



Aurora Police Reward Fund

Key Points

- Originally established in 2007 as a joint Aurora Rotary Club, Aurora Chamber initiative after discussion with Chief Dan Oates indicated a strong need for such a locally-controlled program
- The program was moved to the Aurora Chamber Foundation --a 501(c)3 subset of the Chamber—in 2009.
- The Police Reward Fund as an important partnership between the business community and the Aurora Police Department.
 - It allows the Chief to respond quickly to situations that, in his judgment, can be substantially helped with the announcement of an award.
 - It gives the Chief an additional tool that can be used quickly, when the crime is first being reported.
 - It shows community commitment to the support of law enforcement.
- All money in the fund has been contributed by local businesses. A list of contributors is on file at the Chamber.
- Procedure:
 - The Chamber Foundation Board has left the decision to offer an award and the amount that will be offered to the Aurora Police Chief, with a requirement to report back to The Chamber within one business day following the announcement.
 - The Foundation Board meets on a quarterly basis and requires a formal report by the Chief or his designee on what money has offered and the progress that is being made toward the capture and conviction of the person or persons on whom the reward was offered.
 - Final approval on payout rests with the Chamber Foundation Board based on the recommendation of the Aurora Police Chief.
 - The name of the individual or individuals who are rewarded are not made available unless they specifically authorize release of their name. This is to protect the identity of the person or persons who provided the information.