

Annual Report

2008



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To make the Kansas City metropolitan area a safer, more secure place to live, do business, and visit by supporting law-enforcement and justice agencies and their causes.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Dear friends of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission:

It has been my privilege and honor to serve as the first female Chairperson for the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission. This board, staff, civic community, and organizations that support this great metropolitan law enforcement community should be proud of the tremendous commitment and legacy we leave behind.

The year 2008 has been a time that our Crime Commission once again took up the challenge of supporting local law enforcement in old, new, and innovative ways.

Crime fighting is a team effort and over many years of existence our organization has without hesitation developed partnerships with law enforcement and the business community and focused our attention on public safety in the community we serve. These partnerships are critical in addressing the public safety needs of the Kansas City community.

Throughout this report you will see many initiatives that have made a difference to public safety in the greater Kansas City metropolitan bi-state area. Some of our results are listed below.

- 1,219 Felony Cases Cleared
- 431 Felony Arrests
- 4,611 Anonymous Tips Taken
- 99 Fugitives from Kansas City's Most Wanted Newspaper
- We now receive web-based and text message anonymous tips
- Received 2008 Keep Kansas City Beautiful Award from Bridging the Gap
- Kicked off our newest offender re-entry program, Second Chance

As we focus our attention on the challenges of the future, you can be certain that the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission will continue to be a bridge of support to our local law enforcement brothers and sisters on both sides of the state line. Thank you for the tremendous support for our great law enforcement community.

Sincerely,

Carol Marinovich
Chairperson, Kansas City Metropolitan
Crime Commission
2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Richard Easley



This is a summary of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission performance report for fiscal year 2008, beginning March 1, 2008 and ending February 29, 2009.

In May 2008 we moved to our current location of 3100 Broadway, Suite 226, which has proven to be an excellent location for all our programs. With the help of our board of directors, staff, and law enforcement partners, as well as the metropolitan community at large, the Crime Commission had an extremely productive year. All of our programs are designed to support local law enforcement in their efforts to fight crime in our community and make the greater Kansas City area a safer place to live, work and raise your family.

2008 marked the announcement of a new and innovative program called Second Chance, which is designed to enhance public safety in our community, provide necessary resources to ex-offenders returning to our area, and function as a crime prevention strategy through efforts such as developing job opportunities for offenders that will lower their recidivism rate after release. Second Chance provides a valuable crime fighting tool, focusing on an area long forgotten by the criminal justice system. Ex-offenders receive a second chance with provided funding and services through the non-profit and faith-based community, giving opportunities of support for them and their families. We are now fundraising and looking for grant opportunities to provide valuable resources for Second Chance. We have developed over 70 partners from the not-for-profit community, all dedicated to working as advocates for this critically needed program.

The Metropolitan Community Service Program again adopted a nine mile area along the Prospect Corridor. In a major newspaper article on zip code 64130, this area was called "the murder factory" for its perpetuation of criminal activity and violent crime. Our clean-ups in that area make a huge difference to the neighborhoods that continue working with police to fight crime and blight in an area that needs much support. We have been working very hard in this area to make a difference.

SAFE continues benefitting families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty. In 2008 we unfortunately lost Kansas City, Missouri Firefighter Terrance Crockett. We are grateful that SAFE was there to assist a family handle this tragedy. The loss of a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician is traumatic on their families and SAFE plays a huge role in helping them through this very difficult time.

Crime Stoppers continues to be recognized as one of the best and most proactive in the world. We now receive tips by e-mail and text messages, giving callers a variety of ways to contact us anonymously. We are very appreciative of the law enforcement and business community that support this extremely valuable program that supports our men and women in blue. Kansas City's Most Wanted Newspaper continues to be a valuable tool for metropolitan law enforcement in getting wanted fugitives off their streets.

We are all aware of the difficult economic times and I would like to personally thank all our board of directors who support us with their finances, time, and talent to make this great organization a success. Our staff also continues doing a fabulous job of running our programs. They are truly valuable and committed to our organization and the communities we serve. I have provided a summary of our FY 2008 finances on Page 8.



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SAFE

By Sonny Wilson, Executive Director

This was another successful year for the SAFE program, albeit a sad one, as we experienced the death of a firefighter in the line of duty. On March 17, 2008 Kansas City, Missouri Firefighter Terrance Crockett died while battling a blaze in a vacant house. His death marked the first time that the SAFE benefits (\$10,000) were paid to a survivor's children rather than a spouse. Proceeds were divided equally among his three daughters.

A primary goal of SAFE from its inception was to expand our coverage area. This year brought the addition of two new counties to our west, Douglas and Shawnee. Both counties fulfilled requirements of being contiguous to an existing county and making a donation equal to two Life Memberships: \$10,000. Ken McGovern, Douglas County Sheriff, and Ron Olin, Chief, Lawrence Police Department were instrumental in having their county admitted and Ron Miller, Chief, Topeka Police Department and Richard Barta, Sheriff, Shawnee County worked jointly to have Shawnee admitted.



After-play banquet at the Annual Larry Stewart SAFE Memorial Golf Classic, Shoal Creek Golf Course, May 19, 2008

As mentioned previously, the donations of \$10,000 by Douglas and Shawnee counties not only admitted them to the SAFE coverage area but also made them the 24th and 25th Life Members, and each was presented with the appropriate commemorative shadow box.



2008 Guns 'N Hoses event program with boxer information and sponsorship advertisements

As always, fundraisers play a huge part in the success of the SAFE program. We had a total of four events; the Larry Stewart SAFE Memorial Golf Classic, the Sun Fresh remotes selling hot dogs and brats, the Guns "N Hoses Police vs. Fire boxing event, and a fashion show: all of which brought in approximately \$76,243. The golf tournament and boxing event are yearly events and will continue. The Sun Fresh remotes will not continue, but will be replaced with another event sponsored by Sun Fresh Markets. The fashion show was a one-time event.

SAFE's total operating expenses this past year were \$32,960. This figure will increase to approximately \$44,732 in the coming year due to office rent and other increased costs associated with our office in Crime Commission space. Fundraisers, membership renewals,

new Life Members, and miscellaneous donations produced approximately \$107,972 thus increasing our account balance a little over \$75,000 from a beginning balance of \$462,694 to an ending balance of \$537,706.

Future plans for SAFE include an expanded annual meeting, as 2009 will be our 5 year anniversary, with a possible guest speaker from another 100 Club program. A committee will likely be appointed to study the issue of amending or expanding our by-laws to pay additional benefits. Next year will likely bring new board members as we say goodbye to at least two of our original members who have left the area or no longer have time to devote to the program. We thank them for their support and wish them well. SAFE's future looks bright and our number one goal is, and always will be, to never lose a public safety officer in the line of duty.

Program Mission:

To provide the comfort of financial support for the surviving spouses and dependents or, in their absence, the parents of sworn law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency services personnel who lose their life in the line of duty.

MCSP

By Barry Mayer, Director

MCSP provides a valuable service to Kansas City and the surrounding communities. The program provides ongoing, cost-free labor of court-appointed community service workers for the cleanup of multiple community sites in the metropolitan area as well as for over 40 other non-profit and municipal worksites like Harvesters, Habitat for Humanity, Cross-Lines, Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Community Centers, etc. This continues to benefit the judicial system by providing the community an alternative to incarceration.



MCSP clients collect litter at the Adopt Prospect Project.

A total of 101,800 hours were worked by MCSP community service workers in 2009 and 626,000 hours in the past 5 years. That is cost savings to the non-profits and municipalities of a dollar amount exceeding 12 million dollars. The MCSP clean up program collected 476,039 pounds of trash in 2008. That's nearly 2,400 tons of litter and debris.

In 2008, MCSP launched two special litter control projects. The first, Adopt Downtown KCK, partners with Downtown Shareholders and Wyandotte Works/Wyandotte Serves who coordinates the project.



Neighborhood partners conduct a Beautification project at 27th and Prospect.

The second is Adopt Prospect where over 15 tons of litter was collected in the first 6 months of the project over a 9 mile stretch of Prospect Avenue from Independence Avenue to 85th Street. In addition, 5 intersections were targeted for beautification projects in partnership with the Crime Commission's Second Chance Program, Keep KC Beautiful, MoDOT and other community partners, like Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church and Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church.



MCSP receives the 2008 Keep Kansas City Beautiful Award.

Bridging the Gap hosted its 14th Annual Environmental Excellence Awards ceremony at the Kansas City Public Library in 2008. MCSP was awarded the Keep Kansas City Beautiful Award for Organizations in honor of our efforts towards creating a cleaner, safer more beautiful Kansas City.



MCSP Board Past President Judy Perry and Board Member Karen Phillips.

In 2008, MCSP was led by a community advisory board chaired by Mr. Ed Linnebur, of KCK Downtown Shareholders. Our multi-talented board helps lead the mission to support the Kansas City metropolitan courts in the betterment of the community through community service. MCSP would like to recognize past MCSP President, Ms. Judy Perry, in her retirement from the Board. Ms. Perry's leadership and long time support of the program has been instrumental to our success.

Program Mission:

"To provide a non-profit, self-supporting sanction to the criminal justice system, as a tool for returning the offender to society in a meaningful way; while at the same time, restoring resources to the community."



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Crime Stoppers
By Det. Kevin Boehm, Coordinator

A Year of Transition

For the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers program, 2008 saw a number of transitions which emphasize the viability and adaptability of the program. New technology led to the implementation of an updated software program making the process of taking TIPS more efficient. Further, the addition of web-based TIPS submission, as well as texting capabilities, expanded the reach of the program and made it easier than ever to submit important crime information to the program.



Players practice before the Crime Stoppers Bill Grigsby Annual Golf Classic, Staley Farms Golf Club, August 18, 2008

We also said goodbye to Sergeant Craig Sarver, at least temporarily, who took over the TIPS program in 1995 and helped to create one of the most decorated and respected programs in the United States. Sergeant Sarver retired from the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department as TIPS Coordinator after 32 years of law enforcement service. Sergeant Sarver will continue to be involved in his new position as Editor of the Kansas City's Most Wanted Newspaper in addition to assisting with enhancing the Scholastic TIPS Program.



2009 Missouri Scholarship winner, Nicole Carter from Lee's Summit West High School.

Curtis), the weekly Northeast News Fugitive segment (Mike Bushnell), and Lamar Advertising's billboard program (Brian Henry).

The annual Crime Stoppers Breakfast featured Call Taker of the Year winner Krystal Thompson of the Sugar Creek Police Department. The annual TIPS/Metropolitan Police Chief's and Sheriff's Association essay winners were also announced. From Kansas, Mr. Robbie McKnight of Olathe South High School won and has already been accepted to the University of Kansas. On the Missouri side, Ms. Nicole Carter from Lee's Summit West High School was our winner. Nicole plans on attending Kansas State University in the architecture program.

The numbers for 2008 are as follows: 4,457 TIPS taken, 454 arrests were made with 1,311 cases cleared and 49 firearms were taken off the street. Of those 208 fugitives were apprehended with 23 homicides, 14 rapes and 29 robberies cleared. A total of \$65,425 dollars in rewards were paid out to TIPSTERS.

Additional programs within the TIPS Hotline continued to flourish during 2008 including the Kansas City's Most Wanted Newspaper (Chuck Curtis), the weekly Northeast News Fugitive segment (Mike Bushnell), and Lamar Advertising's billboard program (Brian Henry).



2009 Kansas Scholarship winner, Robbie McKnight of Olathe South High School.

Program Mission:

To facilitate a partnership between the community, the media and law enforcement in order to help make the metropolitan area a safer place to live, do business and visit. Crime Stoppers utilizes citizen support and media assistance in aiding law enforcement agencies to solve crimes and bring criminals to justice.

Second Chance
By Lora McDonald, Coordinator

On October 14, 2008, the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission announced the formation of a new program called the Second Chance Program at a news conference held at JE Dunn Construction.

Second Chance supports the Crime Commission’s mission to support local law enforcement and other justice agencies make the greater Kansas City area a safe place to live and work. The Crime Commission will work with civic leaders to support the program and help develop funding for nonprofits who provide services, guidance and counseling to offenders returning home to the community.



William H. Dunn, Sr. presents a check to Barry Mayer and Rick Easley for the Second Chance Program.

“It’s a statistical fact that without a proper support mechanism, more than 50% of ex-offenders will return to crime and reenter an already severely overcrowded justice system,” said Carl DiCapo, Chairman of the Crime Commission Board. “The threat to our communities – where we live and work- as well as the costs incurred by the taxpayers in supporting offenders and building and maintaining correctional institutions is extreme. If we can provide the support to keep offenders productive, gainfully employed, and out of prison, everyone, including police departments, municipal governments, the business community and the public, wins.”

Second Chance got right to work through its highly talented program coordinator, Ms. Lora McDonald, to create a coalition of nonprofit service organizations, government agencies and the business community working together to provide for the special needs of ex-offenders reentering the community. These needs include shelter, food, counseling, mentoring,



Crime Commission Vice President Barry Mayer receives Leadership Award.

employment and transportation. Additionally, the foundation is working in both Kansas and Missouri to provide funding opportunities, research, advocacy, task forces, special projects and better coordination of services in an effort to have an impact on the problem and hopefully reduce crime in doing so.

Program funding comes from multiple sources, including state and federal grants, fundraising and other foundation support. JE Dunn Construction presented a check for \$100,000 and a three-year commitment. Chairman Emeritus of JE Dunn, William H. Dunn, Sr., stands firmly

behind the Second Chance mission. “It’s going to take financial assistance from many other sources to put together an effective program that will reduce the high recidivism rate that currently exists in our community. We’re proud to step up as an organization to get this critical program off the ground and we call on others within the community to do the same.”

Mr. Dunn agreed to chair the program Advisory Board in its first year with Mr. DiCapo as Vice Chair and Mr. Albert Riederer, Board Secretary. Crime Commission Vice-President, Barry Mayer, a long time believer in prison reentry, is assisting Ms. McDonald direct the program. In September, 2008, Barry received the Leadership Award from the Missouri Department of Corrections at their annual state conference for building community partnerships that create innovative Re-entry programs for the State of Missouri.

Program Mission:

“To provide a crime prevention strategy for Metropolitan Kansas City through research, advocacy and the funding of programs that improves opportunities for ex-offenders to lead productive lives.”



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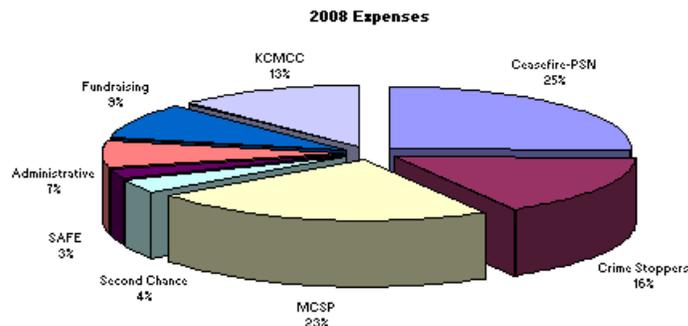
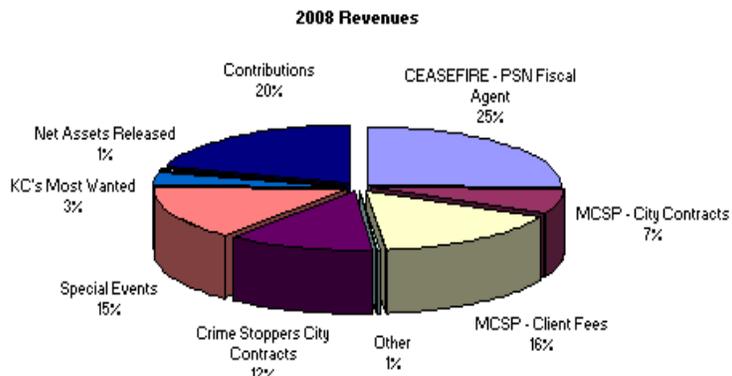
MCSP – City Contracts	\$108,450.00
MCSP – Client Fees	\$252,168.00
Crime Stoppers City Contracts	\$192,200.00
Ceasefire-PSN Fiscal Agent	\$394,546.00
Special Events	\$234,437.00
Contributions	\$311,351.00
Net Investment Income (-loss)	\$ -16,979.00
KC’s Most Wanted Publication	\$ 50,520.00
Other	\$ 3,313.00
	\$1,530,006.00
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$13,750.00
Total	\$1,543,756.00

FY 2008 (03/01/08 – 02/28/09) – EXPENSES

Program Services	
Crime Stoppers	\$246,977.00
MCSP	\$357,159.00
Ceasefire-PSN	\$394,546.00
SAFE	\$ 41,411.00
Second Chance	\$ 54,722.00
KCMCC	\$192,018.00
Administrative	\$102,986.00
Fundraising	\$145,834.00
Total	\$1,535,653.00

Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$8,103.00
Temporary Restricted Net Assets	
Contributions	\$272,852.00
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$ -13,750.00
Increase in Temp. Restricted Net Assets	\$259,102.00
Increase in Net Assets	\$267,205.00

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CEASEFIRE

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) implemented Project Ceasefire in the Western District of Missouri. PSN pursues a strategy of firearm violence deterrence through a combination of increased prosecution of federal firearm offenses, media, education and community outreach. The Crime Commission provides fiscal management of the PSN federal grant to the Steering Committee

The Anti-Gang and PSN Anti-Gun Violence Initiatives have been integrated and the Steering Committee meets regularly to address goals, objectives, and challenges. Agency partners include the FBI, ATF, ICE, police departments of Kansas City, MO and Independence, Missouri Probation & Parole, UMKC, Citizen’s Advisory Board, Break N Build Phase II (the POSSE Program), Old Northeast, Inc. (Graffiti Abatement Program), prosecutor’s offices for Jackson, Greene, and Platte Counties, and the Crime Commission.

The joint ATF task force has continued to develop and provide federal prosecution cases. The total number of firearm violations cases filed in fiscal year 2008 was 263, the fifth highest in the country.



By Craig Sarver, Editor

In June 2007, Crime Commission and Crime Stoppers board member, Chuck Curtis, began publication of KC’s Most Wanted Newspaper in cooperation with Crime Stoppers. In March 2009 publication of the paper was taken over in-house and overseen by former Crime Stoppers Coordinator, Craig Sarver. Printing photos of 60 to 90 wanted fugitives in each issue; the paper often includes information on unsolved crimes, safety tips and other related articles.

At the time of this writing, readers had given tips leading to the arrests of 106 wanted fugitive felons with charges ranging from drug charges to homicide. Featured fugitives are provided by law enforcement agencies from all over the metropolitan Kansas City area.

The paper sells for \$1 at over 125 retail locations across the metro area. In most cases merchants keep \$0.25 and \$0.75 goes to Crime Stoppers for publication costs. Advertising is also available, with each issue averaging two paid ads. In June 2009 we began a program running small free ads in three consecutive issues for our top ten sales locations as a thank you for their support. We are currently working to add more paid advertising and increase sales locations.

If you have questions about the paper, or would like to advertise in or sell it at your location, please contact Craig.