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Media Notice

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The Joplin Police Department Special Enforcement Bureau began a "Crime Free Multi-Housing Program" in November 2011, where members of the Crime Free Team communicate directly with apartment managers who are participating in the program. The goal of the program is to eradicate crime from apartment complexes by education and the sharing of information. The next opportunity to get involved in this program is on **Thursday September 18th from 8:30am to 4:00pm at the Joplin Public Safety Training Center located at 5501 N Dennis Weaver Blvd.**

The Crime Free Multi-Housing Program consists of three phases. The first phase is an educational class hosted by the Joplin Police Department. An attorney speaks to the class about screening, manager's rights, and legal issues. The officers also introduce "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)." CPTED is a crime prevention technique that uses the natural environment to reduce opportunities for crime. There is also a drug identification class which helps managers and maintenance identify drugs and/or drug activity in their apartment complex.

The second phase is an on-site review of the apartment complexes to ensure they meet 8 minimum required guidelines. The third phase is an annual safety social where the apartment complex invites the tenants to a gathering to celebrate the completion of the Crime Free program.

This program has proven to be successful and any rental property owners interested in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program should contact the Crime Free Team at (417) 627-8880. The officers will be available for media inquiries at 11:30am on the day of the class at the Joplin Public Safety Training Center at 5501 N Dennis Weaver Blvd.

For further information contact Officer Ashley Van Es at 417-627-8880.

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