



TRIAD

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First TRIAD Meeting to be held at Caroline County Community Center

On Thursday, May 19th, Caroline County will usher in a new era of protection for senior citizens when TRIAD conducts its first meeting between the hours of 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm in Room #2 at the Caroline County Community Center.

TRIAD is one of the fastest-growing crime prevention partnerships in the country. It is a cooperative effort of law enforcement agencies, senior citizens, and senior organizations - all focused on reducing crimes against our most vulnerable citizens: our seniors.

In 1988, the American Association of Retired Persons, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the National Sheriff's Association realized that the baby boomers would soon be retiring and would be in need of protection from con artists and other criminals who would seek to separate them from their hard-earned savings. These three groups formed the first TRIAD in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana, bringing together seniors and law enforcement in a cooperative effort to fight crime. The TRIAD concept has since spread to 47 states, Canada, and England - and it arrived in Virginia in 1995."

Bob Gordon chairs the Caroline County chapter of TRIAD. Bob recently celebrated 59 years in Law Enforcement and has been involved in nearly every facet of crime prevention. Bob encourages senior citizens from all corners of the community to please attend this and all future TRIAD meetings.

Crime Prevention Tips

- BEWARE of any program that seems to offer something for nothing. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- BEWARE of free prizes that require a credit card number for verification. NEVER GIVE YOUR CREDIT CARD NUMBER OVER THE PHONE unless YOU have initiated the call.
- Talk to a trusted friend, relative or financial advisor before committing your money.

Senior Safety

- Good Neighbors-Work out a buddy system with a neighbor so you can check on each other during the day. Let your neighbors know when you are going on a trip so they can watch your property. Join a Neighborhood Watch program
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a particular situation, leave.
- Do not put an address tag on your keys.
- Do not keep large amounts of cash at home