



BUSINESS WATCH

A crime prevention alliance

...of local businesses, their employees and the Bedford Police Department to help reduce and prevent crimes occurring in our business community.



For years, the Neighborhood Awareness program sponsored by Bedford Police Department has proven to be one of the most effective means of crime prevention available for residents. Now we are sponsoring **BUSINESS WATCH**.

Why have **BUSINESS WATCH**?

Financial crimes, robbery, shoplifting and burglary are major concerns of the business community. By working together and sharing information with police and neighboring businesses, many problems can be decreased, resolved, or avoided. The possibility of identifying and arresting criminals also increases as more people become involved in the process.



MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST **WEDNESDAY** OF EACH MONTH, 10^{AM} ♦ TOWN MUNICIPAL BLDG, 3RD FLR

Taking part in **BUSINESS WATCH** is an important step in preventing crime or disorder problems that affect your business.

An integral part of the service is to **KEEP YOU INFORMED**

You will receive info on noteworthy events occurring within the town:

- Reports of counterfeit bills circulating in Bedford
- Patterns of activity, as in burglary or larceny incidents
- Lookouts for suspicious persons, vehicles, or activities
- The kinds, frequencies, locations of events that occur in the community.

Useful information from speakers knowledgeable about security issues affecting business owners/merchants

- Keeping your employees safe
- How to go about securing your business more effectively
- What to do in the event of a robbery, shoplifting, etc
- Tips on eliminating computer or credit fraud
- How-to tips on eliminating the opportunity for internal theft
- Low-cost crime prevention measures using environmental design
- Calls for service statistics for the **BUSINESS WATCH** area will be available each month from the Bedford Police Department.

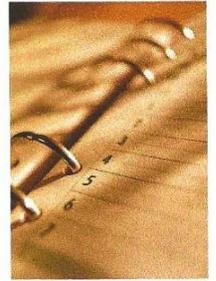
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MEETING SCHEDULE

January 9

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

July 3 – No meeting

August 7

September 4

October 2

November 6

December 4

Speakers will be announced at a later date

Meetings are held 10^{am} Council Chambers, 3rd Flr Town Municipal Building 215 E. Main St. ♦ Bedford



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