



Binford Redevelopment & Growth, Inc.

Community Crime Watch Network Business Crime Watch

Network Description, History and Features:

Binford Redevelopment and Growth (BRAG), in 2006, initially worked cooperatively with the Marion County Sheriff's Department to establish a Business Crime Watch Network that has incorporated the majority of businesses and commercial organizations that surround Binford Blvd. and 71st Street in the Northeast side of Indianapolis. Since the merge of Departments in 2007, BRAG Business Crime Watch Network has an extremely close working relationship with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD), North District. Through BRAG efforts, a Police Satellite Office was established at 5699 East 71st Street (Ivyway Plaza) to have more of a law enforcement presence as well as providing a service to our Police Officers. BRAG further provided a large sign at the front of the Plaza, identifying the location of the Police Satellite Office, as well as signs on the building.

Features of this Network:

1. Established to help reduce criminal activity in the area by having businesses join together in a central BRAG BUSINESS CRIME WATCH NETWORK.
2. It is a proactive program that empowers BRAG to work with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department to help educate and bring awareness by reporting criminal activity and sharing information with fellow businesses.
3. Communication between a central BRAG Communicator and all the business and commercial organizations is done by Electronic Mail (Email) or telephone.
4. Each business provides a Contact person who immediately notifies the central BRAG Business Crime Watch Communicator if a crime has taken place (AFTER making proper Police reports).
5. The BRAG central Business Communicator then broadcasts information on the incident of crime to all businesses and commercial organizations by Email so they can be informed and on the ALERT.
6. The sharing of information with fellow businesses will help reduce crime and deter chances of others also becoming a victim of crime. This then becomes a business community that looks out for each other.
7. IMPD provides weekly reports to BRAG of crime incidents and information for the entire North district and further provides monthly reports specific for the BRAG area which is within 82nd St. on the North, 56th St. on the South, Dean Rd. on the West and Sargent Rd. on the East.
8. IMPD also has a Community Resource Supervisor and a Community Liaison Officer for Districts who establish contact with neighborhoods and businesses and are a valuable source of information. The Community Officers assigned to North District have worked closely with BRAG since the inception of IMPD.
9. To join contact: Peter Courtney at 317/577-9901, Email bragcrimewatch@att.net or Greg Schmoll at 317/251-8274 ext 2, Email schmolldevelco@comcast.net

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