

# **Kennewick Police Department Business Watch**

## **BUSINESS WATCH**

Crime in a business affects us all. A loss due to bad checks, forged credit cards or a shoplifter refunding stolen property costs everyone; merchant, employee and consumer. Business Watch is designed to assist merchants in a formal and informal manner, provide specific assistance to each merchant, and establish better working relationships between merchants and law enforcement. Now more than ever, merchants need to combine efforts.

Employee training is offered in a number of areas: Shoplifting; Robbery; Bad Checks; Credit Card Fraud; Internal Theft; Counterfeiting; Physical Security; Dealing with Hostile Customers; and Workplace Violence. A commercial security survey can also be arranged to provide you with information on helping to secure your business.

Business Watch is a proactive method of reducing losses in the Business Community. It allows you, the employer to take steps to reduce the opportunity for potential losses. This results in a substantial decrease in lost cash, merchandise and property damage. As a end result, you have greater profit for your business. Contact the [Crime Prevention Unit](#) at (509) 585-4212 for more information

## **MERCHANT ALERT**

Merchant Alert is part of Business Watch. It's a way to keep merchants aware of potential security risks reported to police. For example; if a person reports the theft of a checkbook, Merchant Alert provides information to you concerning those stolen checks. The idea is to make you aware of these losses so you in turn don't suffer a loss. You can assist police by reporting that someone has attempted to use those stolen checks as well, which could assist in apprehending the suspect. Merchant Alert notifications are made by e-mail, fax, and automated phone notification systems.

To learn more about Business Watch and Merchant Alert, contact the [Crime Prevention Unit](#) at (509) 585-4212, or send us the Merchant Alert Enrollment Form to get started.