



Board of Aldermen Request for Action

MEETING DATE: 2/20/2025

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution 1441, Contract with Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

Motion to Approve Resolution 1441, authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission to provide services for the Metro Crime Stoppers Program and the TIPS Hotline Program.

SUMMARY:

Approval of this item will continue the City's support of the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission. The TIPS Hotline enables the Police Department to use every available resource in obtaining information needed to solve crimes in our community. The TIPS Hotline has taken over service of our anonymous tips in the school district as well. In 2024, the Police Department received nine anonymous tips through the TIPS Hotline.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

The City of Smithville has contracted with the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission for more than 20 years.

POLICY ISSUE:

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Funds were allocated in the FY2025 budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

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RESOLUTION 1441

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE METRO CRIME STOPPERS PROGRAM AND THE TIPS HOTLINE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Smithville Police Department can benefit by using the TIPS Hotline as an investigative and informational resource in solving crimes; and

WHEREAS, the Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline has an established and proven record in assisting law enforcement agencies in the apprehension of the criminals; and

WHEREAS, the Smithville Board of Aldermen wishes to contract with the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission for the purposes of providing the TIPS Hotline service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI:

That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached contract with the Kansas City Crime Commission for the purpose of providing the services previously described and further detailed in the attached contract.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Aldermen and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Smithville, Missouri, the 20th day of February 2025.

Damien Boley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Drummond, City Clerk



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Crime Commission

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January 1, 2025

Chief Jason Lockridge
City of Smithville
107 West Main Street
Smithville, MO 64089

Dear Chief Jason Lockridge:

Thank you for being a loyal Crime Stoppers supporter. Without your support, Crime Stoppers would not exist. Your support and partnership are essential to us, and we know **you are one of the reasons the Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline is successful.**

- Since its inception in 1982, the Crime Stoppers Program has received more than 173,549 TIPS, leading to over 11,611 arrests, clearing over 25,724 cases through November 2024, 681 of which were for Homicide.
- Kansas City's Most Wanted Digital Newspaper publishes 50+ local fugitives, giving area departments and citizens easy access to the wanted fugitives' listings. Since 2006, the newspaper has led to 601 arrests.
- The Scholastic Crime Stoppers Program has seen great success in combating school-based issues, including nineteen (19) suicide interventions and two substantiated massive school violence acts, and 184 schools have implemented the program since its inception. As of December 16th, 2024, 256 scholastic tips have been taken in 2024.
- You can visit the Greater Kansas City Crime Stoppers website, www.kccrimestoppers.com, to view Kansas City's Most Wanted Suspects, Upcoming Events, High School Senior Scholarship opportunities, and our Scholastic Crime Stoppers program.

Like you, Crime Stoppers are passionate about fighting crime and making our communities safer. Thank you for being a Crime Fighter. Together, we get hundreds of dangerous fugitives off our streets and out of our neighborhoods, increasing school safety.

Sincerely,

Rick Armstrong
President

CONTRACT

This Contract is entered into as of January 1, 2025 by and between the City of Smithville, Missouri ("City") and the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission, a Missouri not-for-profit corporation located at 3100 Broadway, Suite 1234, Kansas City, Missouri 64111 ("Crime Commission"). The City and the Crime Commission are referred to here as "the Parties."

WHEREAS, the Crime Commission has operated and continues to operate a Crime Stoppers program promoting the 816-474-TIPS Hotline Program in the Greater Kansas City area, which includes Johnson, Miami, and Wyandotte Counties in Kansas, and Cass, Clay, Jackson, and Platte Counties in Missouri ("Crime Stoppers Services").

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into this Contract under which the Crime Commission will provide Crime Stoppers Services for the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. The City will pay the Crime Commission an annual fee of \$275.00 for Crime Stoppers Services and each year hereafter as the Parties may agree, as further described below. The annual fee for Crime Stoppers Services may be adjusted in the future per the Parties' agreement.

2. The Crime Commission will provide the City with Crime Stoppers Services, which shall include the following services:

- a) Maintain the Crime Stoppers Hotline (currently 816-474-TIPS), which will be answered twenty-four hours per day;
- b) Provide publicity concerning the availability of the Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline;
- c) Provide rewards for information leading to an arrest, the issuance of a warrant, complaint or information, or the return of an indictment that results from a call to the Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline; and
- d) Forward information received on the Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline regarding crimes occurring in the City.

3. The Parties agree that the Crime Stoppers Services provided by the Crime Commission are provided strictly on a contractual basis. The Crime Commission is not and shall not be considered a part of the City. The Crime Commission shall not be subject to any control by the City regarding the operation and provision of Crime Stoppers Services to the City by the Crime Commission.

4. Upon the expiration of the one-year term of this Contract, the Contract shall be renewed on an annual (one-year) basis unless one of the Parties gives 30-day written notice prior to the end of the year in which Crime Stoppers Services are being provided of that Party's intent not to renew the term of the Contract for another year.

5. This Contract shall not be assignable without the prior written consent of both Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this contract for the contract year 2025.

CITY OF SMITHVILLE, MISSOURI

By: _____ (printed) Date: _____

Signature: _____

KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN CRIME COMMISSION

By _____ (printed) Date: _____

Signature: _____
