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Media Advisory

Virginia Beach Crime Solvers holds 37th annual awards ceremony

Virginia Beach Crime Solvers this afternoon held its 37th annual awards ceremony and luncheon, recognizing four award recipients for their contributions to combating crime in our community. The award recipients were:

- **Commonwealth's Attorney Prosecutor Award** for exhibiting a great deal of ability and tenacity in the investigation of a serious crime: Virginia Beach Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Brandon Emery
- **Clyde D. Hathaway Memorial Award** for using a Crime Solvers tip to solve a serious crime: Virginia Beach Police Department Detective Richard Spreder
- **Charles R. Wall School Resource Officer Award** for making a difference in their school and in the lives of their students: Virginia Beach Police Department Master Police Officer Albert J. DeAngelis, SRO for Lynnhaven Middle School
- **Henry McDonald Award** for contributions to the Crime Solvers organization: Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Board member and Vice Chair Susan Owen

The luncheon also included the installation of the 2019 officers of the Virginia Beach Crime Solvers Board of Directors: Chairman Ray Eisenberg, Vice Chair Susan Owen, Treasurer (and former chairman) Dan Edwards and Secretary Kathy Heatt.

Crime Solvers would like to congratulate all the award winners and nominees and thank its supporters, including Mayor Bobby Dyer, police Chief Jim Cervera, Commonwealth's Attorney Colin Stolle and Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office Chief Deputies Victoria Thomson and Rocky Holcomb, who all attended today's ceremony, and WTKR anchor/reporter Erica Greenway, who served as emcee.

Crime Solvers offers a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for tips that lead to an arrest or recovery of illegal drugs, illegal firearms or stolen property. Tipsters are guaranteed anonymity under Virginia law.

In 2018, Crime Solvers received 849 tips that led to 83 arrests on 190 charges and the recovery of more than \$115,600 in stolen property and illegal drugs. It paid more than \$15,000 in rewards. Since its inception in 1982, Virginia Beach Crime Solvers has helped solve thousands of crimes, resulting in more than 7,700 arrests, and paid out more than \$1 million in rewards.

Crime Solvers is a nonprofit entity that raises all of the money used to pay for tip rewards. No tax money is used.

To make a donation or for more information, including on unsolved crimes, visit crimesolvers.com. To submit an anonymous tip, call 1-888-LOCK-U-UP (562-5887) or download the P3 Tips app.

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