

# Milwaukee Crime Stoppers

## Letter of Agreement

Milwaukee Crime Stoppers (hereinafter referred to as Crime Stoppers), is a non-profit and tax-exempt charitable organization, governed by a Board of Directors, who are comprised of volunteers interested in assisting law enforcement agencies in their ongoing efforts to detect and prevent crime.

Crime Stoppers is a separate entity from Milwaukee Police Department (hereinafter referred to as the Agency), governed by its own Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, and responsible for its own liability in respect to the organization's operations under the direction of the Board of Directors. Likewise, the Agency is a separate entity from Crime Stoppers and is responsible for its own liability in respect to its operations under the direction of the Chief Law Enforcement Officer for the Agency. The Agency recognizes the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers to be the administering and governing body of the Crime Stoppers program.

Crime Stoppers recognizes that by entering into a partnership with the Agency, it must operate in a manner that is above reproach and acceptable to the general public. Crime Stoppers will provide the Agency a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the program. Crime Stoppers will provide annually, upon request, a copy of the annual fiscal statements of the program, a copy of all new By-laws amendments, and a current list of Officers and Directors of the Crime Stoppers program.

The Agency agrees to provide at least one Coordinator to the Crime Stoppers program provided that the program remains a registered member in good standing with Crime Stoppers USA®. The Coordinator will be mutually acceptable to Crime Stoppers and the Agency. The Coordinator will not be a voting member of the Board of Directors. The Agency also agrees to perform background checks, at no cost, on potential board members of the Crime Stoppers program.

The Coordinator will attend the Crime Stoppers meetings and be familiar with the operations, members, and duties required. The Coordinator will produce a monthly report of activity for the Board of Directors and recommend rewards for tips that have resulted in an arrest.

Crime Stoppers will assume responsibility for raising funds and paying callers any rewards deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. Crime Stoppers will neither be responsible for the offering or payment of any non-Crime Stoppers rewards, nor for determining who, if anyone, may be entitled to rewards not offered or approved by Crime Stoppers. The Agency will be responsible for having its Coordinator attend training annually. The Agency agrees that it will endeavor to investigate all Crime Stoppers tips provided to the Agency by the Coordinator. It is understood that all tip information is the property of Crime Stoppers.

This Agreement remains in force unless one or both parties wish to remove their respective agencies from the Agreement.

Agreed and signed on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

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Chief Law Enforcement Officer

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Crime Stoppers Representative