencies are being affected by severe budget cuts. As citizens, we must collaborate and find ways to keep fighting crime,” said Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers President Rachel Palomino. As the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers motto states, *Crime Stoppers works because of you!* The Board of Directors strives to maintain the support from local law enforcement agencies and to continue to raise funds for the reward fund. The organization relies heavily on corporate and individual sponsors and grant funding to keep the program afloat and to raise reward funds for tipsters.

In 2010, 34 suspects were taken into custody related to felony and misdemeanor charges from our tip line. Statistics currently for 2011: 2,608 telephone calls received, 294 email tips, four cases solved by arrest, eight total suspects arrested. Among the arrests, suspects were arrested for charges of: possession/distribution of child pornography, felony possession of a controlled substance, felony No Bail warrant, selling alcohol to minors, for being under the influence of a controlled substance and on outstanding warrants.



About Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers

The Silicon Valley Board of Directors is comprised of local citizens. Crime Stoppers operates a 24-hour telephone line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), for citizens to report crimes or criminal activity anonymously. This program allows citizens with information about serious crime to report it without giving their name. Tips resulting in an arrest of suspects entitle the caller (identified by a code number given to them) to a cash reward. Citizens are urged to call (408) 947 – STOP if they have information on any other serious crime. Rewards up to \$1,000 are offered for information leading to an arrest.

Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers is a cooperative effort between the various agencies including: California Highway Patrol, Campbell Police Department, Gilroy Police Department, Los Altos Police Department, Los Gatos / Monte Sereno Police Department, Milpitas Police Department, Mountain View Police Department, Palo Alto Police Department, San Jose Police Department, San Jose State University Police Department, Santa Clara County District Attorney , Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, Santa Clara Police Department, Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety.

For more information, please visit the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers website at: www.svcrimestoppers.org or email: info@svcrimestoppers.org

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