



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIADS

WHAT IS TRIAD?

Triad is a national community concept that partners law enforcement agencies with older adult volunteers and related community services to educate older adults on crime and fraud, to reduce crime against the elderly, and eliminate the unwarranted fear of crime.

It is a positive, public relations and marketing tool for both law enforcement and service providers.

SINCE 1988...

Triad has helped law enforcement keep older adults safe in their communities by using older volunteers and others within the private sector who have a vested interest in older adults.

The National Association of Triads also published a manual for starting a Triad, available online at sheriffs.org/triad.

STEPS TO CREATE A TRIAD:

1. Identify Potential Triad Partners

2. The First Meeting

3. The Cooperative Agreement

4. Establishing a S.A.L.T. Council

5. Surveying Older Adults



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WHY CREATE A TRIAD IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



The **U.S. Census Bureau** estimates the nation's 65-and-older population has grown rapidly:

- 34.2% over the last decade
- 3.2% from 2018 to 2019.



The **Bureau of Justice Statistics** estimates that in 2020, there were

206,780

individuals aged 65 or older who were victims of violent crime. This includes rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault.



The **National Council on Aging** reports that older adults lose an estimated

\$3 BILLION

each year to financial scams.

Generally speaking, older adults have high levels of trust with regard to strangers, telephone salespersons, contractors, workers, officials, and others they deal with. Therefore, they become an easier target for a variety of crimes that specifically target older adults.

The older adult victim may not recover from the physical and mental repercussions of the crime, leading to a loss of independence and self-confidence.

PROJECTS THROUGH TRIAD

- Home safety inspections
- Identify theft prevention
- Social Security theft prevention
- Fraud and scam prevention
- Cell phone banks
- Citizens academies
- Disaster preparedness programs
- Vandalism prevention
- Burglary and robbery prevention
- Older adult driving programs
- Personal Safety
- Older adult abuse prevention

BENEFITS OF TRIAD PROGRAMS

- **For Law Enforcement:** Relieves sworn law enforcement so they may tend to other duties
- **For the Older Adult:** Reduces older adult victimization
- **For the Community:** Prompts development of new programs and activities
- **For the Older Volunteer:** Provides a chance to help others

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