

# BUSINESS CRIME WATCH

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**VIDEO SURVEILLANCE IN USE  
EMPLOYEES CANNOT OPEN SAFE  
AND HAVE MINIMUM CASH ON HAND  
SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM IN USE**

## SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR BUSINESS

### Robbery Prevention

Robbery doesn't occur as often as other crimes against businesses, but the potential for loss can be much greater from a single incident. Also, robbery involves force or threat of force and can result in serious injury or death.

- Greet every person who enters the business in a friendly manner. Personal contact can discourage a would-be criminal.
- Keep windows clear of displays or signs and make sure your business is well-lighted. Check the layout of your store, eliminating any blind spots that may hide a robbery in progress.
- Provide information about your security systems to employees only on a "need-to-know" basis. Instruct your employees to report any suspicious activity or person immediately and write down the information for future reference.
- Place cash registers in the front section of the store. This increases the chances of someone spotting a robbery in progress and reporting it to the police.
- Keep small amounts of cash in the register to reduce losses. Use a drop safe into which large bills and excess cash are dropped by employees and cannot be retrieved by them. Post signs alerting would-be robbers of this procedure.
- Make bank deposits often and during business hours. Don't establish a pattern, take different routes at different times during the day.
- Ask local law enforcement what to do in case you are robbed. Make sure your address is visible so emergency vehicles can easily find your business.
- If you or your employees are confronted by a robber, cooperate. Merchandise and cash can always be replaced—people can't!

## **CIVILIAN RESPONSE TO ACTIVE SHOOTER EVENTS**

The Holiday Season is upon us and being the victim of an armed robbery or active shooter should be a concern for everyone. All across this country, we see these events unfold. Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) can help you prepare for such an event. This type of training can be critical in surviving such an attack. Currently, the Bay City Department of Public Safety has several officers that are Certified CRASE Instructor's. It is the goal of the Bay City Department of Public Safety to train business owners in the Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE). Please look for information for upcoming training dates, locations and times.

## **BAY CITY BUSINESS CRIME UPDATES**

10/6- A west side bar called to report an unwanted customer. Officers located the unwanted customer near the bar and he was given a trespass warning. Later, the customer returned to the bar and was advised he was trespassing. The customer then left the bar. A warrant has been issued for this subject for trespassing.

10/09- A west side convenience store reported a retail fraud. A juvenile suspect had stolen a six pack of beer. A school resource officer identified the suspect from a still image obtained through security video. The school resource officer interviewed the suspect and obtained a full confession. This incident was turned to the prosecutor's office and probate court.

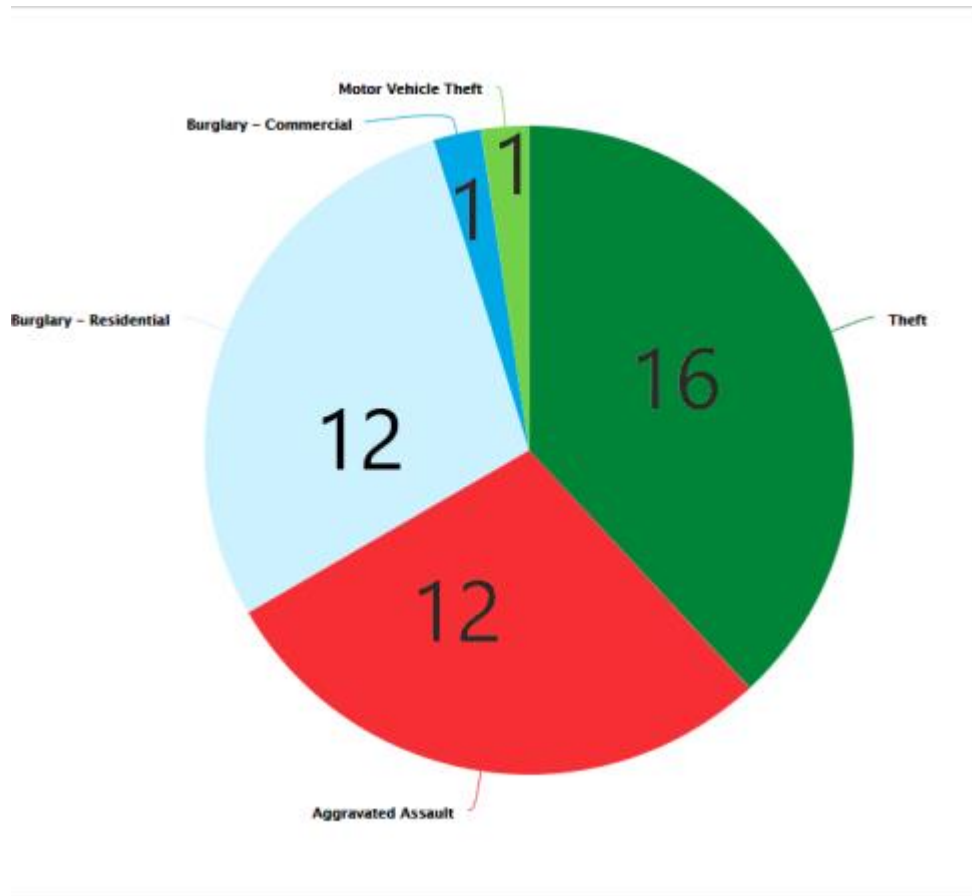
10/12- Officers were dispatched to a suspicious situation at a west side little league. Upon arrival, officers discovered a bathroom door had been forced open in the concession stand. A little league board member was contacted and nothing appeared to have been stolen.

10/29- A west side credit union reported a fraud. A member of the credit union deposited fraudulent checks into an ATM and then immediately made ATM withdraws based on the balance from the fraudulent check. This incident is under investigation.

## **LEXIS NEXIS**

The Bay City Department of Public Safety is now utilizing Lexis Nexis Crime Mapping technology to track and report crime within the City of Bay City.

<https://communitycrimemap.com> is a public website which allows you to view criminal activity reported within Bay City. Below is an analytic map of reported crime within the city from 10/01/19 to 10/31/19



## Boards and Committees

- [Zoning Board of Appeals - Canceled](#)  
November 12, 2019, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [Historic District Commission](#)  
November 13, 2019, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [Planning Commission](#)  
November 20, 2019 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM @ Commission Chambers

## City Commission

- [Finance Policy Meeting](#)  
November 04, 2019, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM @ Commission Chambers  
November 18, 2019, 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM @ Commission Chambers
- [Special Finance Policy Meeting](#)  
No meeting this month

- [City Commission Meeting](#)  
November 04, 2019, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Commission Chambers  
November 18, 2019, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM @ Commission Chambers

## Community Event

- [General Election](#)  
November 5, 2019 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM @ City Hall
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