



TRIAD in the First Judicial District - Senior Safety is Key

First Judicial District Attorney Scott Storey created a Triad to Jefferson and Gilpin counties in March of 2008. Triad is a three-pronged partnership designed to help prevent the victimization of older adults while providing them with more and better law enforcement services. The Triad has been very successful in several other counties in Colorado, as well as across the country, and Storey decided it was time to bring it to this community.

Triad is a partnership between those in the criminal justice system, community groups and volunteer senior citizens. The purpose of a Triad is to develop and implement crime prevention and education programs for older adults.

Storey has long been an advocate of crime prevention for seniors through his Communities Against Senior Exploitation (CASE) program. "Our commitment to seniors is clear," says Storey, "Since 2005, we have created partnerships with over 400 organizations that provide services to older adults and have presented Power Against Fraud seminars to over 10,000 people. I am so proud that we have been able to take that movement a step farther by bringing the Triad partnership to Jefferson and Gilpin counties. Working together with these dedicated partners we can make a big difference for seniors in our community."

The Triad steering committee distributed a Community Safety Survey to older adults to help determine what seniors consider the greatest threat to their safety. With over 300 surveys returned, those surveyed report that their biggest concern is identity theft. Their second biggest concern is being

defrauded by telephone solicitors. The fear of being robbed in person, such as in a purse snatching or mugging, was the third most highly reported concern.

Ten of the 13 law enforcement agencies in Jefferson and Gilpin counties have signed on as members of the Triad. In addition 25 organizations, mostly non-profit, that provide direct services to our senior population have also made commitments to the Triad. The list of service providers includes, but is not limited to, the Seniors' Resource Center, North Jeffco Senior Center, Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Jefferson County Council on the Aging, home health care agencies, Jeffco Human Services, etc. Triad will also recruit older adults to serve as a voice for seniors in the partnership.

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