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II. **ANNOUNCEMENT:** Crime Free Multi Housing Program

The Livermore Police Department has begun a new program in the city, Crime Free Multi Housing. Crime Free Multi Housing (CFMH) is a state-of-the-art crime prevention program designed to reduce crime, drugs activities, and gang issues/crimes on apartment properties. This program was successfully developed at the Mesa Arizona Police Department in 1992. Since that time it has spread to nearly 2,000 cities in 44 US states. The program has also been successfully implemented in 5 Canadian Provinces, Mexico, England, Finland, Japan, Russia, Malaysia, and Puerto Rico.

The program consists of three phases that must be completed under the supervision of the local police department. Property managers can become individually certified after completing training in each phase and the property becomes certified upon successful completion of all three phases.

The benefits of the CFMH Program are a stable and more satisfied tenant base. With the reduction of crime within the apartment complex, tenant retention has increased. There has also been an increased demand for rental units because of the reputation for active apartment management team. Apartment communities have seen lower maintenance and repair costs, increased property values, and improved personal safety for tenants, increase quality of life for tenants, landlords, and managers.

Full certification allows the apartment communities to post the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program sign and advertise membership in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program in their print media using the official logo.

On January 14, 2014, LPD had our first landlord/owner training. The City of Livermore administered this program along with our surrounding participating cities, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Dublin. LPD will hold additional trainings in the future and once dates are set, an announcement will follow.

If you are a property owner or landlord of a multi housing unit and would like more information about this program please contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (925) 371-4978.