



## NORTH RICHLAND HILLS CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM

The CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM is an international program which partners property owners, residents, and law enforcement personnel in an effort to eliminate crime in multi-housing properties. The program began in 1992 in Mesa, Arizona and has spread to over 2,000 cities in the United States and across the world. The program's bold concept takes a multi-faceted approach to crime prevention addressing all of the opportunities of crime in rental property. The program is designed to include a certification process never before offered by a police department. The incentives of police-issued signs, certificates, and advertising privileges provided immediate interest in the program. If the police, property managers and residents make a dedicated effort to crime prevention and the CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM, the outlook for success is extremely high.

### **PHASE ONE: TRAINING**

After completion of an eight-hour training program, each participant will receive a green certificate, which has been signed by the Chief of Police. This green certificate is to be immediately framed and displayed in the leasing office or in a prominent place where applicants are sure to see it. Participating managers should also begin immediate implementation of the Crime Free Lease Addendum, which is the backbone of the CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM. This addendum to the lease cites specific actions that will be taken by management if a resident, or somebody under the resident's control, is involved in illegal or dangerous activity on or near the rental property.

### **PHASE TWO: C.P.T.E.D. INSPECTION**

In the second phase of the program a representative of the North Richland Hills Police Department will inspect the rental property to assess physical security and general appearance of the property. If the property meets the North Richland Hills Police Department's requirements, they will be given a red certificate signed by the Chief of Police. This red certificate will certify the property has met the minimum-security requirements of the CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM.

### **PHASE THREE: SAFETY SOCIAL**

In the third and final phase of the program, the North Richland Hills Police Department will conduct a Safety Social for residents at the rental property. This will include information about general safety principles and crime prevention, including Neighborhood Watch information. It is necessary for management to conduct at least one (1) meeting per year to maintain membership in the CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM. A blue certificate will be issued at the Safety Social to demonstrate to the residents that management is committed, and has completed the first three (3) phases of the program.

### **FULL CERTIFICATION**

Once fully certified, the property manager will receive a gold certificate. After completion of the first safety social, the management can post the CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM signs on the property. It is recommended that one sign be posted at each entrance to the property where prospective residents will see them.

North Richland Hills currently has 34 apartment communities in the city. The latest figures from April 2012 indicated over 19,000 residents occupied these communities.

The following apartment communities have successfully completed all three phases of the program:

- Two Thousand Oaks 1598 Weyland (District 4)
- Waterford on the Green 6228 Glenview Drive (District 1)
- Davis Plaza 7800 Irish Dr. (District 7)
- Shadow Creek 6715 Buenos Aires (District 3)
- Hilltop 6424 Iron Horse Blvd. (District 3)
- Grayson Ridge 6901 NE Loop 820 (District 8)

The program has impacted nearly 3,000 residents at these communities.

If the police, property managers and residents make a dedicated effort to crime prevention and the CRIME FREE MULTI-HOUSING PROGRAM, the outlook for success is extremely high. Multi-housing properties interested in participating in the program should call the North Richland Hills Police Department Community Services Section at 817-427-7021.

