

# Annual Report

## 2009

*(March 2009 – February 2010)*



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### *Our Mission:*

*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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Dear friends of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission:

As of the end of this year I will have served two years as Chairperson of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission. It has been my privilege and honor to lead such a distinguished board that works so hard to fight crime and make our neighborhoods better places to work, live and raise families. The 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.

In 2009 the Crime Commission once again took up the challenge of supporting local law enforcement in old, new, and innovative ways. Who would have thought several years ago that we would be in the re-entry business and working to assist ex-offenders as they return to society? We work hard to catch active criminals and work just as hard to help them become good citizens when they return. This speaks well of our organization and our efforts to work as partners with local law enforcement and justice organizations.

We have all learned that crime fighting is a team effort and over many years of experience we know the importance of partnerships with law enforcement, the business community, and organizations in the communities we serve. These partnerships are critical in making a difference and addressing the public safety needs of Kansas City metropolitan communities.

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.

- 653 Felony Cases Cleared
- 332 Felony Arrests
- 4,380 Anonymous Tips Taken
- 160 Fugitives from Kansas City's Most Wanted Newspaper
- SAFE expanded recipient benefits
- MCSP provided over 1.5 million hours of cost free community service labor
- Established a Second Chance Reentry Coalition with over 100 members

As we focus our attention on 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 2009, beginning March 1, 2009 and ending February 28, 2010.

Once again the Crime Commission stepped up during difficult economic times and supported local law enforcement throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. Our programs have truly made a difference in the communities we serve and our Board of Directors should be proud of their efforts to keep our neighborhood safe and help make them a better place to live, raise a family, and do business. We are deeply appreciative of all of our board members' efforts and thank you for a job well done.

Our Second Chance Program continues to work toward making a serious impact on public safety in our community. Our coalition of non-profit and faith based organizations has grown to over one hundred organizations and continues finding opportunities to partner with the Crime Commission on important issues in the field of corrections and re-entry. Second Chance educates organizations and the public through presentations and educational information funneled through media outlets. This program is designed to address ex-offenders who are at the highest risk to recidivate. Our main goals are to impact public safety by lowering crime and save tax payer money by helping ex-offenders break the cycle of committing more crimes and violating their probation and parole. We have developed a Risk Reduction Center and believe it will go a long way towards returning the person who has done their time back to becoming a contributing member of society.

MCSP has again adopted a nine mile area along the Prospect Corridor from Independence Avenue to 85th Street. Cleanups continue to make a huge difference in the neighborhoods and thousands of pounds of trash are taken collected each week. Without MCSP and its close working relationship with police and neighborhoods this would not be accomplished. As a result of our Adopt Prospect efforts and working with law enforcement a definite decrease in crime is reflected in the neighborhoods we serve.

SAFE continues to benefit families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty. Participation in our fund raising efforts continues to show a deep caring for public safety officers in the metropolitan area. We were extremely fortunate during this budget cycle not to have any deaths to public safety officers. It is very reassuring to know that SAFE is there should the need arise.

Crime Stoppers continues to be a model for others around the country. This program has stood the test of time and continues to play a valuable role as a resource and crime fighting partner for local law enforcement. Being able to take anonymous phone calls, e-mails and text messages is a huge benefit to providing necessary resources and help to the men and women in blue who put their lives on the line each day.

Facing difficult economic times has made it even more trying to continue providing programs that truly make a difference and impact public safety. With the help of our Board of Directors, local law enforcement, the business community, our neighborhoods, and our staff of professionals somehow we get the job done. My deepest appreciation goes out to all of you for your help. We have been blessed over the past year by your commitment and dedication to make this organization successful.

I have provided a summary of our Fiscal Year 2009 finances on Page 8.



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**SAFE**

**By Sonny Wilson, Executive Director**

This past fiscal year was a successful one in that there were no line of duty deaths; a productive one in as much as we accomplished a long sought goal of expanding our benefits to recipients; a profitable one as we saw an overall growth in the fund balance despite the sluggish economy; but in the end a sad one due to the death of our Board President, Kevin Nunnink.

Kevin was appointed by the Board to fill the remainder of Kent Sunderland's presidency, upon his resignation, and then elected for a full two year term in March 2009. Sadly on August 25, 2009, he passed away. He will be remembered and missed by the SAFE family



Sharon Knutson-Felix, Executive Director of the Arizona 100 Club, Sonny Wilson, and Debra Boyert, SAFE's first Recipient.

for his dedication and tireless efforts to further the cause of SAFE and raise its awareness in the community. Scott Barton was appointed to fill Kevin's unexpired term.

Ms. Sharon Knutson-Felix, Executive Director of the Arizona 100 Club, was the guest speaker for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in mid March. She spoke of losing her husband to a line of duty death and the 100 Club's assistance to her and her family. She also spoke of her work as its Executive Director and the club's growth.

This past year saw the addition of one new Life Member, the Kansas City Chiefs through its President, Denny Thum. The Board of Directors has two new members, Rosemary Salerno from Zona Rosa and Boyd McGathey of Inergy Corp, formerly Liberty Propane.

One long sought goal was accomplished this year with the expansion of recipient benefits. SAFE now pays benefits for deaths "while on duty" but not in the line of duty; benefits for career and work ending catastrophic injuries; holiday contributions to spouses and families with children at home; an annual college scholarship, and no cost legal services to families of public safety officers killed in the line of duty.

Although the economy was sluggish this year and some of the fundraisers and other revenues were down, SAFE did not suffer as much financially as other similar organizations. The golf tournament was down \$4,100, Guns 'N Hoses down \$27,000 and contributions down \$12,000. In addition, investments lost about \$33,000; however, even with all of the above loses, SAFE's overall balance increased from \$497,864 to \$522,819. All in all, it was a good year.



2009 Guns 'N Hoses Boxing Event

Future plans remain virtually the same: increase Life Members; expand our coverage area as the fund grows; work towards a \$1 million dollar endowment fund; continue to study benefit expansion, and offer a prayer for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and a prayer for the safety of those who work every day for our protection and benefit.

**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 Restart, 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.



Restart Staff extend a "Thank You" to MCSP for their help

For fifteen years, MCSP has been a public safety program of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission serving over 90 court jurisdictions and over 4,000 court-ordered community service clients annually. This provides over 1.5 million dollars of cost free labor each year. The Metropolitan Community Service Program is a "Win" for our community.

- It's a "win" for Judges and Prosecutors who need a place to send offenders needing to fulfill court ordered community service as a condition of probation....over 4,000 clients from over 90 court jurisdictions in both Kansas and Missouri are assigned to MCSP annually.
- It's a "win" for Probation Officers who need to ensure clients follow through in accomplishing the community service condition of their probation.
- It's a "win" for the community service client who experiences a positive, pro-social activity while giving back to the community....in addition to service performed at faith-based and community non-profits, community service clients addressing blight reduction have removed over 4 million pounds of litter and debris and over 50,000 tires from our neighborhoods.
- It's a "win" for the community who benefits by the work performed.....there are over 40 MCSP approved worksites. Our worksites have hosted the accomplishment of over 2 million hours of community service.



The Crime Commission continues to "Adopt Prospect" under the city's Adopt-A-Street litter control program. In 2009, community service workers removed over 31,000 pounds of reoccurring litter and debris from Independence Avenue to 85<sup>th</sup> Street, a 9 mile stretch of roadway.

**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

In 2009, advancing technology played a key role in that Crime Stoppers saw a dramatic increase in WebTip submissions, which as of this writing totaled nearly 1,500. The increasing prevalence of “social media” outlets led to the creation of a “Crime Stoppers Greater Kc” Facebook page which displays weekly fugitives, photos, upcoming events, and other program information. While not an anonymous source to submit information, a link is available to our secure WebTip submission page and we have already seen results with the arrest of at least two fugitives displayed on Facebook!



Crime Stoppers visits Guardian Angels School in Westport to discuss the program with students.

While 2009 was seen by many a down year for the economy, thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our Board Members, law enforcement agencies and executives, and supporters our two annual fundraisers produced record returns bringing in over \$50,000 each. For the first time our Tent Event edged out our Golf Classic in net revenue produced. Thanks to everyone for their continued support!

2009 statistics included: 4,380 TIPS taken, 332 arrests made with 653 cases cleared and 54 firearms taken off the street. 146 fugitives were apprehended and 24 homicides, 51 robberies, and 16 aggravated assaults cleared. A total of \$58,282 dollars in rewards were paid out to TIPSTERS. Several payouts also included Supplemental Reward Funds such as a Raytown quadruple homicide, a Burglary at Burke Elementary School, and a property damage offense in Liberty, Missouri.



2009 Police vs Fire Battle for Blood, won by the Police for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, Traveling Trophy.

Additional programs within Crime Stoppers continued to flourish in 2009 including the Kansas City’s Most Wanted Newspaper which is credited with over 160 fugitive apprehensions, weekly fugitive segments on local television stations, and Lamar Advertising’s billboard program who had digital billboards up around the city within **2 HOURS** of the release of the composite sketch relative to the Waldo rapist. Our annual Crime Stoppers Poster Contest, in association with the Broadmoor Technical School, continued this year with a record number of submissions. Multiple Crime Stoppers Board Members served as contest judges.

Crime Stoppers also continues to represent itself well in comparison to other programs world wide having received two awards at the 2009 Crime Stoppers International Conference held in Gold Coast, Australia. The first award, in association with KCPT TV-19, came in the Media category for “Best Television Special Report/Feature” for a thirty minute cold case feature program. The second award, also in the Media category, was received in association with our local media partner KMBC TV-9 for “Best Television Crime of the Week” and featured a week long focus on apprehending sex offenders.

Annual Crime Stoppers/Metropolitan Police Chief’s and Sheriff’s Association scholarship winners were Alex Burnett of Shawnee Mission West High School, who is on his way to the University of Kansas and Brianna Forbes from Lee’s Summit West High School who will be playing basketball and attending Northwest Missouri State University.

**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

The newest Crime Commission program celebrated its' first year anniversary in October 2009. Second Chance began fulfilling this mission with the award of funding from the Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City to conduct research in partnership with the University of Missouri-Kansas City Criminology Department. This research report, entitled, "Examining Offender Reentry in Metropolitan Kansas City: A Gaps Analysis" was concluded at the close of this fiscal year. It will be used to plan a metropolitan wide strategy to reduce recidivism and increase the success of the more than 3,000 parolees who return to this community every year. This research identified programmatic, policy and systemic gaps that, if addressed would help fulfill this program's mission.



George Lombardi, Director of the Missouri Department of Corrections, and Lora McDonald

The Kansas City Metropolitan Reentry Coalition, established by Second Chance in January of 2009 celebrated its first anniversary and many accomplishments this year. The Coalition continued to develop new members and is now well over 100 organizations strong, public and private non-for-profits who are in the business of serving people with criminal backgrounds. Structured into five committees, the Reentry Coalition sets goals to remove barriers and create new opportunities for former offenders. Activities this year included getting positive media pieces about returning offenders securing employment, hosting landlord forums to encourage more people to rent to former offenders, holding an employment symposium, realizing a change in the KCMO City Ordinance to allow people with older felonies to get a Liquor License, and much more.

Second Chance spent much of the year pursuing funding from state, federal and local sources to begin providing direct service to offenders returning to metropolitan Kansas City. Staff developed a program model, borrowing from successful practice within Kansas Department of Corrections. When fully funded, this program will target those former offenders in Missouri who are most likely to commit recidivism without proper intervention.

Second Chance presented at the State of Missouri Reentry Process Conference on the topic of "Building a Successful Community Collaboration," to a packed house at Tan-Tar-A resort in November 2009. The duo was also selected to present at the Defendant Offender Workforce Development (DOWD) Conference in spring of 2010. When people learn of the work of Second Chance, what they are most impressed with is that this has been a community driven effort, lead by business and civic leaders rather than coming from within a department of corrections. As the Second Chance Program accomplishments continue to grow, the recognition and involvement from the broad community increases. Second Chance looks forward to many more significant achievements in our next fiscal year.



Lora McDonald makes a presentation regarding Second Chance at the DOWD Conference in Dallas, Texas.



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**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."*

**FY 2009 (03/01/09 – 02/28/10) – REVENUE**

MCSP – City Contracts	\$45,000.00
MCSP – Client Fees	\$231,140.00
Crime Stoppers City Contracts	\$191,200.00
Federal Grants – Project Safe Neighborhood	\$288,176.00
Special Events	\$125,328.00
Annual and Monthly Luncheons	\$53,880.00
Contributions	\$184,797.00
Net Investment Income (-loss)	\$36,418.00
Designated TIPS Contributions	\$2,199.00
KC’s Most Wanted Publication	\$38,782.00
Other	<u>\$621.00</u>

Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$174,084.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,371,625.00</b>

**FY 2009 (03/01/09 – 02/28/10) – EXPENSES**

Program Services	
Crime Stoppers	\$244,383.00
MCSP	\$262,545.00
Project Safe Neighborhood	\$288,176.00
SAFE	\$51,041.00
Second Chance	\$160,947.00
KCMCC	\$186,721.00
Administrative	\$88,301.00
Fundraising	\$87,238.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,369,352.00</b>

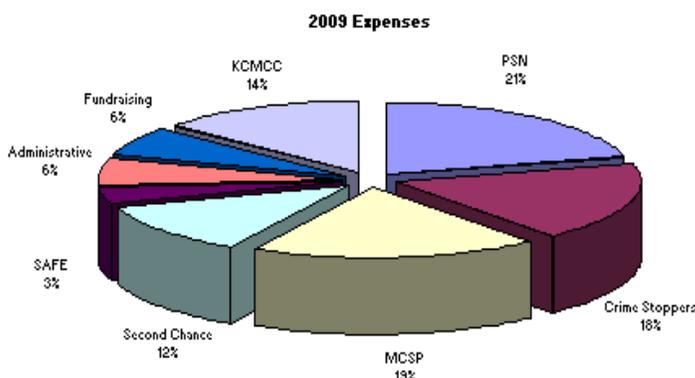
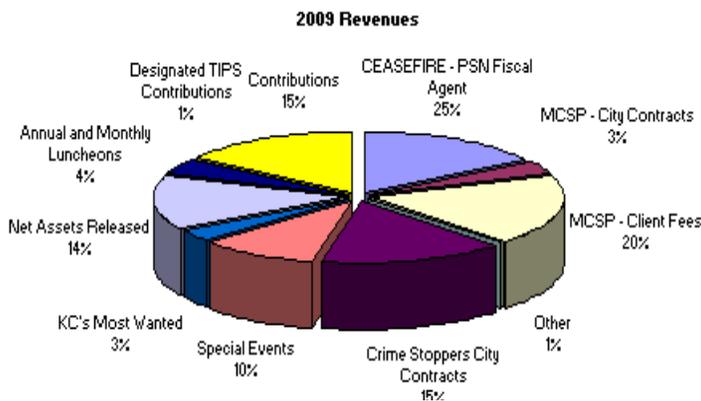
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$2,273.00
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Temporary Restricted Net Assets	
Contributions	\$55,057.00
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(\$174,084.00)

Increase in Temp. Restricted Net Assets	(\$119,027.00)
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<b>Increase in Net Assets</b>	<b>(\$116,754.00)</b>
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**Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission  
2009 Financial Report**



The Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Initiative implemented the Project Ceasefire Program in the Western District of Missouri. This program has pursued a strategy of deterrence of firearm violence through a combination of increased prosecution of federal firearm offenses, media, and education and community outreach. Since its inception in 2001 over 1,500 federal firearms violators have been sentenced. An Anti-Gang Enforcement group has also been formed by the US Attorney’s Office under this initiative to bring law enforcement together to develop and track progress on targeted activities with a principal partner being the Kansas City Missouri Police Department (KCPD) who is the only local agency with a full time Gang Squad within the department’s Street Crimes Unit. However, the Independence Police Department has dedicated two full-time officers to the anti-gang initiative also.

In 2009, there were 113 pleas to felon in possession of firearms charges and 138 defendants were sentenced. For 2009, the Western District United States Attorney’s Office has opened federal investigations on 41 Gang defendants, eight for sale of controlled substances, 22 for conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, ten for transportation or

illegal possession of firearms, and one for possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Of this group federal charges were filed against 21 defendants. The Anti-Gang Initiative also features a graffiti abatement program and a youth community outreach program at Northeast High School. The POSSE Program (Peers Organized to Support Student Excellence) works with over 50 students who are resisting local gang involvement.



Ossco Bolton, founder of POSSE, meets with Northeast High School students.

KCPD initiated a new GUN Squad that includes ATF agents and it will increase opportunities for the federal prosecutions. The new squad is assigned under the Street Crimes Unit

where the Gang Squad is also assigned. It promises to be an excellent opportunity to sustain the priority on federal prosecutions of federal firearms violations that will go beyond the existence of the PSN initiative.