What is the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program?

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program (CFMH) is a solution oriented crime prevention initiative designed to help rental property owners, managers, residents, police and other agencies work together to keep illegal and nuisance activity off rental property.

What are the CFMHP's Goals?

- To facilitate an effective and positive working relationship between governmental agencies and rental properties, which is geared towards keeping illegal and nuisance activity off of rental properties.
- To enhance the quality of life and create a safer environment for law abiding residents.
- To train rental property owners, managers, and residents in crime prevention and to give them tools to fairly and legally deal with illegal and nuisance activity.
- To reduce police calls for service in rental properties in order to free up police resources for other matters.
- To increase property values of surrounding communities.

How Does the CFMH Accomplish These Goals?

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program will take willing participants through three phases of training. In these phases, managers, owners and residents will be informed of their obligations to the program and will be given the tools to fulfill these obligations.

The three phases are as follows:

Phase One: Management Training

Management attends a 4-hour class given by the police department wherein managers/owners are educated on how to effectively manage their properties and use current laws to abate illegal and nuisance activity.

Managers are introduced to the **Crime Free Lease Addendum**, and are apprised of their obligations and benefits under the program.

Phase Two: Property Security Assessment (Optional)

Law enforcement personnel inspect the property. The **C.P.T.E.D.** (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) protocol is used, which is geared towards using environmental modification to promote crime prevention and safety. Recommendations are made for changes and improvements.

Phase Three: Resident Training (Optional)

Beginning with a **Safety Social** (a community meeting) residents learn to work with owners, managers, police and other residents.

What are the Incentives to Participate in the CFMH?

- Participating properties will work in partnership with an Arvada Police Department who will help to identify nuisance and criminal activity. In addition to providing you with valuable resources for keeping your community crime free.
- Participating properties have full use of the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program logo in all appropriate advertisements, as well as on company letterheads, business cards and associated paperwork.

SUCCESSES

Over 20 Arvada communities, with over 1000 units, currently participate in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. The result has been a reduction in calls for police service in these areas of approximately 25%. Other benefits have also been realized, including:

A happier, more stable resident base.

Increased demand for apartments.

Lower maintenance/repair costs.

Improved safety.

Decreased civil liability.

Increased property value.

Increased sense of "community."

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