

CASE Partnership

Communities Against Senior Exploitation

PURPOSE

A community partnership to:

1. Prevent fraud and exploitation of older adults.
2. Increase fraud detection and reporting.
3. Provide victim support.

HISTORY

CASE was launched in 2002 at the Denver District Attorney's Office. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office is the second law enforcement agency in Florida to start and replicate this program. The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office started CASE in 2007 because of the large number of older adults living in Okaloosa County. Older adults are more likely to be targeted for scams and fraud. CASE gives older consumers the tools they need to empower and protect themselves.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why does the Sheriff want Faith-based partners?

Faith Communities are excellent partners in this effort because:

1. A high percentage of older adults are members of faith communities.
2. Older adults place high trust in their faith communities.
3. Older adults receive much of their information and support from their faith communities.

What will we have to do as a CASE Partner?

We know how busy you are. This program places the greatest load on the CASE staff. We only ask that our Partners:

- ✓ Designate a CASE coordinator for your community.
- ✓ Agree to sponsor a *Power Against Fraud* seminar.
- ✓ Agree to distribute the monthly Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office *Fraud Alerts* to your members and constituents.
- ✓ Agree to familiarize yourself with elder financial crime issues and

the preventive steps that can be taken to reduce fraud.

- ✓ Agree to monitor your older adults and to report suspected fraud to CASE staff.

What will the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office do for our community?

CASE Partnership staff will:

- ✓ Send monthly *Fraud Alerts* to distribute to your congregation.
- ✓ Conduct *Power Against Fraud* seminars for your members at your choice of time and place.
- ✓ Provide handbooks and other materials to help older adults and their families avoid fraud and exploitation.
- ✓ Provide a Fraud Line to assist older adults with crime prevention steps and victim assistance, including crisis intervention, emotional support, information and referral, and victim advocacy services.

Are there any costs to being a CASE Partner?

All services listed are free to CASE Partners as part of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office crime prevention programs.

How do I become a
CASE Partner
or schedule a
POWER AGAINST FRAUD
Seminar?

Contact:

Ashley Bailey,
Crime Prevention Specialist
850-651-7153
abailey@sheriff-okaloosa.org

Fraud Hotline
850-651-7674

DID YOU KNOW...

10 million Americans had their
identities stolen last year.

Consumers lose \$40 billion a year to
telemarketing fraud.

U.S. citizens send over \$100 million
each year to Canadian con artists.

2/3 of elder financial abusers are
family members or trusted advisors.



*It is the policy of the
Okaloosa Sheriff's Office
to protect the Constitutional rights of
all people, regardless of race, color,
ethnicity, gender, sexual
orientation, physical handicap,
religion or other belief system or
physical characteristic; and to treat
each person with
respect and dignity.*

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