

PRESS RELEASE

Community Shredding Events to Benefit Crime Stoppers of Minnesota

(St. Paul, MN) – (December 10, 2009) – Crime Stoppers of Minnesota, American Bank, Shred Right and Hannon Security Services have partnered together to host on-site document destruction events to help communities and individuals shred the threat of identity theft.

Individuals will have the opportunity to drop off unwanted bank statements, utility bills, insurance statements and other personally identifying information at various American Bank locations on specific dates in the upcoming months (see dates and times below). Shred Right, a St. Paul based information destruction company, will shred it on-site. These events will benefit Crime Stoppers, a local non-profit organization supporting local law enforcement agencies by helping them solve crimes. In order to support Crime Stoppers' crime fighting program a donation of \$2.00 per bag/box is suggested.

As local companies, Crime Stoppers, American Bank, Shred Right and Hannon Security Services value the members of the communities they serve and want to help protect against identify theft. Low tech methods of stealing personal information from wallets and physical documents are still the most popular methods for identity thieves. Shredding your personal documents is an essential step towards protection. According to a study by Javelin Strategy & Research Center, stealing of personal information from wallets and physical documents accounts for 43% of all identity theft crimes.

These events will be held on the following Saturdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Please join us!

- January 9, 2010 – American Bank Midway: 1578 University Avenue West • St. Paul
- February 6, 2010 – American Bank Inver Grove Heights: 7055 Cahill Avenue • Inver Grove Heights
- March 6, 2010 – American Bank Phalen: 1425 Maryland Avenue East • St. Paul

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ABOUT CRIME STOPPERS OF MINNESOTA: *Crime Stoppers of Minnesota is a non profit organization independent of Law Enforcement committed to gathering crime information from individuals that want to stay anonymous and potentially earn a reward. Our systems keep tipsters that want to 'do the right thing' anonymous no matter which method is used to contact us which include a Toll Free Number, website and SMS texting. Visit www.crimestoppersmn.org for more information.*

ABOUT AMERICAN BANK: American Bank's vision is to be an admired leader in our communities and a sought after provider of financial services through the consistent delivery of value, knowledge and innovative solutions. Our experienced bankers offer a wide range of products and services including personal and business banking, mortgages and home equity loans, commercial and construction loans, and wealth management, along with a commitment to succeed. Our mission is to take personal ownership of each client's needs to deliver valued financial solutions. With convenient locations throughout the metro and greater Minnesota, American Bank is dedicated to providing exceptional customer service, innovative financial solutions and outstanding community support. Member FDIC. www.americanbankmn.com

ABOUT SHRED RIGHT: Shred Right is the leading security authority in information and electronic storage media destruction for the Upper Midwest, offering the latest mobile high-capacity, on-site shredding and an off-site, high-security facility with one of only six Shredding Vaults™ in the world. AAA-Certified for on-site and off-site destruction of both print paper media and hard drives, Shred Right exceeds rigorous standards established by the NAID Quality Certification Program. For over 25 years, Shred Right has led the industry in the most secure and high-tech methods for destruction. Shred Right is the only firm to provide certified records management training plus a barcode-based security and GPS tracking system for customer documents. www.shredrightnow.com

ABOUT HANNON SECURITY SERVICES INC. As a locally owned company operating since 1904, Hannon staffs clients' sites with well trained Security Officers at business sites that include hospitals, banks, manufacturing, office buildings and more. Hannon Officers are trained according to the standards of the IFPO which sanctions Certified Protection Officers (CPO) following a comprehensive training program. Hannon and its over 400 employees have also been a benefactor to Crime Stoppers of Minnesota recognizing that safety and security depends on being a well integrated corporate citizen. www.hannonsecurity.com

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