

Spotlight on Addison Article **Addison Crime Free Multi-Housing**

The Village of Addison will begin implementing the Addison Crime Free Multi-Housing Program in the near future. The program amends the rental dwelling license ordinance, Chapter 10, section 10-84, of the Addison Village Code, mandating the program May 1, 2009. The program combines the efforts of the Addison Police Department, Village of Addison Community Development Department and the owners and managers of rental properties to keep drugs and illegal activity off their property.

Where did the Program Begin?

The CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM began in Mesa, Arizona in July 1992. It has spread across the United States and to Canada in a very short time. It was designed to be law enforcement driven. The program is designed to be easy and direct, yet very effective in reducing the incident of crime in rental property.



What topics does the Program Address:

- Understanding Crime Prevention
- The Application Process
- Community Rules/Leases
- Apartment Communities/Not Complexes
- Combating Crime Problems
- Dealing with Non-Compliance
- * C.P.T.E.D. Concepts
- * Common Sense Self Defense
- * Active Property Management
- * Police: To Serve and Protect?
- * Partnering with Fire Department
- * Gangs / Illegal Activity

How does the Program Work?

The CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM is a unique, three-phase certification program for rental properties of all sizes, including single family rental homes. The **Phase One** of the program is the completion of an eight-hour program taught by attorneys, police and fire personnel. Frequently, guest speakers will also attend to address specific topics relating to rental properties. This police-sponsored program is designed to be very easy, yet extremely effective, at reducing criminal activity in rental properties.

Phase Two will certify that the rental property has met the security requirements for the resident's safety. In **Phase Three**, a resident crime prevention meeting will be conducted for full certification and will be granted the use of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Sign for the property. The management will also be granted the use of the program logo in all advertisement.

What are the Benefits

- A stable, more satisfied resident base
- Increased demand for rental units with a reputation for active management
- Lower maintenance and repair costs
- Increased property values
- Improved personal safety for residents, landlords and managers
- Ability to recognize problems before they become critical situations

Class dates and times will be announced soon; these will include days, evenings and weekend courses. If you are interested in having your name on the class list please email Addison Police Commander Karen Miller at KMiller@addison-il.org

