

Past Partners in Crime Prevention Workshops

Partners in Crime Prevention Workshop #1: Part 1: The Hub Messaging System Part 2: Good Witness Program Date: Tuesday February 4th, 2014. View the poster [here](#).

Thank you to all who attended the first *Partners in Crime Prevention* workshop on The Hub program and the Good Witness program! The meeting was informative and we had almost 40 attendees!

“With Calgary’s growing population, police cannot be everywhere all the time. Calgarians are the eyes and ears police rely on, and it is important we all work together to prevent crime and keep Calgary a safe place to live and play. When you come forward to report a crime, you may be taking the first step in helping to prevent further crimes and to protect others from experiencing the same thing. Never underestimate the power of the information you have.” – Ruth Steele

You can also check out the Good Witness resources from the Calgary Police Service [here](#).

For information on The Hub program, click [here](#).

Partners in Crime Prevention Workshop #2: Cybercrime Date: Wednesday March 5th, 2014. View the poster [here](#).

Thank you to all who attended the **second** *Partners in Crime Prevention* workshop on Cybercrime! The workshop was a great success with more than 50 attendees! Cst. Duchesney offered great information on internet history, fraud, protection software and more.

Here are some tips from the Crime Prevention Unit:

- Use virus protection software
- Keep your computer software current
- Use caution with email attachments and items requiring downloading
- Install a firewall
- Set your web browser security level to Medium or High.
- Be cautious
- Change your passwords on a regular basis and make them hard to guess by using numbers and special characters. This includes passwords for web sites that may have been cached in your browser.

You can check out more Cybercrime resources by [clicking here](#).

Partners in Crime Prevention Workshop #3: Graffiti Date: Thursday April 3rd, 2014. View the poster [here](#).

Thank you to those who attended our Partners in Crime Prevention workshop on Managing Graffiti on April 3rd! We were lucky enough to have Ron Basso fill in for Cst. Dave Ladic. Ron offered many answers to our graffiti questions! Did you know that graffiti done without the owner's permission is vandalism and is a crime? Graffiti vandalism can be the beginning of the deterioration of your community. Most graffiti vandalism isn't gang related, but if graffiti vandalism is left unchecked, other criminal activities may begin to start in the area as the perception of the community is that no one cares or is taking care of the area.

What to do:

1. Record the graffiti vandalism by taking a photograph (if possible) of the damage. Note the location.

2. Report the graffiti by calling 311

3. Remove the graffiti if it is on your property or with permission of the property owner. The longer it

4. is left for viewing the more likely other graffiti will appear in the area.

Please visit www.graffitifreecalgary.ca for more information on graffiti vandalism and how you can make a difference in your community to address graffiti vandalism.

Partners in Crime Prevention Workshop #4: Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) Date: Wednesday May 7th, 2014. View the poster [here](#).

Thank you to those who attended our Partners in Crime Prevention workshop on CPTED on May 7th. What did we learn? CPTED is 'crime prevention through environmental design'. It **deters** criminal activities through the design of our built environment.

CPTED is based on natural surveillance, territorial reinforcement, access control and maintenance. In plain language this means the comfort and safety derived from sharing and embracing our public spaces, including streets, parks, plazas and everything in between; taking ownership for these places, using and loving them; limiting opportunities for crime; and maintaining our public realm as an expression of that shared ownership and pride. It can also be applied to private and semi-private spaces by differentiating that specific place's role with visual and physical cues.

Why use it?

We have an ongoing dialogue with our surroundings, when we do not feel safe somewhere, we stay away, and that space can start to feel less and less safe. CPTED works because it creates a built environment that encourages the determent of criminal activity while nurturing public and private spaces in a natural way. It is not the militarization of space but simple steps that every community can explore to prevent crime. It can be inexpensive, grow social capital through its implementation and foster a stronger sense of place and belonging. Examples include...

- Community murals to deter graffiti
- Buildings that allow for surveillance both in and out with wide windows and proper lighting
- Legible parks that tell us how to flow through and use them appropriately

Thank you to our presenters Cst. Rowley and Shirin Radmehr for their valuable information and local examples. For more information check out it out [here](#).