Retail Establishments….

Retailers join together to watch for and report suspicious activity to the police. By building a means of communication, retailers can share other information, such as bad checks, shoplifters, and learn about crime prevention methods.

Business Offices….

Employees work together to promote safety and security practices in the office environment. Decreasing crimes of opportunity are a primary target.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The Prince George Community Policing Unit is ready to get you started with Business Watch. All you need to do is notify us of your willingness to participate.

Call or Email us today at:

(804) 863-1847 or

communitypolicng@princegeorgecountyva.gov

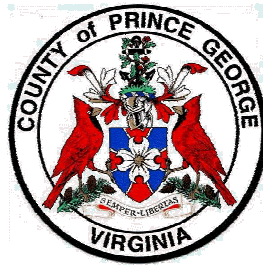We will then contact you and have you fill out a registration form.

When the police have information on criminal activity, we will send out a fax or an Email to notify you.

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6600 Courthouse Road

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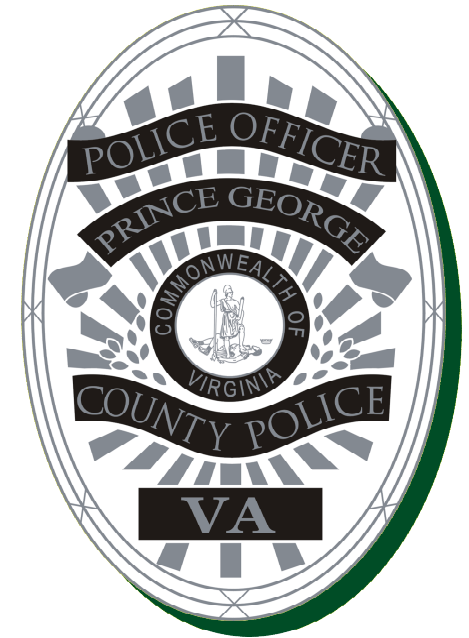

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Prince George County

BUSINESS WATCH

MAKE CRIME PREVENTION YOUR BUSINESS

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF

As a business person here in Prince George County, you know crime can affect your operation, your customers and your employee's peace of mind. That's why I would like to introduce you to Business Watch.

This crime prevention program encourages businesses to work together to protect their common interests. The Business Watch concept is simple – businesses watching out for businesses. When you actively watch out for one another, it can help   reduce the incidence of crime in our community. It's the cooperative effort that makes the program a success.

This pamphlet introduces you to Business Watch and it contains some common sense reminders on how to prevent crime.

The Prince George County Police Department's Community Policing Unit is ready to assist you and your employees in becoming active Business Watch participants.

Colonel W. Keith Early

TOGETHER , WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. SO LETS MAKE IT HAPPEN!

WHAT IS BUSINESS WATCH?

Business Watch is a program designed to enhance security, increase observation, and to encourage mutual assistance and concern among businesses in Prince George County.

OBJECTIVES OF BUSINESS WATCH

◊ To encourage mutual assistance between members

◊ To increase crime prevention awareness

◊ What we are trying to do is stimulate the exchange of information between members, Businesses and the police.

◊ To promote crime prevention and increase standards for security

◊ To provide an environment that is unattractive to criminals

◊ To share best practice

◊ To establish closer links between businesses and the Police Department to help sustain successful initiatives

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Call the police at once when you notice suspicious strangers loitering near your place of business, particularly around opening and closing times. When possible, note a license plate number.

If you witness some type of suspicious activity, do not hesitate to call the police. Never take for granted that someone else has called.

ROBERY PREVENTION

• Make sure your street address is displayed at the main entrance.

• Never block the view into your store by filling windows with too many displays.

• Try not to work alone. Studies indicate that the presence of more employees may reduce the incidence of armed robbery.

BURGLARY PREVENTION

• Ensure the locks on your windows and doors are adequate to delay an intruder.

• Keep your business well lit.

• Do not stack items close to the exterior where a criminal can hide.

• Consider installing an alarm system.

• Train your employees in crime prevention techniques.