CRIME PREVENTION BULLETIN

FLEET WATCH PROGRAM

Fleet Watch is a community wide effort involving the Lafayette Police Department, and several other Department Fleets from the City of Lafayette. Also included in Fleet Watch are groups of Fleets from other local non-governmental organizations and private businesses.

Fleet Watch is designed to utilize additional "eyes and ears" that are already out in the community, and to assist emergency responders with a variety of situations. Fleet Watch participants are trained to communicate their observations to Law Enforcement, and they are NOT asked to physically involve themselves in any potentially dangerous situation. We are also asking Fleet Watch members to self report anything they feel is suspicious, dangerous, or criminal in nature.

Some Fleet Watch vehicles may be marked with a Fleet Watch bumper sticker. By adding a bumper sticker to a vehicle, we hope to increase the visual presence in the community, thus providing an added degree of safety for our Lafayette citizens.

This Fleet Watch program reinforces our belief that the best Crime Prevention strategies will involve a collaborative effort between Law Enforcement, and other community members. In a way, Fleet Watch is similar to a large Neighborhood Watch on wheels.

Fleet Watch participants receive training on what, how, and when to report information to police dispatchers. They are armed with nothing more than their radio or cell phone, and some important information about how they can supplement our efforts to help keep our community safe. In a matter of seconds, we can rely upon our Fleet Watch partners as a force multiplier by utilizing these additional resources already in our community.

Fleet Watch partners will receive important alerts and information through Nixle. Nixle is a web based alert system in which subscribers receive text or e-mail alerts in an effort to help keep our citizens safe. It may be as simple as receiving this information to help locate a missing child or a confused elderly person who may have wondered away from their safe environment. Locating an endangered person outside of their safe zone is a critical, time-sensitive matter, and having additional Fleet Watch member's partner with us will help ensure their safety.

If you are interested in this program, or if you would like to become one of our Fleet Watch partners out in the community, please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 765-807-1200.

The Lafayette Police Department's Crime Prevention efforts are meant to strengthen the partnership between our members, and the community that we serve. We hope that together, we can make our community safer.