

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program

We are happy to announce that the City of Fairview Heights has recently adopted the "Crime Free Multi-Housing" (CFMH) program. CFMH is a nationally recognized program designed to create a working partnership between a municipality (city), the local police department, the owner and/or manager of the rental property and the tenants to help keep their property safe, secure and as crime free as possible. The CFMH program will be administered through the Fairview Heights Police Department.

On July 1, 2008, the City of Fairview Heights passed Ordinance No. 1409-2008, which supports the Crime Free Multi-Housing program. The ordinance establishes the Licensing and Operation of Multiple Family Dwelling and Single Family Residential Rental Units. This ordinance requires persons, corporate or business entities, condominiums, townhouses, and homeowners associations that offer for rent, residential dwelling units, to obtain a Residential Rental License issued by the city. The ordinance will become effective January 1, 2009.

As a condition of obtaining a Residential Rental License, the owner of the property or their designated agent will be required to attend a one-day Crime Free Multi-Housing seminar provided by the Police Department. Seminars are being planned for Mid-November and Mid-December 2008. More specific seminar dates will be announced in the near future.

Copies of the Residential Rental Licensing ordinance and license application forms are available at the Fairview Heights Municipal Complex. If you would like additional information regarding the Residential Rental Licensing Ordinance or the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, please contact Officer Bill Newgent - CFMH coordinator, at the Fairview Heights Police Department, 489-2144.