

Crime free housing program marking successes

Gail Ryan has had plenty of reason to celebrate this fall. She became the second multifamily housing property in South Lake Tahoe to be fully certified in the Crime Free Multi-Housing Program.

The program was implemented locally Oct. 11, 2010. Tim Zehring, retired 22-year veteran of the Mesa Police Department, is the founder of the International Crime Free Association.

Zehring presented Melanie Arnold, Lake Tahoe Crime Free Program's volunteer coordinator, with the International Crime Free Association Manager of the Year award.

At the presentation in October, he said, "Melanie was told years ago that this program would never happen here in Lake Tahoe and now look where you are."

Seven properties in South Lake Tahoe and Douglas County have been fully certified in this free program, with several more working toward full certification.

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