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Crime Prevention Through



Environmental Design

Last week I was fortunate enough to attend a training course at the Southern Police Institute in Louisville Kentucky. Yep... Louisville Kentucky. First I will say this, there are many areas around this Country that have their own accents, sayings and ways of speaking. The very first lesson I learned while waiting on the plane to fly south is that people from Louisville are VERY particular about how the name of their city is pronounced. Some seem out right offended if you say it wrong too!!!

So there I am, getting on the Plane with Officer Kaase minding my own business and the flight attendant mentions that we are going to Louisville Kentucky. He pronounced it "lewey-ville". Oh boy... People from

Foot Beat Statistics

Subject Stops- 12

Citations Issued- 4

Arrests- 3

Self-Initiated Field Activity
and Community Engagements- 17

Miles Walked- 75.64

Miles Biked- 33

Louisville immediately corrected him and he was given a lesson on how to properly pronounce the fine city's name. So, if you ever visit that city the proper way to pronounce its name and not offend anyone is "loo- vul".

Officer Kaine Kaase (HRA Officer) and I attended a 4-day course on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). This was a great course that focuses on designing environments in such a way that a criminal element and people engaging in unwanted behaviors will not feel welcome.

CPTED originated in America around 1960, when urban renewal strategies were felt to be destroying the social framework needed for self-policing. Architect Oscar Newman created the concept of 'defensible space',

developed further by criminologist C. Ray Jeffery who coined the term CPTED. Growing interest in environmental criminology led to detailed study of specific topics such as natural surveillance, access control and territoriality. The 'broken window' principle demonstrated how neglected zones invite crime, and reinforced the need for good property maintenance to assert visible ownership of space. Appropriate environmental design can also increase the perceived likelihood of detection and apprehension, known to be the biggest single deterrent to crime.

Wide-ranging recommendations to architects include the planting of trees and shrubs, the elimination of escape routes, the correct use of lighting, and the encouragement of pedestrian and bicycle traffic in streets. Tests show that the application of CPTED measures overwhelmingly reduces criminal activity.

All of the information was very interesting in will undoubtedly have a positive impact within our community. Officer Kaase and I look forward to

using this information to lessen quality of life complaints, criminal activity and increase the perception of safety.

Not only did we learn valuable information, but we were also able to meet Officers from cities around the United States and discuss current issues facing most cities. We were able to discuss enforcement tactics, outreach programs and learn about issues this community does not experience. This was a valuable training in more than one way.

Coffee with a Cop

Who doesn't like free coffee and conversation with some pretty awesome COPS? Starbuck's downtown was gracious enough to host our first "Coffee with a Cop" event this past Tuesday. A huge thank you to Starbucks, Trey- Store Manager, The Greater Downtown Council and all that came out to visit with us!! We considered this event a success and look forward to continuing "Coffee with a Cop"! Stay tuned for more details on the next event...

