



**HAMPTON ROADS CRIME LINE'S
TOP COP AWARDS DINNER & SILENT
AUCTION**

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Hampton Roads Virginia (September 10, 2008) Hampton Roads Regional Crime Lines announces the winners of the 2008 Top Cop Awards. Winners of the awards were selected from nominations from Police and Sheriffs Departments and members of the community. A winning officer was selected from each of the areas police departments. Winners were also selected in the categories of outstanding organization, corporation, individual and a life time achievement award.

Selecting the recipients of these awards was not an easy task. "There are a lot of law enforcement officers doing amazing work in this area," advised Debbie George of Hampton Roads Regional Crime Line. When reviewing nominations for this year's awards it was apparent that "the citizens of Hampton Roads have a lot of reasons to be proud of the work being done by their officers," George advised. Winners were selected based on a high level of personal achievement, demonstrating exemplary leadership skills and having a positive impact on the Hampton Roads community.

Winners will be recognized at the Eighth Annual Crime Top Cop Awards and Dinner. This year's event will be held On October 4, 2008 at the Holiday Inn Hampton Hotel and Conference Center.

2008 Award Recipients

Area Top Cops

James City County: Investigator Gennie Smith

Williamsburg: Officer Bruce Johnson

Hampton: Corporal Scott Anderson

Newport News: Master Police Detective Lorain Crain

Poquoson: Officer James Moore Jr.

York County: Sgt. Dennis Ivey

Norfolk: Officer Francis Currott

Chesapeake: Police Officer Specialist Norwood "Trea" King

Portsmouth: Detective Tim McAndrews

Virginia Beach: Officer Robert Ernest

Norfolk Airport: Officer Peter Slovensky

Suffolk: Captain Stephanie Burch

Outstanding Individual

Ross Forster, Virginia Beach Crime Line & Hampton Roads Regional Crime Line

Outstanding Organization

Newport News Police Academy Alumni Association

Outstanding Corporation

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Lifetime Achievement Award

Suffolk Police Chief William A. Freeman

Proceeds from the dinner and silent auction will go toward paying the toll-free 1-888-LOCK-U-UP number used by citizens to call in anonymous crime tips that lead to the arrest and conviction of criminals. Remaining proceeds will be shared among the Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Peninsula Crime Lines to pay out rewards that solve crimes. While many dignitaries will be present at this event, the real heroes of this evening are the police officers who will be honored.

Anyone interest in obtaining tickets should contact Ross Forster at 757-486-3011. Sponsorships opportunities for the dinner are still available.

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