



U.S. Department of Justice

United States Marshals Service

Office of the Director

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Dear Crime Stoppers USA Program Members,

The United States Marshals Service and the local programs of Crime Stoppers USA share a common goal. We are committed to identifying, locating, and stopping the criminals that prey on our society. These individuals are responsible for diminishing the quality of life in communities across our great country. Sadly, at a time when our neighborhoods need everyone to come forward and get involved, we are seeing messages discouraging our young citizens from giving the valuable information that may deter serious crimes and even save innocent lives. In celebration of Crime Stoppers Month, I am pleased to announce that I am committed to building stronger partnerships between the United States Marshals Service and the local programs of Crime Stoppers USA.

Recently, Crime Stoppers USA asked the local programs throughout the country about your working relationship with our local district offices. I was pleased to see many of you already work closely with our local U.S. Marshals, but I know we can do better. As the lead federal agency for fugitive investigation and apprehension, the United States Marshals Service, Crime Stoppers USA, and your local programs can become a powerful weapon in the war on crime. It is estimated there are over two million wanted persons in our country. While we may never catch every fugitive, I believe strengthening the relationship with your local programs will make a greater impact by removing those fugitives and criminals from your streets. If your program does not currently work with our local offices, I encourage you to contact the U.S. Marshal in your area by visiting www.usmarshals.gov.

The work you do everyday is vital to our communities and our country. You are making a difference, and the United States Marshals Service wants to further support that success. An inscription at the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial in Washington, D.C., from the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 28, verse 1 reads: "The wicked flee when no one is pursuing them, but the righteous are bold as a lion." I encourage your programs to be the lions in our pursuit of criminals throughout our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John F. Clark".

John F. Clark
Director