



## **Chicago Safety Solutions: October 2019**

**Collaborate with the Chicago Police Department, City of Chicago agencies and FMA for 100% public safety. Support FMA's economic development efforts to solve the root-causes of crime.**

### **Phone Numbers & Websites**

- 911 for emergencies AND to report suspicious vehicles or people
- 312-746-6000 to report property and vehicle crimes
- 312-744-8098 to request graffiti removal on private or public structures and to report illegal garbage dumping
- 312-746-4400 for streetlights out
- Report concerns online at [https://311.chicago.gov/s/?language=en\\_US](https://311.chicago.gov/s/?language=en_US)
- Contact FMA around the clock at (773) 531-6370 or [roger@fultonmarketchicago.org](mailto:roger@fultonmarketchicago.org).

### **Recent Crime Trends**

- Graffiti building vandalism
- Pedestrians robbed and sometimes assaulted for valuables especially women carrying purses & bags
- Vehicle break-ins to steal valuables, electronics or bags
- Building break-ins and thefts
- Counterfeit money as the holidays approach

### **Pedestrian Safety Solutions**

- Don't walk with valuable bags or large purses, drop off valuables at destination before walking there
- Don't wear headphones or watch your phone when walking, mind your surroundings
- Conceal your cellphone, laptop and jewelry by hiding valuables inside or under coat
- Walk in well-lit areas, away from dark buildings and in street when necessary
- Report poorly-lit areas to FMA for lighting improvements
- Walk with others
- Verify ride-share or taxi service before getting into vehicles
- Call 911 about suspicious activity, call again every 3 minutes until police respond
- Call 911 if a crime occurs, call 911 again if details change
- Don't challenge criminal if confronted, memorize characteristics for police, go limp to the ground if desired

### **Vehicle Safety Solutions**

- Don't leave valuables inside like packages, electronics, chargers, bags
- Hide valuables in trunk or under seat
- Beware car-jackers when approaching or exiting vehicle especially if vehicle is parked in isolated area

### **Building Safety Solutions**

- Reinforce exterior doors and windows with metal frames, modern locks and security systems
- Install exterior cameras and lights around building (FMA can refer security companies to you.)
- Identify dark spaces around buildings and report to FMA for solutions

### **Business Safety Solutions**

- Beware counterfeit money: Use electronic counterfeit detectors and implement system if future incident occurs
- Install in-store interior cameras and audio devices
- Install counter panic buttons and other emergency alert devices
- Create emergency protocols for various scenarios