

A Message from the Chief of Police

“Thank you for taking the time to read the Chamber’s Business Watch brochure. Following the tips provided are the first steps in making your business less attractive to criminals who might consider victimizing your business, your customers, or your employees. The second step is working in partnership with the Police Department to address criminal activity. Communication is the key to any crime prevention program, and I encourage you to immediately report suspicious activity to the Police Department. The Police Department is committed to keeping Claremont a great place for you to do business. A thriving business community benefits the entire Claremont community.”

Paul Cooper

Please contact our
Administrative Services Sergeant
909-399-5409
should you have any questions.



Claremont Police Department Phone Numbers

**All numbers listed utilize the 909
area code unless otherwise listed.**

All Emergencies	911
Non-Emergency	399-5411
Police Chief	399-5401

City of Claremont Phone Numbers

City Hall	399-5460
City Manager	399-5441
Chamber	624-1681



Business Watch Program

Claremont Police
Department
Emergency 911
Non-Emergency 399-5411





What is Business Watch?

Business Watch is a FREE program that gives the Claremont Police Department an effective way to partner with businesses in the City of Claremont to combat crime.

Your commitment as a business owner and employer is vital if we are to succeed in our efforts to reduce crime. You and your fellow business owners are the ones who really know what is happening in your area. The Claremont Police Department is calling on businesses to help prevent these crimes. Reporting suspicious activity and taking a few security precautions is an effective means of stopping these crimes from occurring. The Claremont Police Department has put together a few tips on preventing crime, and encourages business owners to consider the following suggestions to better protect their businesses

With Business Watch decals in windows, criminals are warned that the business owners are watching out for each other and will report suspicious activity.

ALARMS

Install an alarm system that covers all entrances as well as motion inside. Alarms with an audible sound outside the business and flashing lights are effective in attracting attention and scaring away intruders.

Use an alarm vendor that provides cellular notification. That way if your land line is disabled, it won't disable your system. Ensure the system has a battery backup and use the window decals provided by your vendor.

Make sure the Police Department is listed as the first contact. The police can respond faster than the time it takes the company to call you or an employee.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

Consider upgrading your system with video Monitoring Many systems are compact and affordable. Thieves may avoid businesses if they know cameras are installed

If you use a video system, make sure you and your employees know how to retrieve video. The video can be used by officers to help identify suspects after crimes have occurred.

CASH REGISTERS

If your business uses cash, don't leave it in the register overnight. While it is convenient for early morning employees, a closed cash drawer is a sign there is money in the drawer. Consider leaving the cash drawer open or placing the empty drawer in open view.

UTILITY BOXES

Secure your utility boxes with a heavy padlock and place decals with "Alarmed" on their exterior panels.

SECURING YOUR PROPERTY

Secure expensive items that are on display or close to windows and doors. Computers and merchandise should be secured to prevent a

thief from grabbing the item and running. Keep the displays in your windows uncluttered and eliminate items that shield your business from the street. A more visible business is inviting to customers and gives the police the ability to monitor your business after hours. Use security lighting inside and outside your property. LED lights are efficient and effective. Motion sensor lights are a cost effective security tool for after hours.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

If someone comes into your business and acts suspiciously, call the Police. Give a description and write down the license plate number of their vehicle. Talk with the other businesses around you and share information.

Suspect Description	
Race	_____
Sex	_____
Hair	_____
Eyes	_____
Age	_____
Facial Hair	_____
Clothing (note color & type)	_____
Vehicle Type/ Make	_____
Vehicle Color	_____
License #	_____