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AFTER HOURS: CICP Works For You

On the evening of October 8th a call was made to the CICP Hotline reporting a flatbed truck with pipes and other metal material that seemed suspicious

and looked like it may have come from the Hoffman Construction site close to where the caller lived. Upon further examination, the caller found the gate to the jobsite unlocked and ajar. The caller was aware that workers typically leave the job earlier in the day and was concerned about a possible metal theft. Using the after hours contact list, CICP staff contacted Hoffman Construction representatives who investigated and found that plumbing contractors were working late to meet the production schedule. "Even though this wasn't a theft-in-progress, it

was a sign that Hoffman Construction had engaged its neighbors to be its eyes and ears after hours," said Wayne Drinkward, President.

Hoffman Construction consistently posts CICP Hotline and Reward signs on every job site. "It takes a minimum amount of time to let the neighbors know we care about the community and want to work with them to prevent any potential property crimes," added Drinkward. CICP works with its members on simple and effective methods to engage neighbors in residential, commercial, and industrial neighborhoods. Call the office or visit the website for details.

\$1,000 Reward Paid

On September 23rd CICP received a Hotline call about a suspected break-in at the LCG Pence jobsite at 52nd and Woodstock in Portland. The caller stated he had notified the police and that they were arriving on the site, as we spoke. The suspect attempted to cut the chain on the temporary plywood door. That failed, but he managed to get inside through temporary protection on a window. He was apprehended inside the building with the assistance of the Officer's K-9 companion. It appears that nothing was taken from the site, but the

suspect had multiple warrants.

"This is just one example of how our CICP membership is valuable; thousands of dollars in tools and equipment were protected because the CICP Reward sign engaged a neighbor to watch the site," said Terry Loerke, President. "At LCG Pence, we believe that working with our neighbors is one of our best security strategies." Kudos' to Officer Phothivongsa and his dog, for this quick response in getting one more construction burglar off the street.



THE RESULTS ARE IN: Let's Do More To Prevent Metal Theft

In September CICP, working with a subcommittee of the Oregon Metal Theft Coalition completed its charge to survey a diverse representation of the industry to determine the current status of crimes of metal materials and the requirements set forth in HB 3026 to address them. The response was astounding and results were tabulated and defined in the report titled, REPORT FROM THE SURVEY SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE OREGON METAL THEFT COALITION, Results of Concurrent Surveys of Law Enforcement, Property Crime Victims, and Scrap Metal Recyclers, 2008.

The Coalition worked hard during 2006-07 and this dedication resulted in House Bill (HB) 3026. It became law on January 1, 2008 and provided a framework for more oversight of metal theft. However, according to the

survey respondents it needs expansion to accurately address areas that are now more obvious than ever. These include reinstating the requirement of a Metal Purchase Record, broader education for the public, law enforcement and recyclers, a regional tracking system, and allocating additional funds for staffing. The Report suggests that these enhancements will add substance and continuity, and ultimately have a greater impact on the problem of metal theft in Oregon.

CICP and its members will work alongside legislators, industry leaders, employees, recyclers, law enforcement, community members, trade organizations, and other parties to realize a positive resolution to this ongoing issue.

CICP Is Working

Since it began in March of 1996 \$11,292,328 in losses of construction tools, material and equipment have been reported to CICP. During that same period CICP participated in recoveries of \$3,542,026. So far in 2008, CICP has played a role in the arrests of over 50 suspected thieves.