



## Crime Free Multi-Housing Ordinance Proves to be Successful After One Year

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But since the city established the Crime Free Multi-Housing Ordinance a year ago, police say the number of times they've responded to problems at apartments has reduced significantly.

Every month they tally up the number of times they're called out to an apartment complex.

They compare that to the average number of calls to that complex before the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program began last October.

Sergeant Joe Snyder says across the board police are responding to apartment complexes far less than in years past.

Peggy Selder has been the manager at Greenbriar Village apartments on Airport Drive in Wichita Falls since it opened last March, and she takes pride in maintaining a quiet, gated community.

That's one reason she jumped at the chance to become certified through Crime Free Multi-Housing.

"We did have a few problems initially and I just did not want that going on so when they offered this to us we just grabbed it," says Peggy Selder manager at Greenbriar Village Apartments.

Before the crime free program police were called to Greenbriar an average of 20 times per month for things such as noise disturbances.

The latest figures from September show that police were called only four times, which is about 80% fewer calls.

"Some apartment communities have reduced their calls by a large percentage. Some of the smaller ones who only had maybe one call a month or maybe one call every other month they've almost brought theirs down to zero," says Sergeant Joe Snyder Wichita Falls Police Department.

The manager at Highland Oaks Apartments on Professional Drive says the crime free program has been wonderful.

Before the program Highland Oaks was averaging around 57 calls to police per month, and in September calls were down nearly 50 percent.

Managers from both complexes say since participating in the program their communities are much safer, which is certainly a selling point for new residents.

Apartment managers in Wichita Falls still have a chance to become part of Crime Free Multi-Housing.

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