


**LAW ENFORCEMENT
and
OLDER DRIVERS**



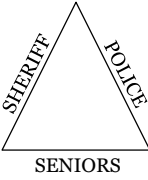
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What we'll discuss:

- Oklahoma County TRIAD Program
- Effects of Aging on Driving Skills
- The National Approach
- Oklahoma County's Older Driver Safety Program
- Law Enforcement Response

What is TRIAD?

- Governed by the National Sheriff's Association
- Crime prevention and safety program for people over 55 aimed to teach older adults ways to prevent becoming a victim of crime
- Partnerships are the KEY to establishing S.A.L.T. Councils throughout your jurisdiction
(Seniors & Law Enforcement Together)



Oklahoma County TRIAD

- Established in 1995 under the direction of OCSO
- Continues to operate under the direction of Sheriff John Whetsel and the TRIAD Coordinator
- Currently operating 11 S.A.L.T. Councils that meet on a monthly basis:

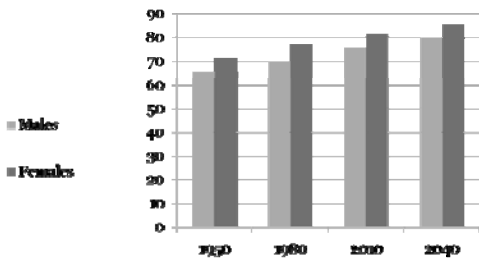
Choctaw	North OKC
Del City	South OKC
Edmond	Eastside OKC
Harrah	Warr Acres
Luther	Village/Nichols
Midwest City	Hills

What we do...

- S.A.L.T. Councils
- Senior Awareness Day
- Elder Law Day
- Informed Senior Seminar
- *Young at Heart* Senior Prom
- TRIAD Appreciation Luncheon
- 9-1-1 Cell Phone Program
- Older Driver Safety Day
- Christmas at Oakhill
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Over 250 lectures annually




U.S. Life Expectancy



*Courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau

The Older Driver Dilemma




Chances are, you will be involved in a talk of this nature eventually. You might be the one initiating the conversation within your own family, or you might be out on the streets.

Prepare yourself early!

Effects of aging on driving skills

- Cataracts
- Macular Degeneration
- Glaucoma
- Stroke
- Arthritis
- Medications
- Parkinson's Disease
- Sleep Apnea
- Alzheimer's Disease

Cases of Dementia



Age 65

- Normal
- Dementia

Age 85

- Normal
- Dementia

*Snellgrove, 2005

**Approaching Alzheimer's:
Make Your First Response
the Right Response**

A training video for law enforcement

alz.org | alzheimer's association

**Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office
Older Driver Safety Program**


- Grant and program proposal submitted to NSA and NHTSA in late 2009, and approved in early 2010
- Set up curriculum through NHTSA's DriveWell program
- Introduced to members throughout summer 2010
- Culminated with Older Driver Safety Day in August 2010
 - Lectures
 - Panel Discussion
 - Resource Fair
 - Vehicle Safety Inspections (Traffic Safety Unit)
- Program Manual for Law Enforcement

What we're teaching...

- Small, informational segments inserted into normal S.A.L.T. Council meetings
 - Staying Healthy for Driving Fitness
 - Build strength & endurance
 - Know your medications
 - Get enough sleep
 - Have your eyes checked annually
 - Get regular physical check-ups
 - Giving Up the Keys: Easier Said Than Done
 - Steps to Improve Driving Ability
 - CarFit

What is CarFit?

CarFit is an educational program that "fits" older adults to their vehicles.







www.car-fit.org

How will you know who could be at risk?



- Obvious signs
 - Creation of a traffic hazard
 - Physically-evident medical issues
 - Medical alert window stickers
 - Signs and/or symptoms we've discussed
- Things you might have to look for
 - Medical alert card in the wallet
 - Prescription bottles in the purse or glove box
 - Medical alert bracelet, watch, or necklace
 - Alzheimer's Association SafeReturn symbol

Medical Alerts: Pay attention!



Watch for clues that might be hidden in plain sight!

And for those who might lean toward the extreme...



WOW!



Alzheimer's Association Medic Alert & Safe Return



If you encounter a bracelet like this, with the purple engraving, you are dealing with an Alzheimer's patient. Adjust your response accordingly, and contact dispatch.

How would you respond?

The OCSO Model Policy



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