

**Antioch Police Department
Crime Prevention Commission**

BUSINESS WATCH PROGRAM

Businesses can reduce crime for themselves and their fellow business neighbors.

LESSEN THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CRIMINALS

Take control of what happens in your business community and lessen your chances of becoming a victim. Through "Business Watch," you will be making crimes against yourself and your fellow business neighbors as difficult as possible.

WHAT IS BUSINESS WATCH?

Business Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the active participation of business owners, managers, and employees in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in their work environment. It is designed to:

- Protect you, your business and your employees.
- Provide a networking system between businesses that quickly and accurately disseminates information.
- Establish partnerships between local businesses and law enforcement.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN BUSINESS WATCH?

- Promote communication and understanding between law enforcement and the business community. Encourage cooperation between neighboring merchants.
- Teach merchants to crime-proof their own properties and to watch over neighboring businesses and report any suspicious activity to authorities. Develop a telephone tree system for quick dissemination of information regarding criminal activity in the area.
- Encourage the development of signals to activate in adjacent businesses when someone needs help

HOW DO I START A BUSINESS WATCH?

- Call a meeting with nearby merchants/businesses. Arrange for an Antioch Police Department (APD) Crime Prevention Commissioner, a Crime Prevention Specialist, to attend and discuss BUSINESS WATCH and crime prevention techniques with your group. Decide on the next meeting; make this an ongoing prevention program.
- Invite speakers to regularly schedule meetings for crime prevention tips and planning group strategies. Internal or employee crime should be one of the first topics for discussion.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE ABOUT BUSINESS WATCH?

- The APD Crime Prevention Commission provides a variety of resources to help you learn more about crime prevention.
- For more information, or if you have questions, please contact the APD Neighborhood and Business Watch Coordinator to coordinate for an Antioch Crime Prevention Commissioner to assist in the implementation of your Business Watch Program and provide ongoing support in the future.

For more information and/or assistance to setup a Business Watch Program please call:

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