

Crime Prevention and Awareness Training

The Oviedo Police Department is committed to providing you with the tools to help keep your business safe and successful. We can provide your business with training and information on topics such as:

- Burglary prevention
- Shoplifting/theft
- Employee theft
- Economic crimes
- Personal safety
- Identify theft
- Credit card/check fraud
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Your business will be contacted when training classes are offered. We can provide other crime information services at your request.

Becoming a member of the **Oviedo Business Watch Program** is an investment in the success and security of your business! It is a **free** service and provides you with the peace of mind that your business community is the extra “eyes and ears” to fight crime that impacts your business quality of life.

Be part of making a difference to ensure your business safety, inside and out! Join today for a brighter tomorrow!



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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Oviedo Business Watch Program

Partnering to take a stand against crime

your business is everybody's business!



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What is a Business Watch?

Modeled after Neighborhood Watch, Business Watch takes the “neighbors looking out for neighbors” concept to the commercial level, creating partnership between business, law enforcement, and others who represent business interests. The Business Watch philosophy is straightforward: Take control of what happens in your business community and lessen your chances of becoming a victim.

Business Watch actively reduces and prevents crime through cooperation and education. Programs vary according to need; however, successful groups adhere to these basic steps:

- Promote communication and understanding between businesses and law enforcement
- Encourage and enhance cooperation among merchants
- Teach merchants to crime-proof their properties, watch over other businesses, and report suspicious activity
- Develop a means of information dissemination about area crime
- Develop signals to notify other businesses when someone needs help

Why become a Business Watch member?

Unfortunately, there can't be law enforcement on every corner, so everyone's involvement is essential to combat crime. You and your fellow merchants are the ones who know what is going on in your business community. By cooperating with one another and the Oviedo Police Department, businesses can fight crime in the most effective way: **BEFORE IT BEGINS!**



Oviedo Business Watch members place a decal in their store front windows and post Business Watch signs on their commercial property, warning criminals that they are part of an active Business Watch community, and that merchants are watching out for one another. Each business is assigned a member number on the decal that is used to contact business owners in case of an after hours emergency, such as an unsecured door, a broken window, or a burglary.

Oviedo Police Department can provide the following **free** services to commercial property owners and managers:

- Security surveys on-site to make your property more secure
- Safety and training for your employees
- Burglary and robbery procedures

Getting Started

- Contact the Oviedo Police Community Involvement Officers who will provide the information for you to become a member in your business community
- Fill out the **Business Watch Registration** form and return it to the Oviedo Police Department
- Attend training or informational meetings as offered
- Partner with fellow business merchants and become the additional “eyes and ears” for one and other to fight crime
- **Get involved!**

You have worked hard for your business. **HELP** your business community work hard for you!



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