Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

CPTED is defined as "the *proper design* and effective use of the built environment that can lead to a reduction in the fear and incidence of crime and an improvement in the quality of life."

CPTED is based on these three overlapping strategies.

- 1. Natural access control
- 2. Natural surveillance
- 3. Territorial reinforcement

PROGRAM GOALS

The goal of CPTED is to reduce opportunities for crime that may be inherent in the design of structures or in the design of neighborhoods.

This goal is accomplished through the involvement of CPTED trained law enforcement officers in the planning, development and design review of community projects.

CPTED uses various tools to evaluate environmental conditions and utilize intervention methods to control human / criminal behavior and reduce the fear of crime.

CPTED FOR EVERY COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND NEIGHBORHOOD



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IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITY

How does CPTED impact me?

CPTED impacts each citizen by increasing safety, promoting secure environments and improving the appearance of neighborhoods and public amenities.

How is it accomplished?

By establishing a policy and regulatory framework for a physical design which can include:

- 1) Landscape Plan
- 2) Street Lighting Plan
- 3) Access Controls
- 4) Street Design
- 5) Traffic Controls
- 6) Demolition of Structures
- 7) Lot Clearing
- 8) Sidewalk Improvements
- 9) Beautification
- 10) Parks Improvement
- 11) Community Clean-ups
- 12) Traffic Calming
- 13) Maintenance

INVOLVEMENT

How can you get involved?

Citizen participation is necessary to define the issues and needs of the community. Neighborhood groups will work with the Kern County Sheriff's office and other county agencies.

PROCESS

CPTED and The County of Kern

For businesses or corporate, multi-family apartment complexes, a Crime Prevention Specialist will speak with the requesting party. One, or often several site surveys and visits may be conducted by the KCSO Crime Prevention Team to assess the property and any safety concerns in order to provide a detailed official report with notations and recommendations.

What are the results?

CPTED improves existing services by working with neighborhood, businesses, community groups, municipalities, and law enforcement.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office will provide a detailed, official report on various recommendations that may be done to increase the safety of your business or building – all free of cost.

CPTED SERVICES

SECURITY SURVEYS

The Kern County Sheriff's Office provides services in the area of CPTED. Participants learn how the design and use of the environment can control human / criminal behavior and reduce the fear of crime, crime prevention through natural means and how natural access control and natural surveillance decreases the opportunity for crime. Participants also learn the different aspects of lighting and the effects on human behavior.

IDEAL FOR

- Landlords/Apartment Managers
- Property Management Companies
- School Administration
- Architects/Building & Planning
- Code Enforcement
- Security Companies
- Businesses



