

How TRIAD works

TRIAD is a community-led public safety partnership created to ensure the needs of older adults are being met. Each city and town forms its own SALT Council (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together).

SALT Councils lead the TRIAD initiative in their town.

The Councils work together to determine the needs and concerns of their fellow community members.

SALT's mission is to direct the TRIAD, which is a roundtable that brings public safety awareness and information to older adults through presentations and activities.

SALT Members include:

Active adults, the Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney's Office, Police and Fire, community groups, and other agencies interested in helping older adults.



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PLYMOUTH COUNTY TRIAD



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TRIAD is a nationally recognized program in which Public Safety, Older Adults, and Community Groups all work together to unify and implement available services.

The TRIAD partnership consists of the Sheriff, District Attorney, local Police Chief and local Fire Chief, Council on Aging Director, SALT Council Members, and Community Groups that assist older adults in each community.

The role of the Sheriff and District Attorney is one of guidance and support. Every community that adopts the TRIAD approach is able to tailor the needs of TRIAD to their community.



Why TRIAD?



Older adults comprise the most rapidly growing segment of our population. One in eight people are already 65 or older. This statistic represents more than 33.6 million adults. With increased life expectancy, new issues for the criminal justice system have arisen.

TRIAD has been developed to reduce the criminal victimization of our older adults and to enhance the delivery of resources and awareness.

TRIAD assesses the needs of each community separately.

A community that may have a serious crime problem can utilize their TRIAD to focus on crime prevention and victim assistance.

A community that does not have a serious crime problem can utilize TRIAD to concentrate on programs, activities and public safety initiatives to benefit their entire community.

HOW DID TRIAD START?

In 1998, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the International Association of the Chiefs of Police (IACP), and the National Sheriff's Association (NSA) signed a cooperative agreement to work together to reduce the criminal victimization and unwarranted fear of crime, and to enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to our older adults.

The Plymouth County Sheriff's Office and Plymouth County District Attorney's Office recognized that more could be done for the older adult residents of Plymouth County.

A cooperative effort began between both departments to work together to bring TRIAD services in every city and town in Plymouth County.

