

## Safety and Crime Prevention – Public Housing

Des Moines Municipal Housing Agency (DMMHA) works together with the local police enforcement to ensure the safety of public housing residents.

1. Describe the need for measures to ensure the safety of public housing residents:
  - a. DMMHA takes a proactive approach towards the incidences of violent and/or drug – related crime in all of the developments.
  
2. Description of any crime prevention activities conducted or to be conducted by DMMHA:
  - a. DMMHA obtains the arrest histories for new participants as part of screening.
  - b. DMMHA obtains the arrest histories annually for all participants to ensure no violations of the lease have occurred during the year.
  - c. DMMHA staff meets with Des Moines Police Department on a monthly basis to review trip reports to owned property, to obtain related case reports.
  - d. DMMHA participates in the Crime Free Multi-Housing program along with the Des Moines Police Department. This includes property management training, inspection of buildings and meetings with the residents.
  - e. DMMHA has hired off-duty police officers to provide security on weekends and evenings at the largest DMMHA owned property.
  - f. DMMHA has the ability through the Des Moines Police Department to initiate surveillance for suspected drug activities.
  - g. DMMHA maintains security cameras at all of the multifamily complexes. By use of these cameras, DMMHA has the ability to investigate activity that occurred in the past. This also provides DMMHA the ability to create evidence for court proceedings.
  
3. Description of coordination between DMMHA and the Des Moines Police Department:
  - a. DMMHA obtains from the Des Moines Police Department crime data regarding DMMHA owned property to DMMHA staff for analysis and action.
  - b. Police have established a physical presence on the largest DMMHA owned property.
  - c. Des Moines Police Department gives DMMHA information on Specified Crime properties list monthly to analyze if DMMHA owned properties are on the list and if so, to follow up.
  - d. Des Moines Police Department has included DMMHA in training on the Mobile Crisis division.