



## Press Release: Crime Stoppers Belize launches its P3 Tips Application

On Tuesday night, December 3, 2019, at the Belize Biltmore Hotel conference room Crime Stoppers Belize launched its latest tool to assist in the fight against Crime and application is called **P3Tips**.

The **P3 Tips** application is a free download from either the Apple Store or from the Google Play Store depending if you have and Apple or an Android device. It can be downloaded on any mobile device such as a phone or iPad, and its sister application, the web-based version, requires no download, and is used for a computer or PC. Just point your browser to [www.p3tips.com](http://www.p3tips.com).

Anyone who is an eyewitness to a crime or has very important information to share can do it through this app. Any and all information shared through this app is completely untraceable and encrypted. in the privacy of their home or office. All information passed through the app is completely untraceable and encrypted.

### INSTRUCTIONS on HOW to download:

1. Go to Google Play Store or Apple Store and search by typing in **P3 Tips**
2. HIT the **Get** and **Install** button, and it should take a little over one minute to install.
3. After the installation process, Press "OPEN"
4. Next, you will be asked to create a password and to reenter that password a second time. Keep that password safe, as there is no recovery available for that password, other than to delete the app and re-install.
5. Finally Choose your Location: Belize. Navigation is easy thereafter.

### P3 Tips App is:

1. Untraceable
2. Encrypted
3. Does not record any phone number, GPS coordinates or IP address of your location, thus ensuring confidentiality.
4. Has the capability to allow attachments of pictures or video clips when submitting a TIP
5. After the TIP is submitted, you have the option to check back for updates
6. Can view all Wanted Criminals
7. The software is internationally used in the Caribbean, USA and Canada and it is run by developers in the USA who subscribe to high security standards.

There were two Guest speakers for the occasion: First Guest Speaker was the Chief Executive Officer of Home Affairs, Colonel George Lovell. In his remarks, he outlined the various initiatives that the Government has been doing to fight crime, one being that the Ministry will be conducting training for 34 CIB officers on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January.

The second guest speaker was the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr. Edward Broaster, who commented that the police was pleased with the program that has provided valuable information in many investigations and the efforts made collaboratively with the organization, the public and the police has been working well. He strongly encouraged everyone that if they See Something, Say Something, to Stop Something.

The Chair of the Board, Mrs. Lauren Reardon Smith, in her remarks commented that she would like to see the program grow with more involvement from the public using the free service, and more collaboration with business establishment as donors to the program, particularly to fund the outreach programs on awareness campaigns.

The new Crime Stoppers Police Coordinator was introduced to the public. He is Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr. Noel Leal. The Crime Stoppers Board is excited to have him on Board and look forward to a successful year with him.

Among those in attendance were members of the Diplomatic Core, Belize Police Department, Representatives and Heads of local Banks, Presidents of the Rotary Clubs, Representatives from Tourism sector, Sponsors of Crime Stoppers Belize, and the media.

Crime Stoppers Belize is a not for profit organization with a totally volunteer board consisting of members from a wide cross segment of the Belizean public. The program is designed to reduce crime by partnering with the community, the media, the local police and other law enforcement agencies. The media reports the crime, the community identifies the criminal(s) who've committed the crime and provides information to Crime Stoppers anonymously, and the police acts upon the information provided by arresting and charging the criminals. When the criminals are arrested, they are effectively removed from the community hence reducing crime in the area. Crime can only be combated when everyone gets involved.

It is a community-based program designed to help law enforcement solve crime by setting up systems which allows the public to report tips anonymously by phone and now by electronic means and receive rewards for information that leads directly to the arrest and charge of a suspect for a crime. In Belize, the anonymous TIPS hotline is 922 to report crime-related information. Tipsters may become eligible for rewards of up to \$2,000.

Crime Stoppers Belize was formed as part of the Rotary Club of Belize Centennial Project in 2004. It functions today with assistance from donors and patrons.

Crime Stoppers Belize would like to express its gratitude to the Government of Belize and to our sponsors and donors who have made our organization a success in the past and we look forward to continued collaboration over the coming years.

To get more information or for support for use, please visit our web site at [www.crimestoppersbelize.org](http://www.crimestoppersbelize.org) or our face book page at <https://www.facebook.com/crimestoppersbz>

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