

## Benefits of Membership

- Network with other businesses
- Build better relationships with your local law enforcement
- Learn crime prevention techniques
- Increase awareness and reduce crime

**When crime is reduced, everyone wins.**

## BUSINESS WATCH



### PROGRAM IN FORCE

**Our businesses report all suspicious activity to the Bowie Police Department**



**Bowie Police Department**  
15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, MD 20716

Phone: 240-544-5700  
Fax: 240-544-5794  
Anonymous Tips:  
240-544-5770

Email: [cops@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cops@cityofbowie.org)

## CITY OF BOWIE POLICE DEPARTMENT



### Business Watch

Bowie Police Department Business Watch is to encourage the free exchange of information and crime prevention techniques between the law enforcement community and local businesses.

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**What is  
“Business Watch”?**

Business watch is a partnership between the business community, local authorities, the police, and other organizations that represent business interests.

It enables individuals businesses to take an active part in preventing and reducing crime through sharing information, raising awareness, and improving communications through meetings and a functional “calling tree”.

**Mission Statement:**

The Bowie Police Department Business Watch is to help promote a safe environment for people to work, shop and live in. This is accomplished by Businesses and law enforcement working together to reduce crime in the work place. The primary objective is to educate business owners and their employees to recognize crime and risks. The secondary objective is to take steps in reporting and preventing crime accurately.

**How does Business Watch  
Work**

Our Business Watch is modeled after the highly successful Neighborhood Watch Program, established a formal communication network among businesses in a specified area. Members in each area are alerted to the potential of crime and current crime trends. Members are encouraged to form a “community” that watches out for one another.

Our commitment as law enforcement is to provide Business Watch Members with information and crime prevention training. Members will be educated on how to recognize and report criminal/suspicious activity. Many other topics of crime prevention and safety issues will also be addressed.

The Business Watch is not meant to replace your current security system or plan. Instead it is to augment these and enhance the overall awareness and safety of the business, its employees, and its customers.