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# OKLAHOMA COUNTY TRIAD

“KEEPING OUR SENIORS SAFE”

## Notes from the Desk of: *Sheriff John Whetsel*



Hello friends! Summer is here, which one of you left the OVEN DOOR OPEN OUT THERE? As the Oklahoma heat rises we must all remember to be watchful of the heat and hydrate properly. Our Oklahoma County TRIAD Program is now 20 years strong. We continue to have tremendous turnout at our TRIAD events and are excited about our Summer and Fall special events.

Elder Law Day was a huge success, with over 150 citizens in attendance! With the help of Mercy Hospital again this year, our participants were treated to a wonderful educational lunch and the great hospitality that Mercy is known for.

Senior Prom was an awesome 20 year celebration. Congratulations to our Prom Royalty, Ernie Voitt and Maythel Bolden. I would also like to acknowledge our key partner: Integris Hospital for sponsoring this wonderful event again this year.

We have also added another key community group to our TRIAD Family, Valley Brook Police Chief Michael Stamp is excited to bring together the seniors in his community. This is our 16th Oklahoma County SALT Council!

Mitzi and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Backpack program and our Older Driver Safety Day in August. Our TRIAD Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is in September where we have a wonderful gift to express our gratitude for your dedicated volunteerism. Enjoy your summer and watch that heat until we can get this OVEN DOOR shut.

Sincerely,  
Sheriff John Whetsel



### MONTHLY S.A.L.T. COUNCIL MEETINGS

Bethany	3rd Tues, 9am Bethany Municipal Court
Choctaw	2nd Mon, 9:15am Choctaw PD
Del City	1st Thurs, 10am Del City PD
Edmond	1st Tues, 12:30pm Edmond Senior Center
Eastside OKC	3rd Mon, 10am OCPD Springlake Division
Harrah	2nd Mon, 12pm Harrah Senior Center
Jones	2nd Tues, 10am OCSO Spencer Sub Sta.
Luther	1st Tues, 11:00am Luther Community Bldg
Midwest City	3rd Tues, 2pm MWC Senior Center
Nicoma Park	2nd Tues, 10am OCSO Spencer Sub Sta.
OKC	2nd Thurs, 1:30pm India Shrine Center
South OKC	3rd Thurs, 1:30pm Woodson Park Sr Cntr
Spencer	2nd Tues, 10am OCSO Spencer Sub Sta.
Valley Brook	2nd Wed, 10 am Municipal Court
Village/Nichols	1st Mon, 1pm All Soul's Episcopal Church
Warr Acres	3rd Fri, 9am Warr Acres Community Cntr

NEW

### Mark Your Calendar:

- July 18,20 &26 Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Backpack (details inside)
- August 5th—Older Driver Safety Day
- Sept. 9th— TRIAD Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon



# A note from Deputy Kim Lopez

*Pride in who we are  
Professional in what we do*



Summer greetings Seniors!

I am so encouraged by the growth of this program! We have added 3 new SALT Council groups and I am seeing new members at each of our meetings! I want to personally thank those of you who continue to bring in new members and those of you who continue to share TRIAD information and meeting locations with your circle of friends. Each of you is truly a much needed "Gate Keeper" and have the power to reach so many more people who need this message and prevention information. My hat is off to you for doing all you can to protect yourself from scams and crime, and then sharing this information with the people you associate with. Your efforts are truly growing the Oklahoma County TRIAD Program.

I am truly excited about all the upcoming programs that are in store. We have had a huge response to our call for volunteers to assist with the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Backpack Program this July. An overwhelming many of you requested Retired OHP Col. Jerry Cason to speak again at our Older Drivers Safety Day set for August. All these programs hinge on the generosity of your time and we only get one day each year to formally express our deep gratitude for your most precious commodity YOUR TIME! That day will finally be here in September during our TRIAD Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and we are all so excited to be able to bless you with a wonderful safety gift you will not want to miss! Until then, continue stay informed, stay involved and stay safe!



Respectfully,

*Kim Lopez*

Deputy Kim Lopez  
Oklahoma County TRIAD Coordinator



Fond memories of our Young At Heart Senior Prom 2016

## **ANNOUNCING OUR NEWEST S.A.L.T. COUNCIL!**

***VALLEY BROOK IS OUR LATEST COMMUNITY TO FOCUS ON CRIMES VICTIMIZING THE 50 PLUS POPULATION!!***

***This is our 16th SALT Council in Oklahoma County to commit to TRIAD. Chief Michael Stamp and Mayor Donna Davis as well as Vice Mayor Lewis Neiman are excited to get started. Meetings will be held at Municipal Court 1618 SE 59th Street on 2nd Wednesdays at 10:00 am. We look forward to meeting with the community.***



Pictured above: Nicoma Park Chief Ed Smith, Deputy Kim Lopez, Valley Brook Chief of Police Michael Stamp. Our newest Chief to join SALT!!

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# Grandparents Raising Grandchildren BACKPACK PROGRAM

Our partnership with Sunbeam Family Services for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren grows every year, and we are looking forward to helping more families than ever. There are several ways to help, if you know anyone in Oklahoma County 50 or older, raising their Grandchildren have them call Sunbeam at 528-7721 to apply. If you'd like to volunteer, we have three opportunities to help. Give Deputy Kim Lopez a call at 405 713-1950 with which day and time you can volunteer.

**Monday July 18th Prep Day 1:00-3:00**

**Wednesday, July 20th 1:00-3:00**

**Tuesday July 26th \*Pick a shift**

**06:45-10:45      10:30-1:45**

**1:30-4:45        4:30-7:00**

**Sunbeam Family Services -1100 NW 14th**

# FUN FRIEND APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

If you've been involved with TRIAD for a while, then you're already excited about the TRIAD Appreciation Luncheon! Each fall, Oklahoma County TRIAD members gather with officers from metro law enforcement agencies for fun, fellowship, and food! We use this time to show our appreciation for the hard work you do, and the many hours you put in helping us spread the message of crime prevention throughout Oklahoma County.

***This event is exclusively for TRIAD volunteer members.***

If you attend your monthly S.A.L.T. Council meetings, watch the mail for your invitation! Seating is always limited, and reservations are required. We will begin accepting reservations as soon as you receive your invitation, so don't forget to call and reserve your seat as soon as you get your invitation.

**DATE:**  
Friday, September 9, 2016

**TIME:**  
11:00am - 1:00pm

**WHERE:**  
First Southern Baptist  
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