

# Business Watch (FEBRUARY) Monthly Newsletter



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Business Watch Participant,

Hello! We hope you all have had a great start to the New Year and are getting ready for the warm weather in the upcoming months! Please contact the [Ladner Community Police](#) if you need information on any of our programs that are at your disposal.



The following statistics are a summary of reported Ladner commercial crime offences in **JANUARY 2014**.

Robbery	0
Break & Enter Commercial	3
Theft of Vehicle	1
Theft From Vehicle	11

## AUTO CRIME PREVENTION

Over the past few months we have noticed multiple thefts from vehicles. We would like to remind businesses of preventative measures they can take with their personal vehicles and business vehicles which may contain valuable equipment or merchandise. The following are recommendations from ICBC:

- VISUAL DETERRENTS
  - Anti-theft devices (steering wheel-lock, shifter-lock or hood-lock)
  - Anti pick locks (coloured and mounted high)
- TRACKING/RECOVERY SYSTEMS
  - Transponder mounted in the vehicle (can work on cell phones or GPS systems)
  - Navigation systems with security system packages
- ELECTRONIC ANTI-THEFT DEVICES
  - Alarms that will engage the head/tail lights
  - “Smart Alarm” (with sensors) automatically adjust to their surroundings
  - Alarm Remotes (with scanning protection) prevents randomly generated signals/ code-grabbing protection from signal interception and reproduction
- ELECTRONIC IMMOBILIZERS
  - Cut off power to electrical systems (cannot start ignition)
  - Should be displayed with decal or flashing light.
  - Not color coded (avoid ID tags) same as gauge or OEM
  - One that will prevent your vehicle from starting if damaged
  - The immobilizer should be professionally installed and look permanent.
    - No visible screws or logos



## **PROACTIVE STRATEGIES FOR THEFT**

Alongside all the security features that are recommended, please keep in mind some general strategies to prevent theft:

- Avoid leaving any valuables inside your vehicle; even if they are secure and/or out of sight.
- Never leave the vehicle doors unlocked or keys inside. Even when it is parked at home in your garage
- Choose parking stalls in well-lit areas with pedestrian traffic
- Park in secure locations when possible. Ex. garages, underground, gated-lots

### ***10-Ways to Reduce Auto Theft***



For more information, or to arrange a crime prevention training session, contact the Ladner Community Police Station at [ladcops@deltapolice.ca](mailto:ladcops@deltapolice.ca) with the email title “BW Crime Prevention Program”