

Central Vermont
Crime
Stoppers
Tip Line: 800-529-9998
(802) 476-9999

December 29, 2007

Mr. Bill Bryant, Town Administrator
Town of Waitsfield
9 Bridge Street
Waitsfield, VT 05673

Dear Mr. Bryant:

Central Vermont Crime Stoppers is requesting an allocation from the Town of Waitsfield in the amount of ~~\$500~~.

Central Vermont Crime Stoppers provides residents of Washington County and adjacent towns with an anonymous tip line to confidentially report crime information 24 hours a day. We also offer cash rewards for information that leads to arrest and arraignment. Due to the anonymous nature of our program it is impossible for us to know how many Waitsfield residents have been directly served by our program.

Through the confidential tip line and cash rewards process, Central Vermont Crime Stoppers provides a valuable service to citizens and law enforcement in Waitsfield and all of central Vermont. Our program encourages citizens to come forward with information when they might otherwise remain silent. We regularly work with several law enforcement agencies including Vermont State Police Troop B from the Middlesex barracks that serves your area.

In 2007, Central Vermont Crime Stoppers published, distributed and solicited information related to more than 100 local crimes. Criminal activity is not isolated to one community. Our work in a particular community has an impact by reducing regional crime. Central Vermont Crime Stoppers has assisted in solving crimes in our region and we hope to continue to do so with your support.

Our budget for this fiscal year is \$25,000. This represents operating expenses, marketing efforts, and rewards paid to tipsters. Central Vermont Crime Stoppers is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We receive no state or federal funding or United Way dollars. Support from the community is essential.

A report and brochure are enclosed for your review. Regardless of whether our allocation request is approved, we would appreciate if you would publish our report in your annual report to the voters for the 2008 town meeting so that residents may become aware of this community program.

We hope that the Town of Waitsfield will consider and favorably approve the request for funding. If you have any questions about this request or our program, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
Nancy Rafferty, Executive Director