



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers

Last Thursday, December 15, 2005, all owners of San Jose Taxi Companies (13) agreed to place a "Crime Stoppers Sticker" on each of their respective cabs. This is a collaborative effort between all of the Santa Clara County Police Departments and San Jose Taxi Cab companies. Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers hopes to increase the awareness level of the program and is urging citizens to contribute information of any known criminal activity.

Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization made up of a volunteer Board of Directors of concerned citizens who are dedicated to doing something about crime in the community. They have formed a partnership between the Community, Police Departments and the Media in order to assist our communities in the battle against crime.

Crime Stoppers operates a 24 hour telephone line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), for citizens to report crimes or criminal activity. Callers remain anonymous. If their call results in an arrest, they are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000.00 dollars.

San Jose Police Officer Jason Pierce, has been the coordinator of the program for the last two years. He is the liaison between the Board of Directors and the Santa Clara County Police Departments. In the last year there has been over sixty arrests due to anonymous tips and the program has paid out approximately \$7,000.00 dollars in reward money.

In addition, Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers hopes to expand its collaborative efforts with other cab companies and businesses in Santa Clara County.

If you have questions or would like further information, please call Ofc. Pierce at the San Jose Police Department Crime Prevention unit, (408) 277-4133.

BY: Ofc. Jason Pierce #3380

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