



MINNESOTA

CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION

Dear MCPA Member:

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank you for being a member of the Minnesota Crime Prevention Association. It was a great 2019 and 2020 looks to be even better for MCPA members!

With the new year we welcome a few new board members. We are always sad to see the previous board members leave, but are very excited for what the new members will bring to the Association. I had the pleasure of serving on the board from 2003-2008. In 2018 I had the opportunity to join the board again and now I am able to serve as the President of this great association.

In a continued effort to reach agencies all over MN, we will be holding our 2020 conference in Mankato. The MCPA has funding available in which agencies may apply to attend our fall conference at no charge. This funding was provided through a grant from the Land O' Lakes Foundation.

To help departments save money, the MCPA board has decided to reduce the weeklong Crime Prevention Practitioner course from 5 days to 3 days. This will be a significant cost savings for any department. We will also be offering the practitioner certification test at the training. This course will take place Feb 25th - 27th in Chaska.

We are also bringing Art Hushen, President and Owner of the National Institute of Crime Prevention (NICP) to teach the weeklong Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) class in Stillwater May 11th - 15th. Art is retired from the Tampa Police Department, where he was instrumental in the creation of the city's first CPTED ordinance. He has been teaching CPTED throughout the country and is recognized as a Crime Prevention Specialist through the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners.

Remember, as a member, you can obtain our free crime prevention trading cards and discounted rates for our annual conference and trainings. We will also be hosting the annual "Night to Unite" kick-off breakfast on April 8th. Board members will also continue to support the Minnesota Law Enforcement Association Explorer Program by judging the Crime Prevention scenario at their annual conference.

Don't forget to save the date for the fall conference on **October 5th and 6th**, in Mankato. We already have some great ideas for speakers. We also now accept credit cards on our website so you can register and pay for trainings on the MCPA website!

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events this year!

Sincerely,

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