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Florida CPTED Network Newsletter

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FCN Safe by Design Seminar

It is that time again. FCN elections and our end of year seminar. Many of you may recall last years seminar that was held in Tampa. We had a great turnout and several interesting topics. This year is no different. We have a great venue, interesting topics and great presenters. This years topics and speakers are:

“Future of CPTED.” Panel discussion and audience questions / participation. Scheduled panel presenters:

Randy Atlas Ph.D., AIA, CPP Vice-President, Atlas Safety & Security Design, INC.

Rick deTreville CPP

Kristin Caborn, Park Planner, Project Manager, PBS&J

Stephanie Thoburn, Assistant Director, Planning and Zoning, Town of Jupiter, FL

Art Hushen, President, National Institute of Crime Prevention

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“Lessons Learned From 9-11.”

Presented by Randy Atlas Ph.D., AIA, CPP Vice-President, Atlas Safety & Security Design,

“CPTED and Houses of Worship.” Presented by the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office.

“Today’s Electronic Security.” What’s new in CCTV, Alarms, and Access Control. Presenters are Bill Ford from Sonitrol and Ross Linville from Ingersoll Rand. Moderator Rick deTreville, CPP

This year’s meeting and seminar is Friday December 8, 2007 with registration starting at 8:00 AM. The location is the Embassy Suites in Altamonte Springs, FL which is located at 225 Shorecrest Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 Tel: 407-834-2400. The seminar room rates are \$79 not including tax. Room reservations must be made no later than November 14, 2006 for special rate. Refer to group code OOA (oscar, oscar, adam) The cost to attend is \$50 and your registration should be received no later that December 1, 2006. For additional information and registration form check our web site at www.flcpted.org.

FCN Elections

The Florida CPTED Network is looking for people who are interested in committing their time and energy to support the FCN. If you can commit a few hours a month to support the association I urge you to run for the FCN Board of Directors. This commitment is not only about what you do for your agency or company, but it is about what you do for the membership. With that in mind I urge all of you that are interested to attend the December 8th meeting . Get involved!

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Thank You!

With my second term completed as the FCN Chair I am now in the position where I must step down. Our by-laws allow the Chair to hold office for two terms. It has been a great privilege for me to have served all of you. We have made great strides over the last few years. I am especially proud of :

The Liaison Positions. In order to keep balance with law enforcement, security directors, and the design community the Liaison Committees were created. This has been a very successful program and one that has been discussed in several workshops through out the US. It is a program that I hope the new board chooses to maintain. I want to thank Susan Ajoc, Dick Schneider, and Rick Kent for their efforts in supporting the FCN.

Yearly Seminar. With this being our second seminar I am hoping this becomes a yearly event. This program allows all of us the opportunity to come together as an association and share ideas.

Florida Attorney General's Office Training. The Florida AG's Office has been very receptive to suggestions on CPTED training topics and very, very supportive of the FCN. We are the only State in the US that offers the CPTED Designation. If you have the opportunity, you may want to thank Rick Nuss or Ed Isbell for the role they have played in setting us apart from the rest of the US and for also allowing us the opportunity to recruit new members during their training classes.

FCN Web Site. Our web site allows us the opportunity to provide information to our members. The site also provides us with links to other associations.

FCN Newsletter. I believe a newsletter is very important to an association. I have done my best to insure that it is distributed quarterly, more or less, and that we cover training and share information on CPTED programs.

Teleconferencing. In order to better serve the membership, we have initiated Teleconference Board Meetings. This has allowed the board to hold meetings when needed and not just at our quarterly meeting.

Networking. For the first time the FCN reached out to LEEPAC in California and held a workshop outlining the Florida CPTED program . Since that initial meeting I have met with LEEPAC members on several occasions in order to promote CPTED not only in Florida, but in California, Arizona, and Nevada.

Our list of accomplishments goes on but, I will save them for another time. Thank all of you for your support. It has been an honor serving as your Chair. Best of luck to the new board!!

Training Announcements

Basic CPTED Training

WHEN: November 30 – December 1, 2006

WHERE: Las Vegas, Nevada. The course will be held at the Stratosphere Hotel 2000 Las Vegas Blvd. South Las Vegas, NV 89104. For reservations call 1-800-998-6937. The room rate is \$44 single or double + 9% tax and a \$5 fee. Friday night \$69 + 9% tax and a \$5 fee. Room block is lifted thirty days prior to class

OFFERED BY: The National Institute of Crime Prevention. Tuition is \$395. For additional information please check the web site at www.nicp.net

Advanced CPTED Training

WHEN: December 4 - 6, 2006

WHERE: Altamonte Springs, Florida. The course will be held at the Embassy Suites 225 E. Altamonte Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701. For reservations call 407-834-2400 or 800-362-2779. The room rate is \$79 and the reservations must be made by November 15, 2006

OFFERED BY: The Florida Attorney General's Office. Tuition is \$265. For additional information contact the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute at 850-414-3359.

CPTED Update

WHEN: December 7, 2006

WHERE: Altamonte Springs, Florida The course will be held at the Embassy Suites 225 E. Altamonte Drive, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701. For reservations call 407-834-2400 or 800-362-2779. The room rate is \$79 and the reservations must be made by November 15, 2006

OFFERED BY: The Florida Attorney General's Office. Tuition is \$125. For additional information contact the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute at 850-414-3359.

Basic CPTED Training

WHEN: February 7 – 9, 2007

WHERE: South Padre Island, Texas. The course will be held at the Sheraton South Padre Island Beach Hotel 310 Padre Boulevard South Padre Island, Texas 78597. For hotel reservations call 956-761-6551. The room rate is \$69 single or double + 13% occupancy tax. Room block expires January 7, 2007.

OFFERED BY: The National Institute of Crime Prevention. Tuition is \$395. For additional information please check the web site at www.nicp.net

Designing Safe Infrastructure: CPTED and Terrorism

WHEN: March 7 - 9, 2007

WHERE: Louisville, Kentucky. For registration information call 502-852-6456 between 8:30 am 4:30 pm ICSPS, University of Louisville, 114 Burhans Hall, Shelby Campus, Louisville, KY 40292 or online at http://www.delphi.louisville.edu/cont_prof/prodev/Safety_and_Security/seminars.html

OFFERED BY: The Institute of Community Security and Public Safety. ISCPSS (Formerly National Crime Prevention Institute) Tuition is \$595.

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Training Announcements

Basic CPTED Training

WHEN: March 12 - 16, 2007

WHERE: Louisville, Kentucky. For registration information call 502-852-6456 between 8:30 am 4:30 pm ICSPS, University of Louisville, 114 Burhans Hall, Shelby Campus, Louisville, KY 40292 or online at http://www.delphi.louisville.edu/cont_prof/prodev/Safety_and_Security/seminars.html

OFFERED BY: The Institute of Community Security and Public Safety. ISCPS (Formerly National Crime Prevention Institute) Tuition is \$795.

Basic CPTED Training

WHEN: March 26 - 30, 2007

WHERE: Altamonte Springs, FL. The course will be held at the Embassy Suites 225 E. Altamonte Drive, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701. For reservations call 407-834-2400 or 800-362-2779. The room rate is \$79 and the reservations must be made by March 3, 2007

OFFERED BY: The Florida Attorney General's Office. Tuition is \$350. For additional information contact the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute at 850-414-3359.

Advanced CPTED Training

WHEN: April 18 - 20, 2007

WHERE: Orlando, Florida. The course will be held at the Rosen Plaza 9700 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819. For hotel reservations call 1-800-627-8258. The room rate is \$92 single or double + 12.5% tax. Room block is lifted thirty days prior to class.

OFFERED BY: The National Institute of Crime Prevention. Tuition is \$395. For additional information please check the web site at www.nicp.net

Advanced CPTED Training

WHEN: June 11 - 13, 2007

WHERE: Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The course will be held at the Sheraton Suites Cypress Creek, 555 NW 62nd Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309. For reservations call 954-772-5400. The room rate is \$87 and the reservations must be made by May 20, 2007

OFFERED BY: The Florida Attorney General's Office. Tuition is \$265. For additional information contact the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute at 850-414-3359.

United States Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Conference.

WHEN: July 30 – August 1, 2007

WHERE: Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference will be held at the Riviera Hotel and Casino 2901 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV 89109. For hotel reservations call 1-800-634-6753. The room rate is \$79 single or double + 9% tax. Room block is lifted June 30, 2007

OFFERED BY: The National Institute of Crime Prevention. Early registration fee is \$350. Registration after June 30, 2007 is \$395. For additional information please check the website at www.nicp.net

CPTED Update

WHEN: October 1, 2007

WHERE: St. Augustine, Florida. The course will be held at the Comfort Suites World Golf Village, 475 Commerce Lake Drive. St. Augustine, FL 32095. For reservations call 904-940-9500. The room rate is \$87.96 and the reservations must be made by September 1, 2007.

OFFERED BY: The Florida Attorney General's Office. Tuition is \$125. For additional information contact the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute at 850-414-3359.

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CHALLENGES ABOUND AS PRACTITIONERS OF CPTED ARTS LEVERAGE NUANCES, DISPEL MISCONCEPTIONS

CPTED

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In the wake of September 11, 2001, anti-terrorist barriers sprouted in front of private and public buildings nationwide. Many were simple concrete highway barriers, designed to block entry by bomb-laden trucks. Others, known as bollards, are the commonly seen rebar-reinforced concrete pillars or steel posts.

Though functional, many of these improvised countermeasures were eyesores in front of the nation's most visible buildings. They may also be creating a sense of paranoia among visitors and those who work in the buildings.

Many are now disappearing – but only from view. They are being disguised or transformed into functional pieces, such as benches or tables, or hidden. In other cases, landscaping and even artwork is being used to bring people in and keep terrorists away – All part of the growing movement of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, or CPTED for short.

CPTED may be one the most misunderstood concepts in the security arena. Many security practitioners associate it with deciding the placement of CCTV cameras or where heavy turnstiles should be installed in front of sports venues. Still others harbor misconceptions about CPTED that are so egregious that they may be making decisions that actually nurture crime where they seek to stop it.

At its core, CPTED is about modifying human behavior in the most nuanced of ways. One-third alchemy, one-third psychology and one-third common sense, the art of CPTED seeks to make the legitimate user of a space feel welcome and the potential criminal feel vulnerable. It can be about maximizing natural surveillance over electronic surveillance or affording human access control equal significance to electronic access control. It may be about leveraging the smallest of elements, such as the placement of a soda machine to attract employees into a hallway where thefts have occurred or posting a greeter near the door of bank. It might be called the feng shui of loss prevention.

The road to CPTED has been relatively recent, beginning in the 1970s with the principles of defensible space in the United States and then seeing further development in Europe, but it has remained esoteric.

“Perhaps one reason that CPTED has remained a relatively obscure branch of security,” said Art Hushen, President of the National Institute of Crime Prevention, “is its cumbersome acronym. Our European counterparts don't refer to it using an acronym. In Europe, terms like “Secured by Design” or “Design Out Crime” are used.

“When planners do take an interest,” said Nancy Somerville, Executive Vice Present and CEO of the Washington, D.C.-based American Society of Landscape Architects, “it sometimes becomes apparent that they harbor misconceptions. For example, they may believe that keeping people out of places best serves security's ends. In many cases, putting people into an area is the wisest thing to do, since the discipline teaches good control, employees who take ownership and maximizing the number of eyes on the street.

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“We had a lot of experience in the 1970s with tall fencing as a means to public places in housing projects safer,” said Len Hopper, Project Administrator for Site Improvements with the New York City Housing Authority. “Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent building imposing fence sections. The concept failed as residents ended up unbolting fence panels and going where they wanted to,” said Hopper. “If people want to go to the bus stop or the corner store, they will find a way. A mistake we made was to build a fortress that had no defenders.”

Now, following CPTED precepts, the housing authority tends to install strategically located play and meeting areas. They place areas they went to protect near entrances and in front of buildings where thousands of potential eyes will be watching the area. People in the common areas, in turn, help provide surveillance of the access points to the building.

Wherever possible, business owners, employees and residents are involved in the design process. Residents feel they have an ownership stake in the area’s future. In the past, feelings of ownership have not been allowed to take root.

In 1986, Life magazine featured Red Hook Houses in Brooklyn, New York, on its cover as the poster child of crime, drugs and violence in public housing in America. Random gunfire had resulted in people sleeping in their bathtubs. Thanks, in part to CPTED, it went from one of the most violent neighborhoods in America to one where no homicides were reported in a year.

“Our approach,” said Hopper, “included the public’s participation in the process. Sitting and play areas for the residents were oriented back toward the building entrance with two or three hundred windows looking down on them. If you’re into negative activity, you wouldn’t want to be doing it there. Residents were able to control who goes in and who goes out.”

“People operate according to subconscious cues,” says James Grayson, Senior Security Consultant for Fairfax, Virginia-based Gage-Babcock & Associates. “The desired cues tell visitors, ‘Hey, this is a good place.’ Visitors, though, have little awareness as to why they feel a certain way. They simply do.”

Grayson spent four years working on a study at the UCLA School of Public Health. “We were specifically looking at mom and pop places,” said Grayson. “It turned into an operational program, focusing on robbery prevention and robbery survival. We found that robberies occurred less frequently when workers were friendly, outgoing and conversed with patrons.

“If I’m a criminal,” said Grayson, “and I come into a place and feel invisible, it becomes a cool place to commit crime. When criminals look for targets, they look for people who are asleep at the switch.”

Hushen agrees. “In the banking industry, for example, we found that when you have a greeter at the entrance, there is less likely to be robbery. Interviews with convicted bank robbers who have done note-passing robberies have uncovered that criminals are often put off by a greeter at the door.”

One difficulty with many aspects of CPTED is that it requires good planning and coordination.

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Knowledge of and interest in CPTED by architects and public planners, said Somerville, spans the spectrum. There are large architectural firms that have never heard of the concept or ever worked with a security consultant. Others give it high priority and would not undertake a large project without consulting on security design.

Grayson is also concerned by a general lack of coordination when it comes to CPTED. For example, lighting designers often don't speak to landscape architects during the planning and design process. Landscaping and lighting may inadvertently work at cross-purposes – to the detriment of security. For example, a parking structure's lighting may be installed at a height of eight feet along a wall with a row of newly planted podocarpus trees. At the time, it may seem functional, but when the trees grow to a height of seven feet, they will be blocking much of the light.

Says Somerville, "I've heard responses like, 'We've got CPTED on our list, but it's number 87. We're more worried about where are water fountains and bathrooms are going to be located.' They don't realize that that *is* CPTED."

CPTED in the United States

New York State Troopers recently completed CPTED training for their School Resource Troopers in Albany, New York. They are the first State Police Agency to conduct this type of CPTED Training.

The City of Houston and Houston Police Department prepare for their first CPTED Ordinance under the Blue Star Program. Houston officers attended two three day CPTED workshops.

The State of Nevada is in the process of creating the Nevada Crime Prevention Association. Included in the association is a CPTED component.

Several awards were presented at the California Crime Prevention Officers Association meeting in San Francisco. Many of the award recipients based their crime prevention program on CPTED.

Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your membership for 2007.! If you are attending this years seminar you will have the opportunity to renew your membership at the registration desk. If not, go on line and download the 2007 membership application. Once you register, your 2007 membership password will be issued. Hope to see you at the seminar.

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CPTED in the Florida

Photos from a recent AG's CPTED training class in Ft. Lauderdale.



From William H. Gordon and Associates in Virginia. L-R Douglas Koeser, D. Chad Wallen, Andrea Warrick, and Jeremiah Kramer.



Ed Isbell from the Florida AG's Office and Art Hushen, CPTED Instructor

For training information from the Florida Attorney General's Office go to

www.myfloridalegal.com/crime

FCN Meeting Boca Raton

Special thanks to Officer Lori Croy of the Boca Raton Police Department, FCN Director Carmen Venanziano, and David Irizarry of Valor Security Services for their hard work in arranging our September meeting site and walking tour.



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