

TIP 2015 Activity Report

Summary of Calls/Arrests	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JULY	AUG	YTD TOTAL
Total Calls	72	65	57	145	168	126	135	143	911
Total TIP Calls	66	48	55	110	139	87	74	76	655
Calls referred to CO's	64	45	54	108	137	84	71	71	634
Case Numbers Assigned	6	1	0	13	14	6	6	9	55
Number of Arrests Made	10	2	0	20	28	7	6	26	99
Number of Cash Rewards Paid	0	8	0	0	0	6	0	4	18
Amount of Rewards	\$0	\$800	\$0	\$615	\$0	\$550	\$0	\$350	\$2,315
TIP Prints as Rewards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Rochester Banquet a success

On October 8th we celebrated the annual TIP banquet in Rochester. Graham Luck, event chairman and board member, did a great job of bringing together volunteers, along with the facility, prizes, and event format to promote TIP and provide fun for all. Graham has been chairing the annual event for ____ years. He has been involved with TIP for ____ years and his insight is valuable to the program. The staff and board want to thank him for his efforts and leadership. This year's prize list included a Polaris ATV and it was

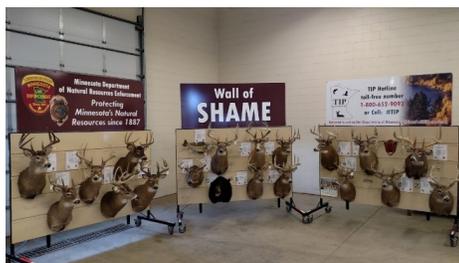
won by Pete Smude, a TIP member. There were many other raffles, including live and silent auctions for participants to bid on and have a chance to win. The wide variety of items provided an opportunity for all to win or bid. The crowd left with the standing invitation to participate in next year's event and based on this year's we will have as much fun or more! Thank you to all the sponsors and participants for your support and dedication to TIP and our mission.



TIP attends Camp Ripley Archery Hunt

TIP was honored to have been a part of the annual Camp Ripley Archery hunt this year. Hundreds were provided a chance to view and study the "Wall of Shame" along with supporting TIP by participating in several raffles and games. We were able to be a part of the evening festivities and share a space with a group from the MN State Archery Association (MSAA) who provided food for the hunters. We want to thank Jan and Roger **Eker**t for their efforts and help in allowing TIP to be a part of the annual event.

The MSAA has done their food sales fundraiser at the Camp Ripley hunt for ____ years to raise money for the annual "Camp Ripley Youth Hunt" that takes place within camp each year. Their work has allowed ____ young hunters the opportunity to hunt that may not have without their efforts. Two of the raffle games were the crowd favorites with the opportunity to shoot at deer targets with darts or bow & arrows. Pictured is one of two talented hunters that proved their skill by shooting three darts within the heart of our deer target. Congratulations to all our prizes winners and thank you to all participants who helped make our fundraising a success for TIP.



"Wall of Shame" requests in 2015 made for a very busy calendar in this year

For those that do not know, TIP and MN DNR Enforcement division collaborate on a program called the "Wall of Shame". There are four different "walls" displaying deer, bear, fish, and other wildlife that were poached and confiscated through the TIP program. The walls vary in size with two of them being outdoor trailer units with fold out windows (walls 2 & 4). Wall 1 (pictured) is our largest display and has three portable walls that show twenty-one different "cases" in which the animals were illegally taken by

hunters. Wall 3 is a smaller, more portable display with a deer and bear on display. These walls are available to be used and displayed anywhere within the state and 2015 was a very busy year. Wall 1 was used at Game Fair and the Camp Ripley hunts as well as ____ (additional) times this year. Walls 2 and 4 were utilized at ____ events including county fairs, outdoor sporting events, and ____ throughout the year. Wall 4 was seen by many thousands this year at the MN State Fair and featured the story of a poacher that harvested at least 13 deer illegally before being caught through a "tip" from a concerned citizen. More on this story in future issues of the TIPSTER.

A Message from the Executive Director, Dennis Mackedanz

It has now been a few months into my new role as Executive Director here with Turn In Poachers. Looking to the future, I envision many renewed and exciting programs. I was 16 year old farm kid from central Minnesota when TIP became incorporated in September, 1991. The timing could not have been better as 2016 is the 35th anniversary of the TIP organization. A significant milestone is that the TIP organization has been credited with more than 10,000 arrests and it is time to recognize and promote this success. I am excited to be a part of TIP and to help make 2016 an exceptional year for the organization.

There have been many hands involved in making this organization into what it is and has accomplished to date. Their concepts created the framework to give the sportsman and outdoors person a link in the fight against poachers and game thieves. One of my goals is to bring those key people back together to help celebrate and support TIP for another 35 years and generations to come. It is each sportsman's responsibility to choose fair chase and harvesting animals within the limits set by the DNR. We live in a state that provides ample resources and opportunities for all who wish to participate, but make no mistake, **when someone poaches a deer, bear, or an over limit of fish, they are stealing from all of us. It is our obligation to inform the authorities.**

Help us celebrate these two major milestones and build the organization for the generations to come. If you have any fundraising or celebration ideas and want to participate in your area, contact us here at TIP Office. I recently had a wonderful conversation with one of the original founders, Dr. Keith Blake from Long Prairie. He repeated over and over the need for everyone who loves the outdoors to support TIP by becoming a member today. Check out www.turninpoachers.org for more information or call Dennis at (218) 820-6225.



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Annual Membership Board Meeting Notice
Tuesday, December 15, 2015 6:00 P.M. at the TIP Office
7187 Wise Road, Brainerd, MN (218) 326-8477

Nominations for the TIP Executive Board and TIP Board of Directors are due by December 1, 2015
2016 TIP Brainerd Banquet - February 20, 2016. Call the TIP Office for details (218) 326-8477

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