

Business Watch

Like Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch takes the concept to the commercial level, and creates a partnership between law enforcement, businesses and organizations with business interests. Business Watch links various

businesses within a specific geographic area such as a plaza, mall, complex, or city block.

How does Business Watch work?

The idea is straight forward-Take control of what happens in the business community and lessen the chances of becoming a victim. This is a free crime prevention technique that benefits you, the business. Programs can vary depending on the needs, but the fundamentals can provide success:

- ◆ Promote communication and understanding between law enforcement and businesses.
- ◆ Encourage and enhance communication and cooperation among merchants in the area.
- ◆ Teach merchants and their employees to crime-proof their own properties.
- ◆ Watch over neighboring businesses, along with documenting and reporting suspicious activity.
- ◆ Develop a telephone tree and/or email distribution list to quickly disseminate information about area crime.
- ◆ Develop signals to activate and advise adjacent businesses when someone needs help.

Program Benefits

When joining a Business Watch program, you take an important step toward a safer environment for yourself, your employees, your customers and the community. Not only reducing crime other benefits include:

- ◆ Networking with area businesses.
- ◆ Fostering a good working rapport with area law enforcement.
- ◆ Employees trained to handle emergencies, become good witnesses, understand and utilize crime prevention techniques



For Emergencies, CALL 9-1-1

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TIPS

- Neighbors Helping Neighbors!
- Free training empowers employees.
- For in progress crimes call 9-1-1.