



## Important Phone Numbers

All Emergencies	911
Dispatch (Non-Emergency)	323-563-5436
Fire Station #54	323-567-8580
Fire Station #57	562-563-9700
Graffiti Removal	323-563-5793
Animal Control	562-803-3301
Public Works	323-563-5790
City Hall	323-563-9500
Illegal Dumping	323-563-9575
Narcotics Hotline	888-746-2727
Chamber of Commerce	323-567-1203



For more information on the Business Watch Program, please

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# Business Watch Program



**Make It Your Business**

Phone: (323)563-5465

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## What is Business Watch?

- ◆ Business Watch provides businesses with crime prevention strategies and techniques they can apply to help reduce crime in and around their businesses.
- ◆ It also helps to establish partnerships among local businesses, the South Gate Police Department, and other organizations that represents business interests.
- ◆ Reduces the chances of becoming a victim by taking control of what happens in your business community.

## Goals of Business Watch

- ◆ Educating businesses on how to be observant and aware of any suspicious activity or individuals.
- ◆ Empowering employees at the front end of the business to become a great resource for Crime Prevention.
- ◆ Provides education and information to business proprietors to help reduce crime in targeted areas.
- ◆ Preserve our business center and eliminate conditions that give rise to crime.
- ◆ Encourage business owners to utilize security measures to the fullest extent in order to deter crime.

## Steps for Success

- ◆ Diagnose the Environment
- ◆ Create a Vision
- ◆ Develop Goals
- ◆ Form working Partnerships
- ◆ Create a tracking system for resources
- ◆ Develop a Tactical and Strategic plan for sustainability.



## Benefits of Business Watch

- ◆ Educates participants in the principles of deterring, detecting, and preventing crime.
- ◆ Creates a strong communication network and understanding among businesses and the South Gate Police Department.
- ◆ Creates a forum to share information concerning crime prevention methods, concepts, technology, and expertise.
- ◆ It is a vehicle to learn about crimes and trends that have occurred in the community that were not being reported.
- ◆ It encourages business owners to get to know neighboring businesses and take the time to work together in a program of mutual assistance.

## Why Join Business Watch?

Police officers cannot be at every corner all of the time, so community involvement is essential in combating crime. Business owners know what goes on in their community more than anyone. By cooperating with the South Gate Police Department you can help fight crime in your commercial area in the most effective way before it begins.

As a part of deterring crime, business owners will be able to place Business Watch decals on their windows and signs in their parking lots or general business area, warning criminals that they are being watched.

## Safety Tips for Businesses

- ◆ Get to know the people who operate the neighboring businesses. These are your neighbors, making personal contact with your neighbors is the best way to get acquainted. Make an effort to introduce yourself to the business community .
- ◆ Watch and Report. Report suspicious activity to the South Gate Police Department immediately. Call 911 or Non-emergency at **(323)563-5436**.