

Crime Round Table Takeaways

June 12, 2024



On Wednesday June 12, 2024, the Alameda Corridor Business Improvement District held a Crime Prevention Roundtable with business owners, property owners, and residents along the Alameda corridor.

Attendees included the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Belmar's Security Team, loss prevention/asset protection staff from various retailers, the Jeffco District Attorney, and many small businesses and residents.

Topics discussed were:

- How retailers can better protect our community from scams
- Current trends in loss prevention and asset protection
- Challenges Police face in preventing shoplifting and apprehension
- Preventing metal theft from property and rooftops

A few theft prevention and reporting pointers from Lakewood's Sergeant Alan Alden:

- When a crime is occurring, note specific identifiers on a person (tattoos, hair color, etc.).
- Upgrade your security systems - Police need high-definition resolution with face pointed cameras (identification is the hardest but most helpful thing to get a conviction). Body cameras are a big ask but are great for straight on footage and the most-clear. Need to have multiple employees in store who can access security camera footage for Police Dept.
- Highly recommend retailers join Colorado Commercial Organized Retail Crime Association (<https://www.coorca.org/>). Criminals work metro wide and this group widens the network of identifying criminals.
- Report even small misdemeanor thefts to the police!
- Any information on vehicle make/model, plate numbers, even direction of travel is helpful to PD.
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) – retailers can request one from the Lakewood Police, free service that comes up with recommendations (call the CAT team 303-987-7423). There is also grant money available through the BID and Lakewood Economic Development that can help pay for security upgrades.

