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# WeTip has made a difference in Milwaukee

## **Statement from Alderman Bob Donovan July 25, 2012**

Today I had the pleasure of meeting with WeTip's chief executive officer, **Susan Aguilar**, and **Sue Mandell**, WeTip's national director. Very simply, I want to take this opportunity to give credit where credit is due.

**WeTip's National Anonymous Crime Hotline** has made a positive difference in the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County (and across the U.S.) for many years. WeTip has partnered with various organizations and agencies across the U.S. to put in place incentives for people to do the right thing and report crimes. In Milwaukee County alone, some 20,000 anonymous callers to WeTip have supplied information to law enforcement resulting in more than 900 arrests and approximately 600 criminal convictions. For this activity, WeTip also paid out thousands of dollars in rewards in the area as a part of the program.

In 2010 I was proud to announce a \$5,000 donation from Operation Impact to WeTip and city anti-graffiti operations in the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) for a reward program to reduce graffiti vandalism in Milwaukee. WeTip has also been taking in anonymous tips on illegal dumping in the city – as dumping of all kinds of items has become a major problem in many neighborhoods.

Anonymous callers with information about a crime can call 1-800-78-CRIME. Also, WeTip now has a website where anyone can submit information anonymously online, simply by logging on to [www.wetip.com](http://www.wetip.com) and clicking on the 'submit tip' button. By visiting the WeTip website, users can also find out more about wanted criminals and crimes solved with the help of anonymous informants who call the toll-free WeTip hotlines.

In closing, I want to thank WeTip for its helpful crime-fighting work over the years and – most importantly – I want to thank all of the people in Milwaukee and the area who have contacted WeTip to report crimes. You ARE making a difference – please keep up the good work.

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