Chicago Crime Concerns & Safety Solutions: February 2020

Collaborate with the Chicago Police, government agencies and FMA for public safety. Contact Executive Director Roger Romanelli for assistance: 773-531-6370 or roger@fultonmarketchicago.org. Report every crime, large or small. FMA can conduct free safety workshops. FMA partners can conduct free building security audits.

City of Chicago Numbers and Online Reporting

●Emergencies & suspicious people/vehicles: 911
●Non-emergency property crimes & vehicle crimes: 312-746-6000
●Graffiti removal service & clean up garbage dumping: 312-744-8098
●Fix streetlights/24-hour hotline: 312-746-4400
●Pothole repairs, street/alley problems, signs missing, snow/ice on sidewalks: 311 or 311 online (Or contact FMA.)

Overview: Crime Concerns & Safety Solutions

●Criminals are roving 24/7 in vehicles and working in teams. Criminals hide in dark spaces between or behind buildings.
●If you call 911 and police don't come in 3 minutes or if details change, call 911 again until police respond or if details change.
●Buildings should have exterior cameras & lights. ComEd has rebate money for lights, TIF funds can assist with cameras.
●Low-hanging trees should be trimmed. Streetlights should be repaired immediately.
●If a crime pattern is determined, FMA will request 12th District Police intervention and special patrols to apprehend criminals.

#1 Crime Concern & Safety Solutions: Pedestrian Mugging, Armed Robbery or Physical Assault

●Avoid walking alone when dark. Avoid carrying large bags/purses/laptops. Drop off valuables at destination before walking.
●Avoid headphones or watching your phone when walking.
●Walk in well-lit areas and away from dark buildings and dark building gaps.
●Verify your ride-share or taxi service before getting into the vehicle.
●If confronted, don't challenge the criminal but memorize the criminal's characteristics and go limp to the ground if desired.

#2 Crime Concern & Safety Solutions: Vehicle Break-Ins, Theft, Carjacking

●Never leave valuables visible in car: packages, electronics, chargers, bags/empty bags, coins, GPS.
●Avoid parking car in isolated areas without streetlights. Report dark buildings to FMA that need cameras and lights.
●Retailers, restaurants and service businesses should post "Hide Your Vehicle's Valuables" warning signs in your lobbies.

#3 Crime Concern & Safety Solutions: Illegal Graffiti Vandalism & Property Damage

●Report graffiti crimes to 311. Clean off buildings immediately. Ask dumpster companies to replace vandalized dumpsters.
●Buildings should have exterior cameras & lights. ComEd has rebate money for lights, TIF funds can assist with cameras.

#4 Crime Concern & Safety Solutions: Building Break-Ins

●Reinforce exterior doors and windows with metal frames, modern locks and security systems.
●Every building should have exterior cameras and lights all around building.

#5 Crime Concern & Safety Solutions: Avoid Crimes Inside Businesses Like Shoplifting & Counterfeit Money

●Beware shoplifting and criminals grabbing cash from cash registers. Report all shoplifting and theft crimes to the police.
●To detect counterfeit money, use an electric detector not a pen. Implement a system for your business if an incident occurs.
●Install in-store cameras, audio devices, under-counter panic buttons. Develop emergency protocols for various scenarios.