

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program is a coalition of Law Enforcement, Business and Apartment Owners, Apartment Managers and Tenants committed to providing a safer living environment for residents in apartment complexes throughout San Bernardino County.

The program is divided into five phases and facilitated by a member of a local law enforcement agency. The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department-Special Projects Unit is responsible for managing the county wide program and providing training to both the managers and agency facilitators. Upon completion of the training, apartment managers receive authorization to display the Crime Free Multi-Housing Logo signs. The program also requires a condition of participation, which is signed by the local Chief of Police.

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program has proven to be extremely effective in reducing calls for police service at complexes that are involved in the program. Some complexes report as much as an 84% reduction in law enforcement calls in the short period of time that the program has been implemented.

As the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program continues to expand throughout apartment complexes in San Bernardino County, our hope is that families will have a safer environment to live and raise their children.

The Program

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After an 8-hour class you will receive a certificate. This training covers issues on property management, legal affairs, fire safety, law enforcement and an introduction to the Crime Free Lease Addendum.

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The complex is inspected by an employee of your local law enforcement agency with your staff. The C.P.T.E.D. inspection protocol is used, which is geared toward safety and environmental design rather than code enforcement. Law enforcement personnel may be able to help you improve the safety standards of your complex.

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After passing the C.P.T.E.D. inspection you will be authorized to order signs for your complex. They should be placed in strategic locations throughout the complex.

PHASE 4

A tenants meeting is designed to bring managers, tenants and local law enforcement together to inform the tenants of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. Local crime prevention programs are also introduced at these meetings. The meetings are held at your complex.

PHASE 5

A final certificate is issued showing that the complex has completed all phases of the program. The complex needs to host at least one tenants meeting and one C.P.T.E.D. inspection within the next year.

All four certificates shall be displayed, along with signs.

Successes

During the pilot program, which involved over 350 complexes containing over 20,000 units, there have been amazing results. A reduction in calls for service of 25% to 84% in just three months, has also been seen. In addition, an increase in occupancy has also been realized.

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

ADELANTO
APPLE VALLEY
BARSTOW
CHINO HILLS
COLTON
GRAND TERRACE
HESPERIA
HIGHLAND
LOMA LINDA
ONTARIO
RANCHO CUCAMONGA
REDLANDS
RIALTO
SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
UPLAND
VICTORVILLE
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