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CHAIR'S MEMBERSHIP LETTER

Dear Members:

2005 is shaping up to be a very significant year for CPTED Ontario. We are currently developing a business plan that includes development of promotional material, major improvements to our web site and a workshop with an annual general meeting in a smaller centre in Ontario that will promote CPTED in that community. The first of the major web-site enhancements has already taken place with an interactive contact map that will assist first-time visitors in connecting with the organization. A French version of the home page has also been posted thanks to the efforts of CPTED Ontario member J. P. Chartrand.

By now you should have received your membership renewal through the mail. The membership is for a two-year term that should help to reduce your paperwork and is a discount to the previous years' cost. For those of you who haven't returned the form, I urge you to take a minute now to complete it. For those of you who have already sent it in, thank you. Your continued support is always appreciated.

I am pleased to announce two new additions to the CPTED Ontario Board. The first is Cst. Marten Wind, a fourteen-year veteran of the Durham Regional Police. Marten joined the Board at the conclusion of the conference during the annual general meeting. Marten has a keen interest in crime prevention in general and CPTED in particular. Marten has done extensive work in the school environments where, amongst his other duties, he teaches children to be safe.

Our second new Board member is Sgt. Ted Kitto of the Owen Sound Police Services. Sgt. Kitto has eighteen years of Police experience both as a member of the Peel Regional Police and Owen Sound Police Services. Sgt. Kitto works closely with the community he serves and assisted with a CPTED review of Owen Sound's downtown core.

Both these officers are exceptionally dedicated people who are committed to promoting CPTED and its principles in their communities and beyond.

I would now like to remind you to attend the upcoming zone meetings in your area. Zone meetings are scheduled for the central and eastern zones and are an excellent networking and problem solving opportunity. Please check the website or upcoming events section of this newsletter for details.

Tom McKay
Chair



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AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP REBUILD A NEIGHBORHOOD

This last summer, I spent several visits with Mayor Greg Sparrow of DeKalb discussing the potential of the DeKalb East Side Revitalization Project. We have an opportunity here to do something that many communities never get: We can actually design out crime and make a blighted area one of the most desirable areas of the city in which to live.

Several years ago, other communities also had this opportunity. Some, such as Sarasota, Fla., and Oakville, Ontario, chose to go the route of CPTED. Many chose not to do this, but later rethought and then tried to implement it.

CPTED (pronounced sep-ted) stands for Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. It is based upon the writings of several authors beginning in the late 1960s through today, authors such as Oscar Newman, Jane Jacobs and Clarence Ray Jeffries, to name a few.

CPTED relies upon five basic principles, many of which can be implemented at the planning stage at little or even no cost. The outcome can be a more controllable and desirable area. The concepts Property Maintenance, Order Maintenance, Territorial

Reinforcement (and Boundaries), Natural Surveillance (including lines of sight) and Natural Access Controls are all part of the larger picture of CPTED.

I am a regular attendee at the CPTED Ontario conferences. Each year we hear more speakers who as city planners, architects, professors and police personnel have been involved in the successful implementation of CPTED principles in their respective areas. This organization's Web site is rife with information on this subject.

CPTED avoids the "fortressing" that many often associate with security, and many of my fellow members in the security, loss prevention and asset protection fields are still suspicious of it for this reason.

The greatest barrier, though, is always the acceptance by the community. Many of our neighborhoods in DeKalb have Neighborhood Watch. Individual residents in these areas show a desire to lower the risk of crime, but many have contraindicative security principles in use in the same neighborhoods, so we are watching for crime while we tacitly encourage it.

Such things as poor property maintenance encourage this.

For example, how many trees do we routinely pass by that extend branches closer to the ground than 6 to 8 feet? How many shrubs are higher than the recommended 32-inch height maximum for visibility? These alone disrupt lines of sight and, with foreseeability a hot topic in the loss prevention field, can actually place a property owner at a risk of liability. How many fellow residents ever actually call the 24-hour telephone number given by the city of DeKalb for reporting street light outages?

My point is this: We have a golden opportunity here to rebuild an entire section of the city to reduce the potential of crime, but the city cannot do it alone. It will need the cooperation of all of those who have a real interest in the future, a positive future, for DeKalb.

Thank you.

Samuel-Louis Bandy Jr.
DeKalb, Illinois

This letter was submitted by CPTED Ontario member, Samuel Louis Bandy and appeared in the Dec. 7, 2004 edition of the Daily Chronicle, DeKalb, Illinois. Printed with permission of Samuel Louis Bandy

CPTED Resources Websites

www.cpted.net (ICA web site)
www.cptedontario.ca
www.cpted-watch.com
www.designcentreforcpted.org
www.flcpted.org (Library and ordinances)
www.iaurif.org/en/doc/studies/safety_1/index.htm (Safety and Public Spaces The Role of Urban Planning) .
www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/cpted
www.ncjrs.org
www.nlectc.org
www.peelpolice.on.ca. (Articles, Case studies)
www.region.peel.on.ca/planning/cpted/cpted-introduction.pdf (CPTED principles document with chapters on parking structure, automated bank machines, schools, multi-storey residential buildings)
www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca
www.securedbydesign.com (U.K. site includes numerous design guidelines)
www.tempe.gov/tdsi/planning/cpted/ (design guidelines)
www.thecptedpage.wsu (contains annotated bibliography with synopsis of selected works)
www.vancouver.ca/commsvcs/planning/infobul3.htm

Source: **Cst. Tom McKay**
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UPCOMING EVENTS

CPTED Ontario Central Zone Meeting

Friday, May 6, 2005
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Frank McKechnie Community Centre
310 Bristol Rd. E., Mississauga
Contact Tom McKay to RSVP at 905-453-2121, ext. 4025 or e-mail thomas.mckay@peelpolice.on.ca

CPTED Ontario Eastern Zone Meeting

Monday April 25, 2005
9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m..
Ottawa City Hall, Honeywell Room
110 Laurier Ave W, Ottawa
Guest Speaker: Terry Thom, RCMP
Contact Arthur Wong to RSVP at 613-236-1222, ext. 5871 or e-mail wonga@ottawapolice.ca

2ND National Graffiti Eradication Seminar & Training Course

Le Parc Conference Centre
Markham, Ontario
Apr. 26 - 27th, 2005
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Presented by Heinz Kuck, B.A.
Register online at www.blueline.ca
or call 905-640-3048
Cost: \$50.00 + GST

Basic CPTED Course

Sir Wilfrid Laurier University
Waterloo, Ontario
May 16-20th, 2005
Contact: Dennis Willfang at 519-885-3333
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You can have fun debating the pros and cons of this fence from a CPTED perspective.

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CPTED Ontario MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM

CPTED Ontario is dedicated to reducing the fear and incidence of crime as well as improving the quality of life by promoting the implementation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in Canada. CPTED Ontario was conceived and developed to provide a venue for like-minded people to meet, regularly interact and share their CPTED and professional experience. CPTED Ontario members come from a variety of disciplines including law enforcement, government, the design professions, the security industry and the academic world.

Benefits of becoming a CPTED Ontario member include:

- * access to our web site and password protection to internal directory of practitioners,
- * regular zone meetings
- * quarterly newsletters
- * networking with other professions that share common needs and concerns, and
- * bi-annual Conference where you can learn about the latest CPTED developments with reduced registration costs for taking an introductory session.

To become a member of CPTED Ontario simply fill out the membership form below:

2005 - 2006 CPTED Ontario Membership Form

I/We wish to become a: (*Choose one*) New application Renewal
Corporate Member \$350.00/2 years
Individual Member \$40.00/2 years
Student Member \$10.00/2 years

DO YOU WISH YOUR INFORMATION POSTED ON THE WEB? yes no

Name (*please print*): _____

Organization: _____

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____

E-mail: _____

Send your cheque or money order payable to CPTED Ontario, c/o 7750 Hurontario Street, Brampton, Ontario L6V 3W6 Canada, or for further information contact Tom McKay at 905-453-2121, ext. 4025, or email info@cptedontario.ca

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