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CRIME STOPPERS USA HONORS 88-CRIME, INC.

DICK FISHER Named *Board Member of the Year*

Tucson, Arizona – Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, is pleased to announce that 88-CRIME, Inc.'s Board Director, Dick Fisher, was honored by Crime Stoppers, USA with its *Board Member of the Year* award. Mr. Fisher is a long-time member of the Board of Directors of 88-CRIME and has created a number of public service films for 88-CRIME's School Program.

LaWall said, "He has done phenomenal work in the community with his efforts to reach and teach children about handling serious matters they may encounter."

Recently, Mr. Fisher's new film, *Happy Birthday Scruff*, was released and added to 88-CRIME's School Program. It is a live action, short film featuring McGruff, the Crime Dog, and his nephew, Scruff, who visit Old Tucson. The 88-CRIME School Program has provided its safety program to tens of thousands of students in Southern Arizona.

"Adding Dick Fisher's films to our school program has helped to engage the students we present to and helped them understand how to get help when they need it," said Susie Dupnik, Executive Director of 88-CRIME.

Crime Stoppers USA represents Crime Stopper programs nationwide and recently held a training and awards program in Austin, Texas, where Mr. Fisher was presented with the award. In addition to promoting safety in schools, 88-CRIME, Inc. offers cash rewards for anonymous tips concerning crimes.

Dick Fisher is a professional filmmaker based in Tucson. He is best known for his film, *The Brothers McMullen*, which won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival in 1995.

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