



## **Police Department**

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# **Sherwood Police Department Business Crime Prevention & Partnership**

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Crime – burglary, robbery, vandalism, shoplifting, employee theft, and fraud – costs businesses billions of dollars each year. These crimes can be devastating to businesses, which lose both customers and employees when worry and fear claim a business neighborhood.

The Sherwood Police Department wants to partner with businesses to help reduce business-related crime in Sherwood. Our goal is to provide a safe and secure environment and preserve the quality of life for our citizens, business leaders, and community. As part of this effort, the Sherwood Police Department would like to help and work alongside the business community.

These types of partnerships are already in place across the country and have proven successful in reducing and deterring crime in business communities. They have been proven to increase security and the general sense of safety and well-being within business communities.

## **Benefits of Business / Law Enforcement Partnerships**

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Police Officers can help show business owners and employees crime prevention techniques and strategies they can use to help cut down on business-related crime. They can help to teach businesses how to avoid becoming a target for crime.

- Law enforcement cannot be on every corner, so citizen involvement is essential to combat crime.
- You and your fellow merchants are the ones who really know what is going on in your business community.
- Cooperating with each other and law enforcement, you can help fight crime in your business community in the most effective way – before the crime ever begins.

- The business community is more likely to thrive when you help provide a safe environment for customers and employees.
- Through various elements of this partnership, you can reduce the financial losses that can occur due to crime.

Helping businesses reduce and prevent crime must be a community effort. Law enforcement can work with owners to improve security and design their spaces to reduce risk. Businesses and law enforcement can join together in this effort to alert each other to crime patterns and suspicious activities, reducing the likelihood that business crime will take place and making the business community safer and more enjoyable for everyone.

## **How You Can Help**

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To establish an effective partnership, business leaders need to:

- 1) Complete the Business Profile Form attached to this packet and submit to the Sherwood Police Department.
- 2) Get to know other business leaders in your business community, particularly those whose businesses are located in close proximity to yours.
- 3) Be vigilant and report crime or suspicious activity in your business community as quickly as possible.

You are the first line of defense for your business and your business community. Through consistent communication, watchfulness, and willingness to participate in this partnership, we can work together to keep the Sherwood business community as crime free as possible.

## **How Sherwood Police Department Can Help**

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To secure your business community, the Sherwood Police Department wants to offer help and support as this partnership is established. We are committed to the following steps:

- 1) We will provide a liaison to the business community.
- 2) We will have an increased presence in the business community both when requested and through regular patrols.
- 3) We will make ourselves available to address concerns communicated to us by business owners.

If you would like to participate, please complete the Business Profile Form attached to this packet and return to the Sherwood Police Department via e-mail, fax, USPS or hand deliver during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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## Crime Prevention Tips

1. Are all shrubs cut below window level?
2. Are address numbers visible from the street?
3. Are the front / back entry / exit door(s) well lit?
4. Is the parking lot well lit?
5. Is outside inventory securely stored?





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### Business Profile Form

The more information you provide about your business, the more successful the Sherwood Police Department will be in identifying unusual or suspicious activity.

Business Name:

Business Address:

Business Phone:

Hours of Operation:

Contact Person(s):

Email Address:

Emergency After-Hours Contact: Name:

Position:

Home Phone#:

Cell Phone#:

Alarm / Security Company:

\*Surveillance System:      Interior      Exterior      N / A

Is the business gated:      Yes      No

If yes, can we have any codes associated with the premise.

Additional Information / Written Consent:

Are there hazards or special chemicals:      Yes      No

If yes, please explain:

\*Knowledge of a surveillance system may assist the police department with an investigation involving your business and could potentially assist with an investigation at a nearby location, as well.

***The Sherwood Police Department will never enter your business unless there is a lawful reason to do so, without your express written consent. We will never share your information without your express written consent. The information provided will remain secure at the police department.***

**You may update or opt out of this program at any time.**