

TURN-IN-POACHERS (TIP) ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2008 CALENDAR YEAR

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAW ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

The following report is an accounting of the Turn-In-Poachers (TIP) Program activity from the Iowa DNR Law Enforcement Bureau for calendar year 2008. The TIP Program is jointly administered by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' Law Enforcement Bureau and TIP of Iowa, Inc. (a private organization).

- 165 TIP calls (1-800-532-2020) received during regular business and after-hours were processed and investigated. Those calls were subsequently assigned to local State Conservation Officers for investigation and disposition. 211 TIP calls were processed and investigated in 2007.
- 33 TIP calls resulted in successfully investigated cases in which 108 citations were written. This **20 percent success rate** is on the **high** end of the long-term average of past year's success rates which have generally varied from 9 to 12 percent approximately.
- DNR Law Enforcement and Administrative Support staff received, responded, and recorded the following volume of TIP calls (50 percent and 50 percent respectively).
- \$9,550 was approved by the TIP Reward Committee for payment of rewards to informants on cases in 2008. \$3,550 of this award amount was approved for payment on **non-TIP** cases.
- 9,224 total TIP calls have been processed and investigated with a total of 2,286 citations issued. \$177,425 in rewards has been approved by the TIP Reward Committee. (The TIP program began in August of 1985).
- During this third year (2008) of the \$2 ELSI donation program \$24,000 was contributed to TIP as voluntary donations by supportive sportsmen and women who purchased either a small game or fishing license. These dollars are "earmarked" for transfer to the Turn-In-Poachers of Iowa, Inc. organization; which has worked in partnership with the DNR Law Enforcement Bureau for the past twenty-three years. Our department considers TIP to be a vital and necessary part of our overall fish and wildlife enforcement efforts here in Iowa.

Contact person for the TIP Program through the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is Steve Derman, Executive Officer, Law Enforcement Bureau, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines IA 50319-0034; 515/281-4515 or check our website for more information at iowadnr.gov.

Submitted By:

STEVE DERMAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICER