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Crime Free Multi Housing Top Priority in San Bernardino

Housing Authority Successfully Completes Crime Free Certification Program

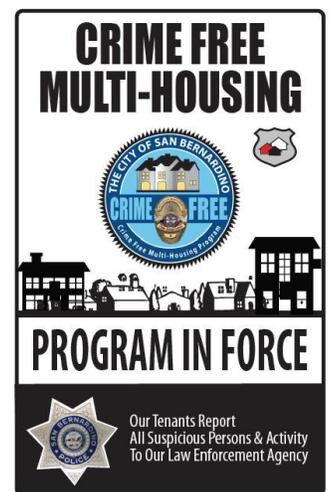
(San Bernardino, CA) Last year the City of San Bernardino's Mayor and Common Council adopted an ordinance to establish a Crime Free Multi Housing Program as a way of partnering with local landlords, property managers, and residents to improve public safety in the community. This multifaceted partnership between landlords, the city Police Department, Code Enforcement, the Crime Free Unit, and the residents has served as a tool to unite various stakeholders under one goal of providing safe, quality housing and communities for the residents of San Bernardino.

The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino (HACSB) owns and manages properties in San Bernardino, and is fully committed to the goals of this new program. "The partnerships involved in this program are a true representation of the city's interest in developing stronger and safer communities for all residents of San Bernardino," states Susan Benner, HACSB's President/CEO.

Various HACSB staff members have received intense training and are now certified under this program. Each housing site has also passed the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design inspections. These inspections ensure proper lighting throughout the property, deadbolts on doors, proper trimming of trees and bushes, among other requirements to maintain the property as safe as possible.

Last week, two Safety Socials took place in conjunction to community meetings with Housing Authority residents. Residents learned more about the program, but most importantly about how residents are a vital component of this mutual partnership. "This is about the safety of you and your families," states Robert Houts, a Supervising Code Enforcement Officer.

Below are a few pictures from the Safety Socials:





From left to right: Emilio Olguin – Integrated Security Management Group, Carrie Rios – City Code Enforcement Division, Nancy Finch – HACSB’s Property Manager, Jessie Muñoz – HACSB’s Commissioner, and Robert Houts – City Code Enforcement Division



Nancy Finch, Property Manager, accepts award of participation and Crime Free Multi-Housing signs, presented by Carrie Rios, City’s Code Enforcement Division

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The Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino is one of the largest public housing agencies in California, providing the critical resource of housing to a clientele of which the majority are seniors, persons with disabilities and children. From providing housing and home ownership, to job training and childcare, the Housing Authority helps tens of thousands of people to elevate their lives every day. For more information on the Housing Authority of the County of San Bernardino, please visit www.hacsb.com.