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Minister's Message to the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers

On behalf of the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, I am pleased to recognize January as Crime Stoppers Month for 2011.

The community Crime Stoppers programs that make up the Ontario Association of Crime Stoppers (OACS) have, over the years, received information that has led to more than 81,000 arrests and the clearing of nearly 135,000 police cases. Crime Stoppers continues to live up to its goal, so aptly stated at your 2010 international conference: to help stop, solve and prevent crime.

During 2010, the OACS launched a new educational DVD as part of the Student Crime Stoppers program. *Our School, Our Community, Our Call* has been well received in communities and schools across the province. I am pleased that a grant from the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services helped make this launch happen – an example of the close co-operation between the Ontario government and the OACS.

The McGuinty government is committed to ensuring that Ontario families live in safe and secure communities. We value the important work of the OACS as a key partner to both government and the police in these efforts. My ministry's commitment to Crime Stoppers includes a \$200,000 annual investment to maintain the after-hours telephone service for all the 38 Crime Stoppers programs in Ontario. This funding provides 24/7 access for callers to give information on criminal activities.

I especially wish to recognize the selfless contributions of the many dedicated volunteers who make Crime Stoppers' work possible. You give generously of your time to staff the telephone lines, organize fundraising events and raise the profile of Crime Stoppers in your communities. Thank you, each and every one of you, for all your hard work in 2010.

Please accept my best wishes for another successful year in 2011.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Bradley'.

Jim Bradley
Minister