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President's Letter to the Membership

CPTED Ontario is pleased to announce that the annual conference will be returning to Ottawa after an eight year absence. The conference will be held at the Richelieu Vanier Community Centre located at 300 Des Pères Blancs Ave., Ottawa (Vanier) on Tuesday October 26th, 2010. The conference is the result of a joint partnership between CPTED Ontario, Crime Prevention Ottawa, the Ottawa Police Service and the Vanier Community Service Centre.



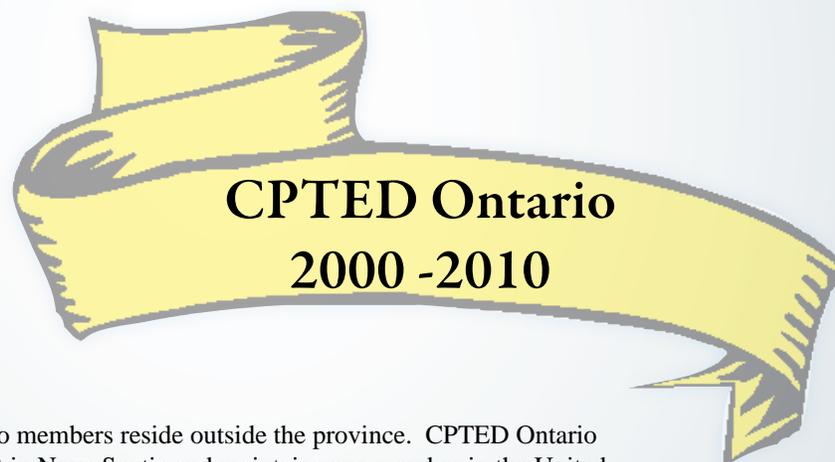
The theme for this year's conference is CPTED at the Community Level. It will include an examination of how CPTED principles can contribute to safety at the community level by benefitting the places where we live, work and play. The conference is aggressively priced at \$35.00.

All CPTED Ontario members will be receiving a copy of the registration form later this month. I urge you to share the form with others and take advantage of the early registration discount.

In other news, spring zone meetings were successfully held in Ottawa and Toronto. Zone meetings will resume after the summer break.

Tom McKay

President, CPTED Ontario



Did you know?

That a large number of CPTED Ontario members reside outside the province. CPTED Ontario enjoys extensive membership interest in Nova Scotia and maintains one member in the United States (see Certificates vs. Certification article by Samuel Louis-Bandy Jr., CPP). The sixty east coast members collectively represent nine organizations and are centered around Halifax.

CPTED Ontario welcomes all members and encourages growth in the CPTED movement wherever it may be. CPTED Ontario can help you plan a zone meeting, host an event and even assist with the development of another provincial/regional chapter until such time as a national CPTED organization develops.

If you are interested in advancing CPTED in your community, please drop us a line at info@cptedontario.ca.



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Certificates versus Certification

Recently, I was speaking with one of my friends who is employed in a police agency here in Illinois. He was telling me that he had just been “certified” in CPTED after attending a class for five days. I asked him what the certification process entailed and his answer was that it amounted to mostly attendance at the daily class lectures, a field day of observations and practice assessments, and a review on the last day of the assessments and class objectives.

This brought up a very critical element of misunderstanding that I have seen and heard before: **the issuance of a certificate is not necessarily a certification.**

In many jurisdictions, police are required by law or regulations to complete a specified number of training hours per year to maintain certification, or license, as a peace officer. While we have no direct law as such in Illinois, many departments have Operational Manuals or Union Contracts (or both) that also require a specific amount of training hours per year for compliance. My former department had such a policy at

forty (40) hours per year. Even private security officers in Illinois must comply with a statutory requirement to maintain their personally held state licenses.

In order to document the attendance and completion of many of these classes, the training authorities will issue a certificate to each attendee to submit for file purposes and to maintain for future personal use. I, personally, have accumulated many of these throughout my careers in police and security. They vouch for my attendance, but not necessarily to my skill levels, in some of these subject areas.

I have seen problems with this. In one instance, I was speaking with an agent of a management company of a suburban shopping center in a Chicago suburb when he told me how his planners had all been certified in CPTED by attending a particular three day workshop in New Jersey, after which they were each presented a certificate. He spoke of this as being their “certification” in CPTED.

CPTED, like other fields and areas of study, is constantly evolving. Even those who have been engaged in its practice

for years are always confronted with new challenges that create even newer solutions. Although my initial training at the National Crime Prevention Institute of the University of Louisville by Randy Atlas and Stan Carter was very good, I am still learning more about the implementation of CPTED principles every day. And yet I see persons with only very rudimentary training professing to be “certified experts” after a short workshop.

If CPTED certification in our jurisdictions is ever forthcoming, it will be our duty to make sure that the word gets out that there is a difference. The greatest disservice to the public that we can do is to remain quiet when we see a misunderstanding that could endanger the safety of the public by misrepresented levels of skill.

Samuel-Louis Bandy, Jr. CPP

Now THAT'S Natural Surveillance!



Have You Heard of the Purple Flag Program?

The Purple Flag Program is a new initiative developed in the United Kingdom that was designed to tackle alcohol-related, antisocial behavior through community based partnerships. Based on original research that showed that:

- more people would use centres at night if they were safer, more accessible and offered more choice
- a good mix of clientele can lessen intimidation and improve perceptions, and
- a wider range of attractions and consumers leads to longer term economic viability

The Purple Flag is designed to be the “indicator of where to go for a good night out” and is intended to “bring positive publicity for successful town and city centres”.

The program which was developed by the Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM) and the Purple Flag Advisory Committee recently resulted in Liverpool, Nottingham and Clerkenwell in Islington all being officially recognized for the work they’ve done to improve their night-time environment for visitors and residents. This resulted in these areas being amongst the first places in Britain to be awarded the coveted ‘Purple Flag’ kitemark, which allows them to fly this new British standard.

Market testing shows that stakeholders think it will bring will benefits. This includes:

- a raised profile and an improved public image
- wider patronage
- increased expenditure
- lower crime and anti-social behavior
- a more successful mixed-use economy.

If you would like to learn more about the Purple Flag program, go to www.purpleflag.org.uk.

Play That Funky Music!!

By now, we have all heard how music can be used as an effective tool to disperse unwanted groups. But my guess is few of us have used it as a tool to bring people together. Well that’s just what’s been happening in the city that never sleeps – and by the looks of it has one more reason not to.

It seems that Sing for Hope is bringing British artist Luke Jerram’s “Play Me, I’m Yours” concept to New York City after presenting the concept in London, Sao Paulo, Bristol, Birmingham and



Sydney during the previous year. The program involves placing 60 uniquely painted pianos in five boroughs throughout New York City from June 21st to July 5th. The pianos are decorated and cared for by “piano buddies” from local schools, hospitals and community organizations during their two week residency. Upon conclusion, the pianos will be donated

to their buddy organizations to be enjoyed for years to come.

The idea behind the program is that the streets can be transformed by music as it is universal in nature and helps to break down barriers. Celebrities lending their endorsements and/or giving performances include Alicia Keys, actress Lauren Ambrose, celebrated baritone Nathan Gunn,

Broadway performers Tituss Burgess and Emmy winner Kevin Mambo and the cast of the Tony-winning revival musical HAIR.

If you want to find out more about this activity support program, check out singforhope.org.

GTA May Zone Meeting



Members of CPTED Ontario's GTA zone met at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre on May 16 to discuss a proposed reconstruction of the rail crossing at Denison Road in Toronto's 12 Division. Members of the Metrolinx team responsible for the project were on

hand to interact with CPTED members. A bridge will be built over the roadway to accommodate the increase in rail traffic at this point. Following CPTED recommendations, the plans were altered to split the bridge in two sections to diminish "tunnel" appearance of the new road. Other

issues that were discussed was the treatment of the bridge walls to deter graffiti and the landscaping of the open areas to forestall the development of "dead" zones. The project is part of the GO Transit expansion of the Georgetown Corridor.

Upcoming Events

CPTED Ontario's Annual Meeting - Ottawa CPTED at the Community Level.

Tuesday October 26th, 2010
Richelieu Vanier Community Centre
300 Des Pères Blancs Ave., Ottawa (Vanier)

Early Registration Cost: \$35
Details and registration forms to follow

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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

Name: _____

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