



# Tools to Combat Rural Crime



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# Saskatchewan Rural Crime Watch Association (SRCWA)

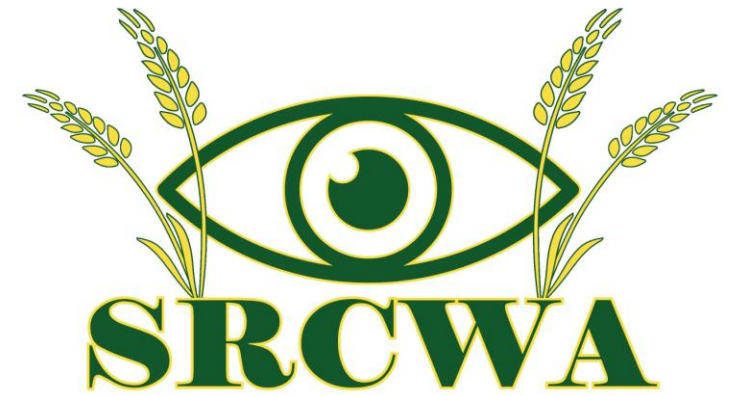


## Who Is SRCWA

- grass roots non-profit association
- incorporated in November 2020

## Goals

- provide advocacy and services to local crime watch groups across the province



## What is a local crime watch association or group?

- An extra set of “eyes and ears” in and around your community.
- Volunteers have a vested interest in their community, they share the common goal of safe homes and safe communities. They know who lives in their area.
- Each local crime watch group decides how, if they wish, to do vehicle/foot patrols or do information sharing via email, twitter, or telephone.
- Volunteers: Observe-Record-Report to their local detachment any unusual or suspicious activities in their surroundings. The RCMP will inform the Rural Crime Watch group when there is criminal activity in the area.

# How do I start a local crime watch group?

- **Get in touch with your local RM office** and let them know what you are doing. See if there are any established crime watches already in your area. Once your group is established then the group could help to get the word out about your crime watch group.
- **Contact your local Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) detachment** for brochures, and hand-outs. Work to make connections with local law enforcement who can potentially assist your group. Your group can even invite them to your meetings.
- **Recruit members and hold an initial meeting.** Determine who the executive will be.
- **The executive should be a minimum of 6 members** which should include a President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- **Pick a name that represents your community/area.** Create a membership form and keep accurate accounting and minutes of your meetings.
- **Establish a way for your members to communicate** what is going on in the area and to discuss things of importance. WhatsApp is a popular choice for communication.





# SRCWA Membership



## Full Membership

- any local crime watch group/association with similar objectives to the SRCWA
- eligible to sit on the SRCWA Board, can nominate members to the board of directors, and vote in elections
- can submit resolutions and vote on resolutions at the annual general meeting
- must confirm that their Executive has had criminal record checks within the last six months prior to joining

## Associate Membership

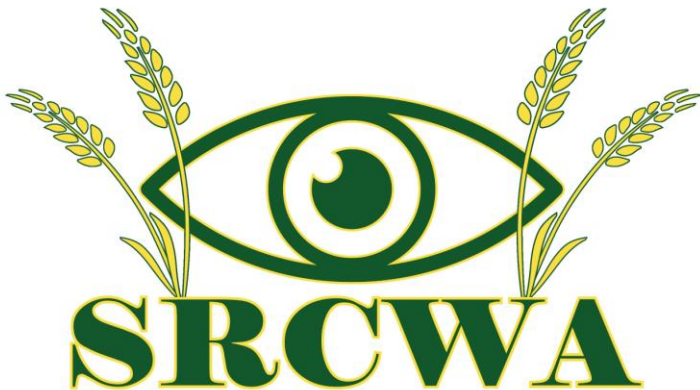
- person or entity other than a Local Crime Watch Association (Examples: municipalities, non-government organizations)
- subject to restrictions and approval by the SRCWA Board

## Details

- Both memberships cost \$50 yearly
- Provide access to Crime Watch signs
- Eligibility to attend the AGM and receive relevant communications from SRCWA

# Contact Information

Saskatchewan Rural Crime Watch  
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## Website

<https://sarm.ca/resources/rural-crime-watch/>

## Phone

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## Email

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# Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers

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## Vision

To help stop, solve and prevent crime in our communities.

## Mission Statement

Operates as a crime prevention-crime reduction, community service program, that successfully combines the efforts of the public, the media and the police to solve crime.

## Partners

- Sponsors & Contributors
- Community at Large
- Media
- Police



**1982**

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First Crime Stoppers program was established in Calgary, Alberta.

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**1987**

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Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers officially came into existence to serve the rural areas and smaller urban communities.

Along with Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers, there are four other programs locations operating in the Province: Moose Jaw, Regina, Saskatoon & Prince Albert.

# Canadian History



# Let's Talk About



## Why Crimes Aren't Reported

- Lack of trust in our Criminal Justice System (i.e. Police, Prosecutors, Lawyers, Judges, lenient sentences).
- Fear of retribution or reprisal for reporting.
- Lack of understanding of the Crime Stoppers concept (is it truly anonymous, how do I get paid etc.).

## Anonymity

- Callers will not be asked to reveal their name or personal details.
- Calls are not recorded or traced and the IP address is not available to us.
- Call display is not used.
- Online reports are afforded the same level of anonymity as phone calls.
- Callers do not testify in court.
- In some circumstances, anonymity may be open to challenge.



### **Step 1**

- Call or email in Tip
- Tip # is assigned

### **Step 2**

- Tip is forwarded to investigating agency

### **Step 3**

- Back to Coordinator

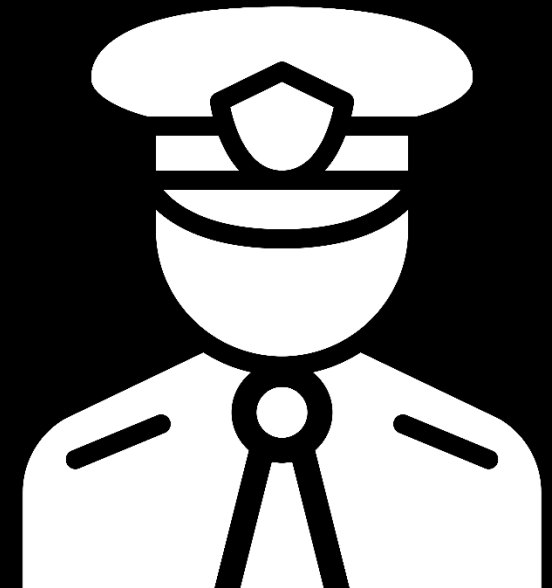
### **Step 4**

- Board of Directors determines reward

### **Step 5**

- Coordinator arranges time/place

# TIP Process



# Funding

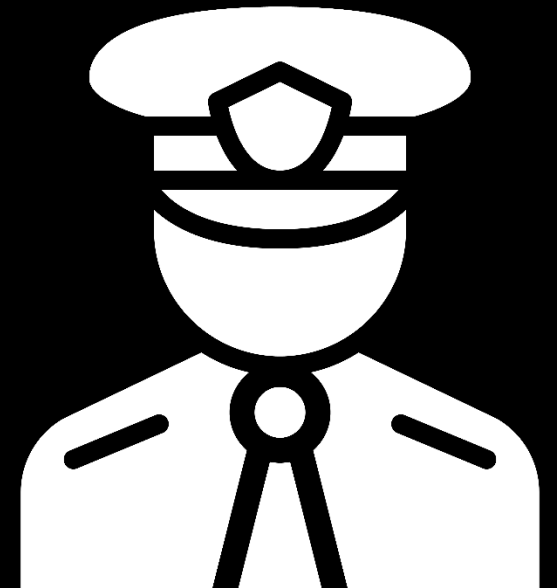
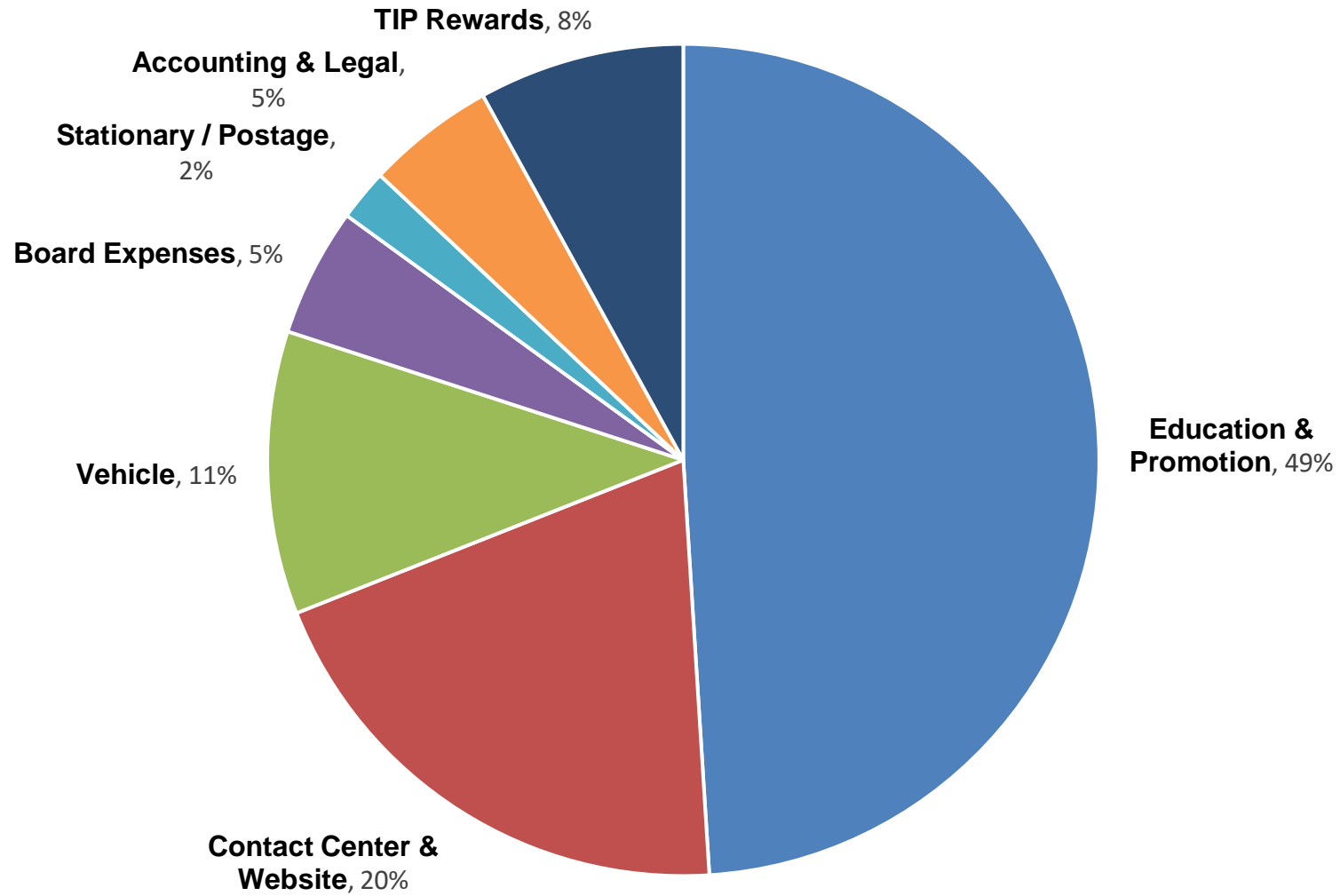
## Description of who we are:

- Non-profit
- Depend on contributions from Urban & Rural Municipalities; First Nations Communities, individuals, small businesses, major corporations and Community Service Groups
- The funding helps us with promoting the program and paying our Tipsters Anonymity

## Our Partners



# Expenses



# Statistics

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## **Tips Received**

- 39,250

## **Arrests Made**

- 3,574

## **Drugs Recovered**

- \$9,251,313

## **Property Recovered**

- \$10,116,812

## **Total Recovered**

- \$19,500,246

# Contact Information

## Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers



### Type

[www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com)

### Talk

1-800-222-TIPS(8477)

### APP

