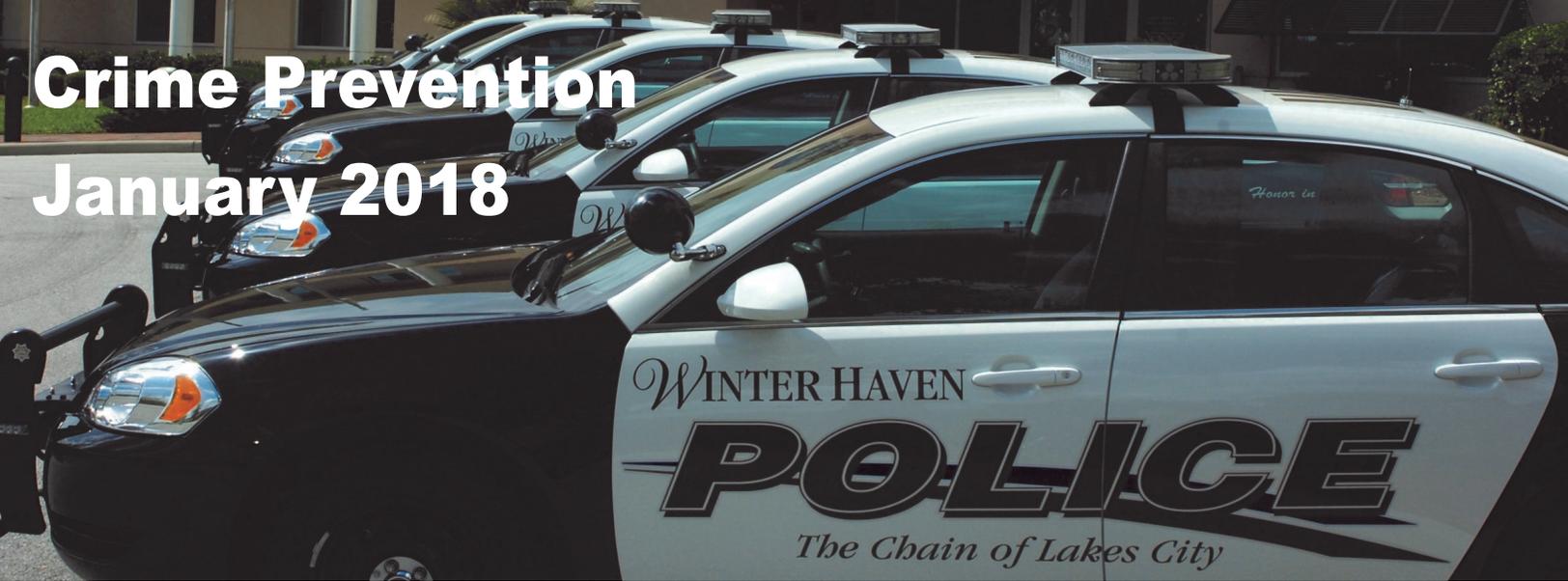


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Unlocking The Mystery of CPTED

Maybe you've heard the term and have a great understanding or you have no idea what this means. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is vital in preventing crime and helping the community become part of the solution in helping curb criminal behavior.

CPTED describes a series of physical design characteristics that maximize resident controls of criminal behavior within a community. The environmental design clearly defines all areas as either public, semi-private or private. This basically determines who has the right to be in the specific space. It allows residents to be confident when they see possible questionable activity or persons and improves the ability for police to monitor activities with a better understanding of the defined space.

The CPTED Strategies

Natural Surveillance: A design concept to facilitate observation to accomplish the effect of an increased perception. For residents, this would include lighting and windows. Keeping the areas surrounding the resident open and clearly able to see perimeters without obstruction.

Natural Access Control: These are typically defined as organized (think guards), mechanical (how about locks) and natural (spatial definition such as hedges.) The primary strategy is to deny access to a crime target and create a perception of risk to a criminal.

Territorial Reinforcement: Physical design can create or extend a sphere of territory so a potential offender perceives the territory? Think of low walls, landscaping or paving patterns. Defining the space is key.

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