Triad 101

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WHY?

USDOJ polls indicate that crime and the fear of crime impact severely on older adults.

Baby boomers are turning 65 at the rate of about 10,000 a day, with the Census Bureau estimating that nearly 20 percent of America will be 65 or more by 2030.

We must identify and offer ways to deal effectively with crimes targeting them.
More ..... WHY ?

• An aging population

• Increased demands on law enforcement to meet needs of older citizens

• Law enforcement will devote special attention to this community-Now or Later!

• Crimes specifically TARGETED toward this community
In the News…

- State AGs, not CFPB, should take greater role on enforcement: Mulvaney (American Banker)

- Court sentences six from Dubuque, Iowa, to prison for grandparent fraud; picked up victim money and sent it to the Dominican Republic (Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Northern District of Iowa)

- Retired Army Colonel in Florida; his picture keeps being used in fake Face Book profiles and Romance Scams (wfla.com)
In the News…

- Wisconsin man charged with working with Nigerians to file bogus tax returns and receive refunds: $11 million in losses (Mail Tribune)

- Two from Costa Rica convicted in North Carolina of lottery fraud against older victims; impersonated people at FTC and SEC; took in more than $10 million; sometimes told victims “we know where you live.” (Department of Justice, Office of Public Affairs)
FTC: Litmus Test of Reported Fraud

- Complaints down slightly in 2017; but total dollar losses up

- Debt collection largest source of complaints; part of this is “phantom debt” fraud where people really do not owe the money

- Wire transfers, such as Western Union and MoneyGram, remain top method of sending money
Frauds Targeting Older Adults

- Complaints up for charities; counterfeit checks; online purchases; grandparent schemes; Romance frauds; timeshares

- Tax fraud (returns filed with ID theft) down 46%, but still second most common type of ID theft

- Investment fraud jumps sharply
What is “Triad”

Triad is not an acronym

A group of Three: unity between law enforcement, older adults, and community organizations with a vested interest in older adult safety.
Triad is also…….. 

…….. a program of philosophy which focuses on reducing criminal victimization of older Americans, reducing the fear of crime and effectively delivering services (including Crime Victim Services)
What are the goals of a Triad?

- Reduce older adult victimization
- Enhance a sense of security among older adults through education, training and involvement
- Improve the overall quality of life for older adults – AGING IN PLACE
Who can be involved in Triad?

- Older Adults
- Sheriff
- Police
- Fire departments
- RSVP
- Area Agency on Aging
- AARP
- Meals on Wheels
- Community aging programs
- Court systems
- Local businesses
- Churches
- Hospitals
- Social services
- Recreation departments
- ANY BUSINESS OR PERSON CONCERNED WITH AGING ISSUES
What is the S.A.L.T. Council?

The governing body of older adults and agency representatives that guide the entire Triad.

Creates programs involving law enforcement, older adults and the community to achieve the goals set by the S.A.L.T. council.
How is Triad set up?

Triad Membership:

- Chairperson
- Co-Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- SALT MEMBER
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Organizing a S.A.L.T. Council

- Older Adults; law enforcement; business professionals set the Triad programs
- Determine the number on the Council
- Older Adult Chairs and Drives the Organization
- Develop a mission statement and guidelines
- Determine primary focuses of YOUR Triad (survey and community/law enforcement input)
- Develop sub-committees for projects
PARTNERSHIPS?

- Peer to Peer approach with older adults
- Involves the community in LEO decision-making
- Offers input from community services
- Separates fact from fiction – Crime vs. Perceived Crime
Success

- Personal and Property Safety issues
- Avoiding Criminal Victimization
- Frauds and scams
- Vulnerable Adult Daily Calls
- Elder abuse
- Crime in your Community
- Legal System-Victim Assistance
- Court Watch program
Questions?

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