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Dubuque Crime-Free Multi-Housing Landlord Training

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The City of Dubuque is co-sponsoring an educational program for property owners and property managers on how to reduce crime in rental housing. The event will be held on **Saturday, February 2, 2008, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., NICC Town Clock Center**, 680 Main Street, Dubuque, Iowa. The Dubuque Police Department, in partnership with the City's Housing and Community Development and Human Rights Departments, and City Attorney's Office is conducting the workshop.

This training program, the Dubuque Crime Free Multi-Housing Program, will provide comprehensive information on all aspects of managing property with a special emphasis on how to reduce crime in rental property. Participants of the program will receive a comprehensive guide to assist in maintaining a crime-free property. Issues addressed include:

- Identifying quality tenants
- Writing rental agreements
- Handling evictions
- Property security and fire safety
- Police services

The seminar is co-sponsored by Northeast Iowa Community College. Presenters include City staff and local attorneys. Course participants are eligible to receive five hours of Real Estate Continuing Education Unit credit for the course. The registration fee is \$25, which includes meals and course materials. There is an additional \$6 charge for CEU credit. To register, contact the NICC Continuing Education Center at (563) 557-8271 or (888) 642-2338, ext. 380.

Landlord training is the first phase of the certification process. The second phase is a security inspection of the rental property and the third phase is a meeting with tenants. Attending the training is required to qualify for reimbursement of the cost of conducting out of state and Iowa statewide criminal checks of prospective tenants.

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