



Andersonville Best Practices: Business Safety

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1. Welcome

2. Presenters:

Sgt. Atour Bethishou #2470- Chicago Police Department
States Attorney Gina Ceh- Community Liaison-Community Justice Center
Cook County State's Attorney Office

3. Business Events

Self Defense Class with Cheetah Gym and Jason Bender-Self-defense class was well attended for an early Monday morning on a holiday. The Andersonville Chamber of Commerce is greatly appreciative for Cheetah Gym and Jason Bender for allowing us to host this event. Stay tuned for a future self-defense class in the spring.

4. 2019 Beat Meetings-The 20th District covers all of Andersonville and is there are 4 beats that are represented in the Andersonville Business District. Beat meetings are a great way to connect with local officers and find out what's happening in your area.

--**Beat 2012**-Clark to Foster to Elmdale to Ravenswood- Meets 2nd Wednesday on even months at the St. Gregory Gym at 7PM

--**Beat 2013**-Clark to Foster to Elmdale to Broadway-Meets 3rd Wednesday on even months at Philadelphia Church at 7PM

--**Beat 2032**-Clark to Lawrence to Foster to Winnamac Park- Meets on the last Wednesday on Odd months at Ravenswood Evangelical Church at 7PM

--**Beat 2033**-Clark to Foster to Lawrence to Winthrop-Meets 1st Wednesday on even months at the Brezazian Library at 7PM.

5. Business/Home Security Check List

-Review checklist with emphasis on leaving all doors and windows locked after store hours, leaving your business well-lit after hours, secure locks on both front and back doors, and having a good quality security system that best fits your business model.

6. Update your Business contact information with the Chicago Police Department!

Please contact David Oakes if you would like an easy card to fill out to send to the 20th District so that they have your most up-to-date information on file.

7. Business Safety Walk-Throughs

The 20th District will be more than happy to do a business safety walk through with you in your business to offer suggestions on how to identify “weak” points in your business and measures you can do to fix them. Please reach out to the 20th District to set up your business safety assessment.

8. NO CASH ON PREMISES SIGNAGE

-You can either post your signage for CASH REGISTER IS EMPTY where the public can always see it or you may post it when your store is closing. Please be mindful of when you do make your deposits and go in pairs. Please contact David Oakes at doakes@andersonville.org if you need a print out of the sign.

9. Alarm System vs Panic Buttons

-An alarm system and panic buttons can be installed by a professional service. The difference with each of these measures is that a panic button has a higher priority number than an alarm system.

10. Security Cameras

-Security Cameras are an important measure for business safety. The Andersonville Chamber of Commerce does offer a Security Camera Rebate Program to help assist with installation. Quality of camera system, placement, and access to footage are all critical in helping identify a great system for your business. Please contact David Oakes at doakes@andersonville.org if you need more information.

11. Money Handling and Identifying Fake Bills

Money handling training for our businesses is really important and learning to identify what a fake looks like, but also what to do if you receive a fake in your business. There are government programs that you can use to train your employees on fake bills. A great resource can be found through the Federal Reserve website:

https://www.federalreserve.gov/faqs/currency_12597.htm

12. Active Shooters Training

The 20th District will be attending an active Shooter Training and will be able to train businesses as early as the summer. Please let David Oakes know if you have any questions.

13. Up Coming Events (for more information on any of our upcoming events please reach out to Laura Austin at laustin@andersonville.org)

-[Andersonville Honors](#)- March 13, 2019 6-9PM- Celebrate your neighbors and neighborhood for Andersonville Honors. Thank you to Octavio Cantina & Kitchen for hosting our 2019 event.

-**Annual Members Meeting & Board of Elections**-April 10, 2019 at 6:30PM hosted at the Brown Elephant.