

## How did Crime Stoppers come to be?

It all began back in 1976 in Albuquerque, NM. There was a crime that had been committed and the police were at a loss as to where to begin their investigation. A young detective Greg MacAleese had the idea to reenact the crime and broadcast it in hopes that someone may have seen something by chance. A local television station aired the reenactment and through information received, an arrest and conviction was made. That September, the first chapter of Crime Stoppers was formed.



Many similar programs had been tried through out the country by law enforcement agencies and newspapers with little success. One of those programs was attempted right here in El Paso in 1971 by a local newspaper called "Someone Knows." These other organizations failed but the chapter in Albuquerque seemed to have the right mix of a police coordinator, an all-citizen board, and anonymous informants.

In mid 1978, Leo Samaniego along with Dwain Johnson organized a group to meet with individuals in Albuquerque so that a similar program could be organized here in El Paso. With support from the Kiwanis Club and other prominent businesspersons a chapter was formed in late 1978. The law firm of Grambling, Mounce, Sims, Galatzan, and Harris drew up the articles of Incorporation at no charge.



The first meeting of this newly formed group met at the Mutual Savings & Loan in Downtown El Paso. Making El Paso the First chapter in Texas and the second chapter of Crimes Stoppers nationally. The board was created using a rotating term appointment so that every year a third of the board would be replaced. By drawing "straws" members were appointed for 1, 2, or 3 years to ensure that the board would always be rotated.

Another key to the success in the El Paso market was the 100% cooperation by all the news media. Not one individual or business was responsible for the creation and growth of Crime Stoppers. It is through the efforts of many working together that the success of Crime Stoppers of El Paso, Inc. will continue to flourish.



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partnering with the following entities to help stop crime:

EPPD	FBI
Sheriff	HIDTA
DPS	EPCC
US Marshals	YISD
Border Patrol	SISD
Horizon PD	EPISD
Sunland PD	UTEP
ICE	

*In addition to overseeing our Campus Crime Stoppers Program working with our youth to stop crime*



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