

# Neighborhood Safety Workgroup

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

### Program Spotlight

#### What is Crime-free Multi-housing?

Crime-free Multi-housing (CFMH) is a state-of-the-art, crime prevention program designed to reduce crime, drugs, and gangs on apartment properties. CFMH was developed by the Mesa Arizona Police Department in 1992 and has spread to over 2,000 cities internationally.

The program consists of three phases that must be completed under the supervision of a local law enforcement agency. Property owners, managers, maintenance, and security staff can become individually certified after completing a training, which is the first phase of CFMH. The property becomes certified upon successful completion of all three phases.

The anticipated benefits of the Crime-free Multi-housing Program are reduced police calls for service, a more stable resident base, and reduced exposure to civil liability. Fully certified properties have reported reductions in police calls for service up to 70% over previous years.

#### Crime-free Multi-housing Program Benefits:

- Improved personal safety for tenants, landlords, and managers.
- A stable, more satisfied tenant base.
- Increased demand for rental units with a reputation for active management.
- Lower maintenance and repair costs.
- Increased property values.

To learn more about Crime-free Multi-housing please visit the International Crime Free Association website at:  
[crime-free-association.org/](http://crime-free-association.org/)

### Overview of the Neighborhood Safety Workgroup (NSW)

The Neighborhood Safety Workgroup is a sub-committee of the San Diego County Meth Strike Force (MSF). MSF recognizes that methamphetamine availability and use affects health and public safety in ways that are directly related to neighborhood safety.

The NSW focuses on reducing the impacts of meth in communities by increasing collaboration and partnership between prevention providers, law enforcement, multi-housing property management, and multi-housing residents.

