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Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Seminar

The Springfield Police Department is hosting a training seminar September 11-14, at the Springfield Police and Fire Training Center, 2620 W. Battlefield, in which the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) are taught as a means to reduce criminal activity in and around businesses or homes. The seminar consists of an initial two day course entitled "Community CPTED", followed by an additional two day course entitled "CPTED Practitioner". Some of the principles of CPTED include:

- The proper design and effective use of the built environment can lead to a reduction in the fear of crime, the incidence of crime, and improvements in the quality of life.
- The built environment can encourage or discourage undesirable activities. The CPTED approach emphasizes manipulation of the physical and social environment to discourage criminal and inappropriate behavior.
- The successful application of CPTED requires tailoring to the local needs and context of the community. The goal is to enable participants to evaluate their community, identify problems and find ways to apply CPTED principles in the resolutions.

Those participating in the seminar include:

- Springfield Public Works
- Springfield Building Development
- Springfield-Greene County Parks
- Springfield City Council
- SPD personnel
- Republic and Carthage Police Departments
- MSU personnel within planning and design
- Mercy Hospital
- City Utilities
- Arvest Bank
- Greene County Library

In August of this year, city council adopted the CPTED principle as a nationally recognized concept and passed a resolution supporting the SPD's efforts to promote the method throughout the city.

Currently, the SPD is working with various businesses and neighborhoods throughout the community to evaluate their locations to determine how the CPTED principles can impact their area to reduce crime.

The presenter for the seminar is Captain Stanley L. Carter (retired), a partner and law enforcement specialist for Carter & Carter Associates and an adjunct professor for the Southern Police Institute and National Crime Prevention Institute at the University of Louisville. He is a founding member and Past Chairman of the Florida CPTED Network (FCN); a founding member and past Director of the International CPTED Association (ICA); and currently serves on the ICA peer review panel for basic and advanced certifications. He is certified by the ICA as an advanced Certified CPTED Practitioner (ICACP-Advanced).

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