

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION
TEXAS CRIME STOPPERS COUNCIL**

**Regular Meeting
February 5, 2017 – 10:30 a.m.**

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order

Council Chairman J.B. Smith called to order the regular meeting of the Texas Crime Stoppers Council at 10:30 a.m. on February 5, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites conference room located on the first floor of the building, 3025 N. E. Loop 286, Paris, Texas, 75460.

Roll call

Council Chairman J.B. Smith conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Mrs. Susan Rogers, Vice-Chair; Officer Greg New, Member; Deputy Steve Squier, Member; Mrs. Judith Windberg, Director.

The following persons were absent: Mr. Joe Martino, Member.

Public Comment.

- a) Mr. William Heuberger of Lamar County Crime Stoppers, Inc. stated that conducting the Council meeting on the Sunday morning prior to the conference makes it difficult for Crime Stoppers organizations to attend the meeting. Mr. Heuberger also welcomed everyone to Paris, Texas and the 22nd Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from the October 10, 2016 were approved as correct.

Continued certification of Crime Stoppers organizations.

- a) **Anderson County Crime Stoppers, Inc.** Deputy Steve Squier motioned to continue certification of Anderson County Crime Stoppers, Inc. contingent upon the completion of 16 hours of training by the organization's law enforcement coordinator and one member of the organization's board of directors at the 22nd Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference. Motion carried.
- b) **Crime Stoppers of Houston, Inc.** Mrs. Susan Rogers motioned to continue certification of Crime Stoppers of Houston, Inc. Motion carried.
- c) **Galveston County Crime Stoppers, Inc.** Officer Greg New motioned to continue certification of Galveston County Crime Stoppers, Inc. Motion carried.
- d) **Harlingen Area Crime Stoppers, Inc.** Deputy Steve Squier motioned to continue certification of Harlingen Crime Stoppers, Inc. contingent upon the completion of 16 hours of training by the organization's law enforcement coordinator and one member

of the organization's board of directors at the 22nd Annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers Conference. Motion carried.

- e) **La Marque Crime Stoppers Program, Inc.** Deputy Steve Squier motioned to continue certification of La Marque Crime Stoppers Program, Inc. Motion carried.
- f) **Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc.** Officer Greg New motioned to continue certification of Laredo Crime Stoppers, Inc. Motion carried.
- g) **Nolan County Crime Stoppers, Inc.** Officer Greg New motioned to continue certification of Nolan County Crime Stoppers, Inc. Motion carried.
- h) **Odessa Crime Stoppers, Inc.** Deputy Steve Squier motioned to continue certification of Odessa Crime Stoppers, Inc. Mrs. Susan Rogers abstained. Motion carried.

Initial certification of Crime Stoppers.

Rio Grande City Crime Stoppers, Inc. Officer Greg New motioned to postpone initial certification pending a statement from the organization affirming that the organization understands that the best practice of all Crime Stoppers organizations is that government officials or law enforcement officers should not serve on the organizations board of directors, and the organization will provide tips to other law enforcement agencies and pay rewards within Starr County, Texas. Motion carried.

Annual Texas' Best and Annual Texas' Best Campus Awards

- a) **Annual Productivity Awards.** Officer Greg New motioned that all productivity awards be based on submitted annual statistics rather than requiring organizations submit nominations. The productivity award populations categories to be as follows:

1) Campus Crime Stoppers organizations and programs:

> 500	5,001 – 6,000	15,001 – 20,000	45,001 +
501 – 1,500	6,001 – 8,000	20,001 – 25,000	
1,501 – 3,000	8,001 – 10,000	25,001 – 30,000	
3,001 – 5,000	10,001 – 15,000	30,001 – 45,000	

2) Community-Based Crime Stoppers organizations:

> 15,000	50,001 – 75,000	200,001 – 350,000
15,001 – 25,000	75,001 – 100,000	350,001 – 500,000
25,001 – 40,000	100,001 – 150,000	500,001 – 1,000,000
40,001 – 50,000	150,001 – 200,000	1,000,001 +

- b) **Judge Richard Carter Lifetime Achievement Award.** Motion by Vice-Chair Susan Rogers to create the "Judge Richard Carter Lifetime Achievement Award" was carried unanimously. This award will be the highest honor bestowed by the Council to recognize an individual who has invested a lifetime of service to make long lasting and remarkable contributions to Texas Crime Stoppers statewide. The award will be open to

volunteers, staff, and law enforcement officers and may be awarded posthumously. This is a periodic individual award given once per awards banquet and may not be awarded every year.

Selection Criteria: Nominees for the Texas Crime Stoppers Council's Lifetime Achievement Award must meet the following criteria:

- **History of Service.** The award is for a lifetime achievement rather than for a single contribution, no matter how monumental. Nominees must have 20 years, or more, of distinguished service directly related to Texas Crime Stoppers, in particular, positions of leadership the nominee has held such as on boards or as chair of committees. Any other known history, such as participation on committees and workgroups, and any examples of the nominee representing Texas Crime Stoppers officially as a liaison to other organizations or at the state level.
- **Significant Contributions and Influence.** The nominee's significant contributions to the advancement of Texas Crime Stoppers, including teaching, awards or recognition, innovative approaches to difficulties, lasting positive contributions to Texas Crime Stoppers, and the positive influence and inspiration of the individual locally and statewide.
- **Leadership.** The leadership the nominee has exhibited in Texas Crime Stoppers, positive influence regarding policy or practice within Crime Stoppers organizations, and inspiration provided to others.

Nomination Requirements: Each nomination must be supported by a letter of nomination and up to five letters of recommendation that speak to the nominee's distinction. Nominations must be typewritten, single-sided, with margins of at least one inch on 8.5" x 11" paper. Font size must be no smaller than 10-point, and width between characters should be normal (100%).

- **Letter of Nomination.** The letter of nomination should include the name, address, and daytime telephone number of the nominee; the name, address, daytime telephone number, and signature of the nominator; and the names of the authors of letters of recommendation.
- **Letters of Recommendation.** Up to five letters of recommendation may be included. Each of the categories (History of Service, Significant Contributions and Influence, and Leadership) should be addressed in at least one of the letters. The nominator may write one of the five letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation should focus on the quality rather than the quantity of the performance of the nominee, emphasizing the distinction of the nominee's performance.

Nomination Submissions: The nomination packet should be included in a single packet addressed to the Texas Crime Stoppers Council, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Post Office Box 12428, Austin, Texas 78711.

Selection Process: The Texas Crime Stoppers Council will select award recipients based on the nomination and staff recommendation. Selected award recipients will be presented at either the annual Texas Crime Stoppers conference or annual Texas Campus Crime Stoppers conference.

Trophy: Wording on the trophy must include “awarded for outstanding vision, dedication, and commitment to Texas Crime Stoppers” and a golden tambourine.

Schedule next meetings of the Texas Crime Stoppers Council.


Motion by Vice-Chair Susan Rogers was carried to schedule the next meetings of the Texas Crime Stoppers Council for the following:

- Thursday, May 4, 2017, beginning at 12:00 p.m. in conjunction with the 16-hour Basic Crime Stoppers Course being held in Fredericksburg, Texas.
- Monday, June 5, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in conjunction with the 16-hour Basic Crime Stoppers Course being held in Brownsville, Texas.

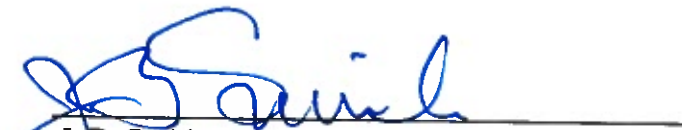
Adjournment

Council Chairman J.B. Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:54 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:


Judith E. Windberg
Director

Minutes approved by:


J. B. Smith
Chair