

# CPTED Ontario Newsletter

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## Chair's Letter to the Membership


A number of updates were recently made to our web-site amongst them a tribute to Tim Crowe who was posthumously placed on our recently developed Honour Roll and guidelines to a four day, basic course that features core curriculum. Both can be found in the "About Us" section with the tribute being reproduced in this newsletter in honour of the first anniversary of Tim's passing.



**Tom McKay**  
*Chair, CPTED Ontario*

A zone two (Ottawa) meeting is scheduled on Friday April 16, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the RCMP sub-office located at 110 Place d'Orleans in Ottawa. Attendees need to register in advance as passes must be made. A zone one (GTA) meeting will follow on Friday May 16, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre at 1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd., Mississauga. All are invited to attend and share their problems and experiences by developing a PowerPoint presentation or simply presenting a slide show.

Thanks to all those who renewed their CPTED membership during the recent membership drive. Your continued support is much appreciated.



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## *Honour Roll*

Timothy D. Crowe, renowned criminologist and author of the text book on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, passed away on February 21, 2009 after a brief cancer-related illness. Tim served as a consultant and trainer over a distinguished 35-year period during which time he personally trained over 6,000 police officers, community planners and design professionals from across the United States and numerous other countries. Tim lent his expertise to housing, school security and transportation programs in Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, The Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. He was also instrumental in the planning of major events and neighbourhood redevelopment programs.



Tim served as the Director of the National Crime Prevention Institute (NCPI) at the University of Louisville and created NCPI's CPTED training program and was the principle CPTED instructor for the American Crime Prevention Institute.

On Oct. 19th, 2003, Tim was named the first Honourary member of CPTED Ontario having generously agreed to be the keynote speaker at the inaugural CPTED Ontario Conference held in Mississauga, Ontario in the fall of 2001. Tim was invited back to our 7th annual conference where he once again generously agreed to speak at the York Region Conference held in the fall of 2007.

Tim's academic studies include an extended stay in Florence, Italy, where he attended courses in architectural history and classics, a B. S. degree in Criminology and Humanities and a M. S. degree in Criminology.

Tim is fondly remembered by those who knew him and benefitted from his "unique intelligence, wit and humour".



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## CPTED or Vanity?

Ever had the experience of having to wait for the elevator? Ever notice that some seem to take longer than others? Well, chances are you were standing next to an elevator set into a painted or papered wall. It seems that complaints about elevator wait times, which were common years ago, were significantly reduced when someone came up with the idea of placing full length mirrors next to them. According to John Tesh and his syndicated radio show, the addition of the mirror offered a visual distraction that was sufficient to take people's mind off the wait time as they used the mirror to check out their appearance while they waited for the elevator.

Whether this was the original intention, or merely a serendipitous by-product of an intuitive CPTED application, will likely never be known. Perhaps a long look in the mirror will provide your answer to this question.

*Tom McKay*

## A Sign of the Times?

I've always said that you have to be careful about what problems you might create when you try to solve another. The addition of a sign warning London commuters about pickpockets within their underground helps to illustrate this point.

Researcher Paul Ekblom of the Home Office Research Department in the United Kingdom interviewed thieves on the London Underground (subway system) who told him that they would use these signs by standing near them and watching for passengers who would reassuringly pat whichever pocket contained their wallet thereby helping the thief.

*TOM MCKAY*

## Graffiti: Much More Than Meets The Eye

Most CPTED practitioners don't have to be told the importance of addressing graffiti before it takes hold. For us it is a simple manifestation of the broken window theory, that is, if one piece of graffiti is written and unaddressed, in time the entire object or structure will be covered. What hasn't been so obvious, at least up to now is "that teens who get involved in graffiti tagging may be showing early symptoms of a personality disorder". This according to Professor Graham Martin, Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Queensland, who studied more than 2,600 13 year olds.

According to Martin, teens who get involved in graffiti "are significantly different to those who do not". They not only "satisfy the criteria for conduct disorder and or delinquency" but were found to be "scoring on the extreme range of antisocial behavior".

As such they typically have been involved in 6 to 8 other criminal acts ranging from such graffiti related crimes as stealing supplies and getting high, to "setting fires, beating people up and stealing". "They also had higher rates of drug use, academic failure, physical and sexual abuse, depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts".

As this does not bode well for the conventional handling of a young graffiti vandal as a simple offender, it should be a wake-up call for those of us who are otherwise engaged in its clean up or prevention that we are likely dealing with a more motivated offender than was previously known and conventional solutions, including CPTED, may be simply not enough.

For more information about this study check out the February edition of Blue Line magazine or [www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/2006/1737822.htm](http://www.abc.net.au/science/news/stories/2006/1737822.htm).

*Tom McKay*

## CPTED Ontario invades Manitoulin Island

CPTED Ontario will be breaking new ground when it assists the M'Chigeeng Health Centre located on Manitoulin Island conduct a CPTED introduction to about 75 youth on March 24th. CPTED Ontario Director Gurmeet Singh will conduct the session and share his training expertise as the developer of an extremely innovative program used by Toronto Community Housing where local youth are trained in CPTED principles for the purpose of assisting with audits.

CPTED Ontario is happy to assist any community with the delivery of CPTED initiatives in fulfillment of their vision of "being a leading partner in the development of safe communities by promoting CPTED principles and facilitating networking and educational opportunities to all".

*Tom McKay*





**Instant Trompe D'Oeil on The Street  
or  
How A Little Paint Can Increase  
Parking Lot Safety**



*Niagara at the Mall...  
Location: 1900 Military Road, Niagara, NY  
14304*

*This installation of a mural by Eric Grohe on the wall at a Niagara mall creates the impression of active pedestrian traffic and hence eyes on the street. The impression becomes a reality as people come to view the attractive mural. As a bonus, the wall is less likely to be targeted for graffiti vandals.*

*Barbara Spyropoulos*



## Upcoming Events

### GTA Zone Meeting

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Date: Fri. May 16th, 2010  
Place: Mississauga Valley Community Centre  
1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd.  
Mississauga, Ontario

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### Ottawa Zone Meeting

Date: Fri. April 16th, 2010  
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Place: Place d'Orleans  
RCMP sub-office  
110 Place d'Orleans  
R.S.V.P.: Robert Metail  
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## Effective Speed Bumps?

There's an e-mail currently circulating that purports to show rubber 'speed limiting devices' that are allegedly being used in 'Eastern Canada'. These flat rubber mats have a realistic three dimensional appearance of rather major potholes.

However, according to the website, [www.hoax-slayer.com](http://www.hoax-slayer.com), the mats are instead part of an advertisement campaign for Pioneer Suspension created in 2007 by the Y&R Everest advertising agency in Mumbai, India (see lettering at the top of the photo). The idea is that the driver would not feel anything while driving over the 'pothole' and would equate it to having Pioneer Suspension on his/her vehicle.

As pointed out on the website, the use of such illusions could be potentially dangerous since drivers might swerve to avoid the 'pothole' rather than simply slow down.

Let's face it, folk. We'd be hard pressed to find an unsuspected patch of road on which to lay these mats. Especially in Toronto - the provincial capital of The Pothole.

*Barbara Spyropoulos*



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# 2010/11 CPTED Ontario Membership Application/Renewal Form

CPTED Ontario is dedicated to reducing the fear and incidence 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 planning and design professions, the security industry and the academic world.

Benefits of becoming a CPTED Ontario member included:

- ✓ 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 and reduced registration costs for taking an introductory session.

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

## 2010/11 CPTED Ontario Membership Form

I/We wish to become a: (Choose one)      New Application       Renewal

Corporate Member \$350.00     

Individual Member \$40.00     

Student Member \$10.00     

Do you wish your information posted on the web site?      Yes       No

**2010/11 memberships are valid to December 31, 2011**

### Please Print

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