

**Powhatan County, Va
Crime Solvers**



...helping to keep community, families and businesses safe!



Crime Solvers 101

for our citizens

Why Crime Solvers?

- Crime Solvers operates on the premise that someone other than the criminal has information about an unsolved crime.
- Two main problems which prevent law enforcement from obtaining this information.
 - Fear
 - Apathy

Why Crime Solvers?

- The Mission is to provide an anonymous means to the public for reporting information to the police about crime.
- Anonymous tips are taken via telephone hotline
 - 804-403-HELP (4357)
- Tips are assigned code numbers to protect tipsters ID

Why Crime Solvers?

- Fear?
 - Crime Solvers offers anonymity to tipsters who provide information on unsolved crimes.
- Apathy?
 - A strong Crime Solvers program should worry criminals
 - Crime Solvers pays **cash rewards** for this information, when it helps solve an unsolved crime or capture a fugitive

Are you REALLY anonymous?

From the Virginia Code

§ 15.2-1713.1. Local "Crime Stoppers" programs; confidentiality.

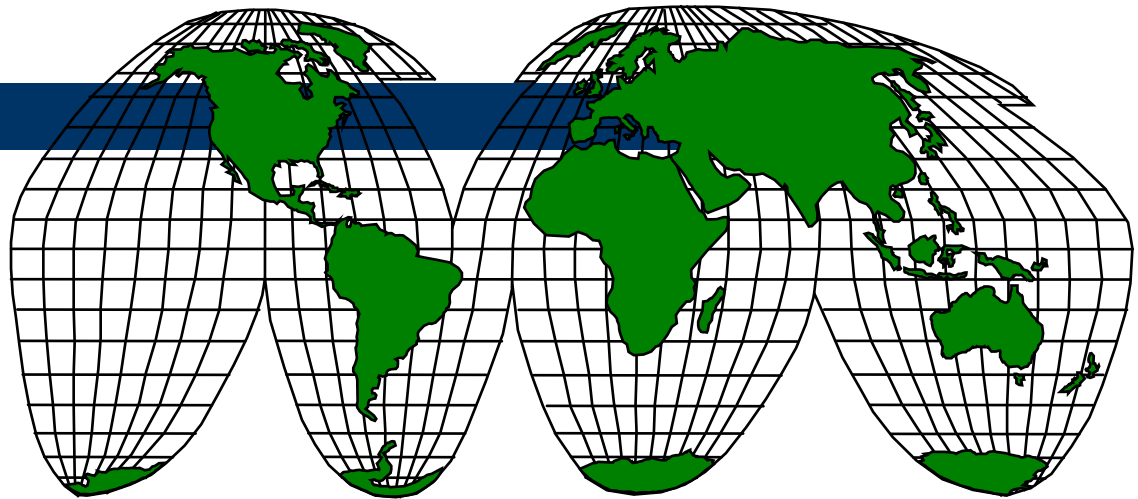
A. As used in this section, a "Crime Stoppers," "crime solvers," "crime line," or other similarly named organization is defined as a private, nonprofit Virginia corporation governed by a civilian volunteer board of directors that is operated on a local or statewide level that (i) offers anonymity to persons providing information to the organization, (ii) accepts and expends donations for cash rewards to persons who report to the organization information about alleged criminal activity and that the organization forwards to the appropriate law-enforcement agency, and (iii) is established as a cooperative alliance between the news media, the community, and law-enforcement officials.

B. Evidence of a communication or any information contained therein between a person submitting a report of an alleged criminal act to a "Crime Stoppers" organization and the person who accepted the report on behalf of the organization is not admissible in a court proceeding. Law-enforcement agencies receiving information concerning alleged criminal activity from a "Crime Stoppers" organization shall maintain confidentiality pursuant to subsection E of § 2.2-3706.

History

- July 1976 Homicide in Albuquerque, New Mexico
 - Victim - Michael Carmen
 - Detective Greg MacAleese
 - Sept 8, 1976 - first CS reenactment KOAT-TV
 - 72 hours after tip
- 1984 Virginia and Chesterfield County
- 2009 CCCH Board presents information to Powhatan County, and...Crime Solvers begins!

Where are we now ??



- Each Crime Solvers / Crime Stoppers / Crime Line / Silent Witness program provides services for their respective jurisdictions.
- Crime Solvers type organizations are statewide, nationwide and international.

Who Makes This Work?



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Civilians

- They OWN it
- The civilian members are charged with providing administrative oversight for Crime Solvers
 - Fundraising
 - Marketing
 - Public presentations
- Tipsters
- \$\$\$ Doners

Who Makes This Work?

Law Enforcement

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- Responsible for the day-to-day operations of Crime Solvers
 - Crime of the Week releases & media relations (media)
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 - Tip taking (citizens)
- Security and integrity of files
- Deputy Sheriff Dan Giardini is the Powhatan Coordinator

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Media

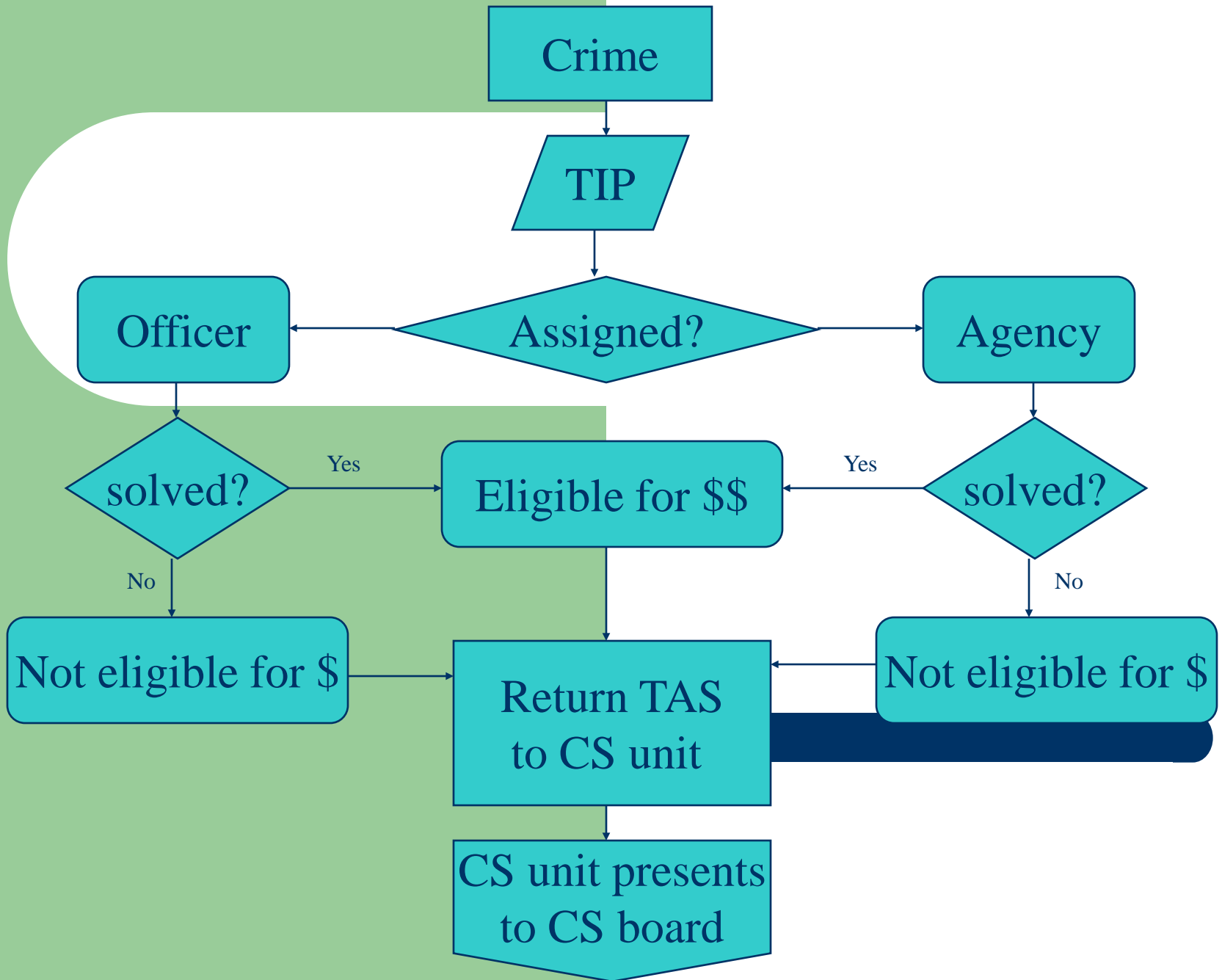
TV (Comcast, Verizon & FOX Richmond)

Radio (ALL local stations)

Newspapers (GOTCHA!, Times-Dispatch..)

AT NO CHARGE!!

Internet



Scholastic programs



- Active Scholastic Clubs in most middle schools and several high schools
 - Publicize the program
 - Help determine rewards
- Why?
 - Creativity
 - Teaches leadership/ responsibility / civic responsibility
 - Future of the program
 - Safer schools

We need your help !

- **Call in TIPS !!**
- **Participate in fundraisers**
- **Allow us to speak**

Your Web Site

www.powhatancrimesolvers.com

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WELCOME TO POWHATAN CRIME SOLVERS!



Looking for any information regarding two **Siberian Husky Dogs**, that went missing off Jeter Road in Powhatan County on January 24, 2013. One female (darker coat) and one Male (lighter coat) female dog was wearing red eclectic fence collars. Both dogs were wearing ID tags and collars.

These are very friendly house dogs. This is believed to be involved with five other family dogs that have come up missing or shot in the Jeter Road area of Powhatan County.

There is an ongoing investigation into these matters. Anyone with information is asked to contact crime solvers.

Powhatan County Crime Solvers Tip Line – 804-403-HELP (403-4357)

Gas drive-off at R&M Bi-Rite on Old Buckingham Rd, Powhatan on January 10, 2013

The Powhatan County Sheriff's Office needs your assistance in identifying two subjects involved in a gas drive-off at R&M Bi-Rite on Old Buckingham Rd in Powhatan on January 10th of this year. This incident occurred at approximately 6:25 pm (disregard timestamp in photos). The two vehicles involved in this incident are the White Chev/GMC 4-door crew-cab pickup trucks on the left side of the pumps. The middle-aged white male subject in the photos asked the store owner if he could fill up his truck and proceeded to fill a gas can, pole saw and his vehicle. After pumping the fuel, the two drivers appeared to argue then both got back in their vehicles and drove west on Old Buckingham Rd towards Cumberland. The owner was unable to get any license plate numbers from the vehicle. Anyone having any information related to this incident or that can identify the male subject in the photos are encouraged to call the Powhatan County Sheriff's Office at (804) 598-5656 or the **Powhatan County Crime Solvers Tip Line – 804-403-HELP (403-4357)**



TipSoft v5

Tip management database

Mobile APP
iPhone & Android

Text tipping

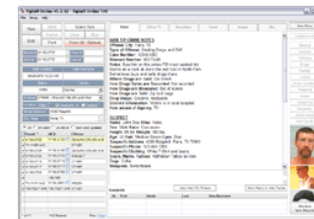
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TipSoft has evolved over the past twelve years from being the industry leading tip and intelligence management software to now being the world's #1 online tip management application, including fully integrated online WebTips and SMS Text-a-Tip capabilities. Our users include Crime Stoppers Programs, law enforcement and government agencies worldwide.

[View Summary Sheet](#) | www.tipsoftonline.com



TipSoft Alerts Public Alert Software

TipSoft Alerts is an informational text messaging and email alert service that allows Law Enforcement or Schools to communicate with the public regarding events in your area such as crime, fugitives, Amber Alerts, and emergencies. Agencies can send both text message and email alerts to the public. Public signup forms for alerts can be easily embedded on your agency's web page. An alert widget can also be embedded on your web page. Alerts can be automatically cross-posted to Facebook and Twitter. Alerts can be sent to the public from a smart phone if needed. Video tutorials are available to help you quickly get started. There are no costs to citizen subscribers for these alerts.

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TipSubmit Mobile New iPhone & Android App!

TipSubmit Mobile is new mobile tip submission application that offers many great new features and benefits vs. any existing tip submission processes. Tipsters get the convenience of submitting tips from their mobile device with the immediacy of SMS text tipping but without having to rely on the SMS text tip platform and limitations. Images may now be included, unlimited length messages, fully anonymous two-way dialogue and even virtual chat mode when both parties are online. There is a definite place for SMS text tips in this world but our all new TipSubmit Mobile application does indeed take things to the next level for effectiveness and efficiency.

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TipSoft SMS is the first commercially available and industry leading SMS text a tip product. Secure and anonymous two-way dialog is possible between investigators and tipsters. Used by Crime Stoppers Programs, law enforcement and government agencies worldwide. Our SMS Text-a-Tip product is fully and seamlessly integrated into the TipSoft Online tip management application.



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Text-A-Tip

- Tipsters will type a code _____ and their message, then send it to **274637** (which spells CRIMES on a keypad with letters)
- This allows an anonymous, *two-way* dialog with the tipster, as long as the caller does not text the word "stop"

Web Tips

- User must create their OWN password

Web Tips - Windows Internet Explorer
https://www.tipsubmit.com/WebTips.aspx?AgencyID=699

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Web Tips

CHESTERFIELD CNTY / COLONIAL HEIGHTS CRIME SOLVERS, INC.

Confidential Web Tip Information System
If this is an urgent matter do not submit it here alone.
Dial 911 if it is an emergency!
Fill out as much information below as possible and click "Submit Tip".
Click [here](#) to follow-up on an existing tip.
English - Español - Français

Is this tip related to a school or student?
 No Yes

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Number of Suspects

SUSPECT #1

Suspect's Name: Alias(es) or Nickname:

Race: Sex: Height: Weight:

Age (or DOB): Hair Color: Hair Style: Eyes:

Suspect's Address, City, State, Zip/Postal Code, Country:

Suspect's Cell Phone and/or Home Phone:

Scars, Marks, Tattoos:

Suspect's Clothing:

Dogs or Animals:

Weapons:

Hangouts:

Known Associates:

Gang Affiliation:

Social Networking

- Facebook

- Twitter

- YouTube

The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Facebook page for Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/edit/?id=91194337882#/pages/Chesterfield-CountyColonial-Heights-Crime-Solvers/91194337882>. The Facebook page header includes the logo for "crime solvers" and navigation tabs for Wall, Info, Photos, Discussions, Boxes, Events, and more. The main content area features a "What's on your mind?" text box, a "Share" button, and several posts. The first post is a text-based announcement about breakfast funding. The second post is a "Flapjack Fundraiser" event scheduled for Saturday, August 28, 2010. The third post is a link to a radio stream titled "Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers Hello again, Fans! Don't want to forget...if you can stream audio from your computer, you won't want to miss this week's installment of 'Crime Solvers Radio Profiles'". The fourth post is a news article from WTVR titled "Union First Market Bank Robbed in Chesterfield - wtvr". The fifth post is another radio stream announcement: "Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers Hey! ladies and gents, tune in and listen to us on our weekly radio show." The left sidebar contains an "Edit Page" section with a description of the organization, an "Information" section showing the page was founded on March 13, 1984, and an "Insights" section with a post quality score of 0 stars. Below these are "401 People Like This" with profile pictures of members like Courtney Daniel-Newman, Krisy Haley Balzer, Tiffany Valenta, James Newman, Charles Robert Hawker, and Angel Gonzalez. At the bottom of the sidebar, there is a "Photos" section showing "2 of 7 albums". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Internet Explorer icon and a 100% zoom level.

How are we doing ?

● Tips received	49
● Arrests	29
● Tips paid	6
● CASH Rewards approved	\$900.00

- Statistics as of Jan 2013

Notes/Stories/Updates

A thick, dark blue horizontal bar with rounded ends, positioned below the main title.

How do you reach us ?

Powhatan County Crime Solvers

P.O. Box 133

Powhatan, VA 23139

www.powhatan-crimesolvers.com

Business Office 804-598-5653

Hotline number 804-403-*HELP* (4357)

President: Mr. Bill Stinson 804-594-0560

CC/CH Crime Solvers

- Administrative Secretary: Rebecca “Becky” Adams 804-748-1278
- LE Coordinator: Corporal Kevin Bacon 804-748-1463
- President: Mrs. Cathrine “Kitty” John (804-748-1278)

Other Local Programs

- Virginia Crime Stoppers Assoc.
 - <http://vacrimestoppers.net>
- Chesterfield County/Colonial Heights Crime Solvers 804-748-0660
 - Website – www.crimesolvers.net
 - Text code “WATSON”

Other Local Programs

- **Metro Richmond Crime Stoppers 780-1000**
 - (Richmond, Henrico, Hanover, New Kent Goochland, Charles City)
 - Website - www.7801000.com
 - Text code "iTip"
- **Petersburg / Dinwiddie 861-1212**
 - Website – www.pdcrimesolvers.org
 - Text code "PDCASH"
- **Hopewell / Prince George 541-2202 & 733-2777**
 - Text code "iGotcha"

Questions ??

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