

CPTED perspective

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2008 in calgary

ICA conference returns home

After years of travel to Australia, Chile, and the Netherlands, the 2008 International CPTED Conference will return to Calgary, Alberta, Canada in the fall of 2008. This decision follows the cancellation of the Virginia conference this spring. Instead we will shift part of that spring conference focus to the 2008 Smart Growth Conference in Washington, DC, February 7th to 9th – an event the ICA has co-sponsored for years.

The fall 2008 conference is still in development. Details will appear on the ICA website in the weeks to come. Last December the ICA Board decided to revisit the mandate and services of the ICA. When the ICA was formed in 1996 there were few regional CPTED associations and no international voices for CPTED. Many services the ICA introduced over a decade ago are now provided by regional associations – a healthy development for the CPTED movement.

Times have changed. Today there are a healthy number of CPTED associations around the world. There is no doubt that the ICA has had a major role in helping that to occur. But the ICA cannot rest on its laurels. Thus, starting 2008 the association will redevelop its role to better serve the regional associations and CPTED practitioners around the world. Ideas for moving forward include expanding the ICA CPTED Certification program, launching a new e-learning basic CPTED course (already available on-line through our Latin American chapter), and promoting newer methods and theories on CPTED from our chapters around the world.

Watch for developments of the new ICA on the website in the weeks to come. ◇◇◇

The ICA has co-partnered with the Local Government Commission in the 2008 conference, "New Partners in Smart Growth: Building Safe, Healthy and Livable Communities" in Washington, DC, February 7-9. ICA members will be presenting at that conference. For those interested, the conference the weblink is www.newpartners.org.

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IN MEMORIAM

Originator of the term CPTED, **Professor C. Ray Jeffery** of Florida State University, passed away on December 6, 2007. He is best known to ICA members for his book *Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design* (1971). In 1998 the ICA recognized his highly distinguished career by awarding him the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Annual ICA Conference in Mississauga, Canada.

safer by design

An evolving model in Virginia

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For many years the efficacy of CPTED in development and redevelopment has been recognized by localities throughout Virginia, design professionals and associations and the Virginia Crime Prevention Association (VCPA). Programs on crime prevention and CPTED have existed since the late 1970's. They include:

- 1977 - staff assigned to promote and support crime prevention at the state level
- 1978 - a civilian planner hired on the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) grant to put together a "Criminal Justice Plan" for a locality,
- 1978 - the formation and incorporation of the VCPA.

In 1984, the Secretary of Public Safety directed the Department of Criminal Justice Services to organize and staff a public/private multi-disciplinary CPTED Committee to study how CPTED strategies could be implemented. The study produced a blueprint for CPTED policy in Virginia.

CPTED books in 2008

21st Century Security and CPTED: Designing for Critical Infrastructure Protection and Crime Prevention by Randall I. Atlas (CRC Press)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design by Matthew A. Hartline (McGraw Hill Publishers)

Using CPTED in Problem Solving - Problem Oriented Policing Guide #8 by Diane Zahm (US Dept of Justice, COPS Office) Available online: <http://www.popcenter.org>



Safer By Design...

In 1994 the County of Henrico police department was one of the first in the nation to hire a civilian planner to focus solely on implementing CPTED to development and redevelopment in that county. Today Virginia can boast of having three localities with full-time planners devoted to the implementation of CPTED – City of Chesapeake, and the counties of Chesterfield and Henrico – as well as 15 other localities with civilian or sworn personnel reviewing site development plans from a crime prevention and CPTED point of view throughout Virginia.

Code of Virginia

From this inclusive and proactive strategy in the 1970's and 80's, by 1994 the Zoning Enabling Legislation was amended to include *crime* within the zoning process. Adding the word "crime" to the Zoning Enabling Legislation spreads the burden of preventing crime beyond law enforcement. As Jane Jacobs so succinctly notes:

"The first thing to understand is that the public peace ... is not kept primarily by the police, necessary as police are. ... It is kept by an intricate, almost unconscious, network of voluntary controls.... No amount of police can enforce civilization where the normal, casual enforcement of it has broken down." [The Death and Life of Great American Cities, 1961, pages 31-32]

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Habitat 67, the famous experimental housing project unveiled in Montreal, Canada. It was designed for the 1967 world fair by renowned architect Moshe Safdie. It is still used today as a private condominium. Does natural surveillance and lighting here promote territoriality?

news from the UK

*Tim Pascoe
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I am proud yet again to report that 2007 was another excellent year for DOCA. We have now been running since 1999 and have established ourselves as the premier source for any and all CPTED related business both in the UK and further afield. For the third year in succession membership has grown by about 15% to where we stand today with a total approaching 200.

This year has seen DOCA hold four seminars and travel to London, Birmingham, Milton Keynes and Liverpool. These seminars have attracted over 250 people and 20 speakers. One of these seminars was an International event held on 30th March. This event was supported by about 100 people and was in my opinion the best showcase that DOCA have provided to date. The speakers, despite some not having English as a first language, provided a new insight into how "designing out crime" is practiced outside of the UK. They came from many countries including the USA, the Netherlands and Estonia

In 2008 DOCA will continue to visit the far-flung corners of the UK and I am in discussions with EDOCA to try and organize a joint event in Holland.

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certification update

*Josh Brown,
ICA Certification Chair*

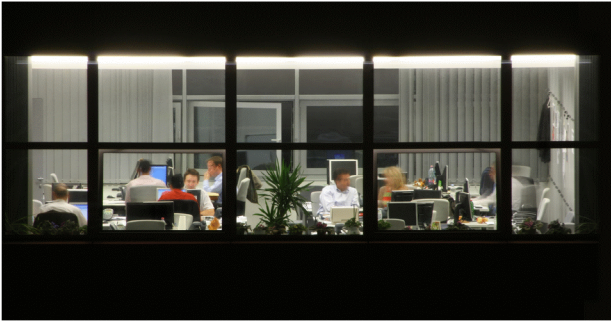
What is professional development when it comes to CPTED? How can you enhance your CPTED skills and knowledge? The ICA certification program – the first of its kind in the world – answers those questions.

A recent email to people in the CPTED and security fields resulted in queries from a wide spectrum of interested people. One is from Pakistan, several are from the United States and Canada, another from Colombia (certification material is available in Spanish thanks to our great ICA members in Chile).

This program is not new, though few have heard about it. Certification is a way to clearly indicate that you are qualified and prepared to perform the duties expected of you in a professional manner. In CPTED, ICA certification indicates that you are more than trained; you have put your training to the test in real life experiences and demonstrated competencies.

Anyone with training in CPTED and experience in crime prevention can practice CPTED. However, this will not ensure that a minimum level of competency has been achieved. That is why the ICA Certification Program was created. It is a professional development program for CPTED practitioners. ☒☒

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from the office

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A Happy New Year and all the best for 2008! The ICA is undergoing a modernization and refocusing of its role in support of you, our ICA members. Your board has recognized that we have accomplished some amazing goals - assisting local organizations and chapters to form and grow in their local regions, creating the only internationally developed certification program for practitioners, becoming the catalyst for many regional forums and conferences and much more. That being said we now need to redefine a different model of support to our members.

The ICA has matured to being a support organization that assists with the growth and research in the area of CPTED in our communities. To meet this new goal and direction we started with a rebuild of the ICA website. You will find a new look, more resources, better communication of programs and courses, listings of our Certified CPTED Practitioners and more involvement in the promotion of local conferences and events.

From the office... continued

Our website will become the cornerstone of our organization and resource delivery. To facilitate this we will need to raise funds through several new avenues. As you will see on our members now have the ability to enhance and promote their website listing for small additional fee.

As well, we will be posting events, courses and conferences for non-members for a small fee. These fees will ensure that we grow and continue to compile the best resources possible for you, our members.

To serve our membership best we have chosen to suspend mandatory membership renewals and application fees until June, 2008. These fees will be accepted on a voluntary basis if you would like to continue to support the ICA during its modernization process, as many of you have already done. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our members for their support and encouragement. The ICA recognizes our new role and we will work hard to deliver the support and resources that empower you, the CPTED Practitioner, to make positive improvements on the quality of life of people in your communities. ◇◇

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Another one of DOCA's successes is its website. The DOCA Forum is of course a great source of knowledge and reference for all our members. Currently there are 200+ different posts with nearly 1000 responses. Remember within the forum you are not subject to following any employer held policies or adhering to what is considered the right thing to say. The forum allows freedom for creative thought within designing out crime.

DOCA is an example of a thriving regional organization sharing, making and disseminating CPTED and we look forward to building relationships with other regional groups in 2008. ◇◇

If you want to know more our website is www.doca.org.uk



The Virginia Safer By Design Coalition demonstrates how networking partnerships can effectively promote CPTED

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Virginia CPTED Committee becomes Safer By Design Coalition

In 2001, CPTED advocates and practitioners formed the Virginia CPTED Committee (VCC). The VCC was comprised of practitioners from various disciplines involved in the safe design of places. The goal of the VCC is to present the concepts of CPTED and the efforts being made in the state to the design professionals throughout Virginia. Between 2001 and 2005, twenty-five presentations were made to over six hundred people by this committee; a brochure was produced and distributed and CPTED Guidelines created and distributed to law enforcement and every planning director in the state.

Members of the VCC also provided input on the American Planning Association's (APA) Policy Guide on Security and a number of the committee's comments were incorporated in the final draft that was ratified by the APA Board of Directors in March 2005. The VCPA/VCC has representation on the National Fire Protection Association and supported that organization's Guide for Premises Security in July 2005.

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when designing and planning safer places. Consequently, the VCPA and Henrico County Police facilitated and hosted a roundtable in 2005.

This roundtable resulted in the formation of the Safer By Design Coalition. As the various stakeholders worked in partnership, it became evident to the VCC and the VCPA of the need for statewide and national collaboration to ensure consistency

This Coalition is a unique entity as it encompasses a breadth of representation within the design community, law enforcement and state and federal agencies. Thirty members sit on this Coalition, representing 16 different professions. The representatives range from an Assistant Professor of Biology/Director of Arboriculture Program, landscape architects, architects, planners, main street program administrators, the Building Inspector and the Fire Marshal for Virginia, federal policy makers, to CPTED practitioners throughout Virginia.

Accomplishments of the Safer By Design Coalition

Since the Coalition was formed in 2005 and the Statement of Commitment adopted, three statewide design associations in Virginia and the VCPA have endorsed the efforts of the Coalition through formal adoption by the associations or chapter Boards.

Since 2006 the Coalition members efforts to promote the concepts of CPTED have expanded beyond the Commonwealth of Virginia and representatives have trained and presented in other state and national conferences. In 2007 the annual statewide crime prevention conference was held and over 300 people attended.

National recognition of these initiatives resulted in the VCPA winning the State Crime Prevention Association of the Year award by the National Crime Prevention Council at its 8th National Conference in 2007. ◇◇

professional development recent CPTED articles

Diane Zahm, PhD, AICP, ICA Chair

As a CPTED researcher and practitioner I know I'm always looking for information on CPTED, and the best sources are frequently other members of the ICA. Recently I was doing some bibliographic research and I noted several journal articles produced by our members. These are listed below, with abstracts and links to full text if you are interested.

I hope you find these resources useful. And if any of you have published in journals, newsletters or magazines, have articles about your projects published in the local media, or have new plans or reports you would like other members to know about, please forward that information to me and I will send it with my next update.

I'm hoping to provide updates on publications and references on a regular basis. Sometimes these will be materials by our members. Sometimes they will be publications specifically about CPTED. But I'm also planning to send information about research and professional work in related areas that might be of interest (e.g., biology and psychology; public health; architecture, planning and design; law and justice; information and electronic technology, etc.). As with my earlier request, if you have or find anything you think would be good to share, please let me know.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety: An International Journal, vol.6, no. 4, pp. 9-18, 2004.
Full text available: www.palgrave-journals.com/cpcs/journal/v6/n4/index.html
NOTE: *the entire issue is devoted to CPTED and the work of DOCA members.*

Determinants of Neighborhood Satisfaction in Fee-Based Gated and Nongated Communities

Chapman, David W.; Lombard, John R.
Urban Affairs Review, vol. 41, no. 6, pp. 769-799, July 2006. Full text available:
<http://uar.sagepub.com/content/vol41/issue6/>

Neighborhoods unable to adequately satisfy perceived resident needs are susceptible to the migration of their inhabitants to areas that better address their needs. Using the American Housing Survey, the authors examine neighborhood satisfaction and its relationship to perceptions of residents living in both gated and nongated fee-based neighborhoods. The findings indicate that respondent age and the lack of knowledge of crime have the largest positive impact on how the residents rated their neighborhoods. While chronological age may have myriad possible influential factors, the simple knowledge by residents of neighborhood crime has implications for crime prevention and community awareness efforts.

Video Surveillance and Everyday Life

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International Sociological Association, Durban, South Africa (ISA), 2006

CCTV has become the icon of surveillance, both in popular culture as well as in actual politics. The prosthetic form penetrating our public spheres & spaces are surrounded by much discussion - especially concerning crime & crime prevention. Although much research has been undertaken into the matter, politicians & the general public do still argue on a very simple level about the pro & cons of CCTV & other forms of public & private video surveillance. Rather than an emphatic support or a total denial of CCTV, many people are much more contradictory in their views, often based on a insufficient knowledge of how the technology & whole systems in fact work. These data provide a background to discuss a general framework of surveillance & people's everyday lives, of which CCTV has become one feature. ◇◇

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