



International Wildlife Crimestoppers Announces Wildlife Decoy Grant Awards

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Blairsville, Georgia, September 1, 2017 – **International Wildlife Crimestoppers** announced this week that the organization has awarded \$4,690 to four state agencies requesting a wildlife decoy grant for conservation enforcement. In its first year of offering this grant, IWC received 19 grant applications from state conservation agencies across the United States.

“The use of decoys is a tremendous tool for conservation law enforcement officers. By using decoys, officers can target hard-core poachers who commit not just wildlife violations, but firearm related crimes. They use of decoys in high complaint areas aids in the apprehension of those who hunt before or after the legal shooting hours, hunt with an artificial light, shoot across or from a public roadway, shoot from a motor vehicle, or hunt without permission on private property and other lands closed to hunting”, said IWC President Ronald Ollis of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The wildlife decoy grant program can be applied for on an annual basis. The next application acceptance period will begin in January, 2018 and IWC hopes to fund more decoy grant applications. The program provides current IWC members up to \$1,500 for the purchase of a wildlife enforcement decoy(s).

The mission of the International Wildlife Crimestoppers, Inc. is simple: We Are Dedicated to Stopping ALL Poaching. We are a non-profit membership organization created by wildlife resource officers dedicated to reducing the illegal taking of the world's fish and wildlife resources through the global exchange of information with anti-poaching organizations. We strategically partner with effective like-minded organizations that support sustainable use of our natural resources. With special emphasis on youth education, we provide public education on the difference between sustainable use and poaching, creating a force multiplier for law enforcement charged with protecting the world's natural resources.