

From the desk of Don Sikkema, Senior Liaison Officer, Arvada Police Department



Senior Siren

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Special points of interest:

- The Arvada Police Dept. created the Senior Liaison Officer position to address the needs of our city's senior population.
- Most crimes against seniors involve financial exploitation — that include frauds, scams, and cons.
- The Lockbox Program provides a house key for emergency medical responders in the event the senior cannot get to the door.

SENIOR LAW DAY

Waterstone Community Church
 5890 S. Alkire St.
 (C-470 & W. Bowles Ave.)
 Saturday, June 11, 7:30 am—2:00 pm

This educational seminar provides information specifically for older adults in Jefferson County. The registration cost is \$10 per person and includes breakfast and lunch. Attorneys and other community resources will be available to answer individual questions, and each attendee will receive a tote bag including a FREE copy of the coveted new Colorado Senior Law Handbook, a publication of the Colorado Bar Association.

Additionally, **Rick Crandall**, host of the popular Breakfast Club on Studio 1430 KEZW AM radio will open the conference. Retired news anchor **Ed Sardella**, will present the closing remarks. The **Joe Peterson Orchestra** and the **JPO Andrews Singers** will provide big band music during lunch with special guest emcee **David Hixson**.

Call Officer Sikkema for more information or registration details - 720-898-6724.

Arvada Police Scam Hotline

720-898-6739

24 hours a day / 7 days a week

Wiring to someone you do not know - **SCAM**. You've won millions - **SCAM**. Grandchild is in jail in Canada - **SCAM**. Wiring to a foreign country - **SCAM**. Please call 1st. We can save you thousands of dollars that you will not get back if you wire it.

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GOT DRUGS?
We have a solution!

The City of Arvada
is once again sponsoring the

**NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION
DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

Saturday, April 30, 2011

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Arvada Police Department parking lot

in partnership with:

Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)
Colorado Attorney General's Office
Statewide Methamphetamine Task Force
Colorado Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention
Program's RX Drugs Not Yours Not Safe Program
Rocky Mountain Poison and Drug Center

Items which cannot be accepted for take back programs:

Needles & Sharps
Mercury (thermometers)
Oxygen containers
Chemotherapy/Radioactive substances
Pressurized canisters
Illicit Drugs

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A woman was reporting her car as stolen and mentioned that there was a car phone in it. The policeman taking the report called the phone and told the guy that answered that he had read the ad in the newspaper and wanted to buy the car. They arranged to meet and the thief was arrested.

Upcoming Events -- An Invitation to TRIAD!

Meetings are held at the Jefferson County District Attorney's Conference Room, 500 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden

Keeping Yourself and Your Loved Ones Safe from Poison

Tuesday, March 22, 1:30 pm

Whether it is your car, purse, closet, cabinet, laundry room, garage or garden, you have poison lurking at every turn. In honor of National Poison Prevention Week, Mary Hilko of the Rocky Mountain Poison Center will give us tips on keeping ourselves, our kids and our grand-kids safe from poisoning.

Severe Weather Preparedness

Tuesday, April 26, 1:30 pm

Marty Coniglio from 9 News will be with us to teach us the difference between weather watches, alerts and warnings. Marty will explain what types of severe weather are common in Colorado and how you can keep informed on what lies ahead.

[Looking for a FREE "911" cell phone? Call 303-271-6980](tel:303-271-6980)

Everyone is invited! Bring a Friend!

Share this invitation with your community.

TRIAD is an organization built on a cooperative relationship between **Senior Community Members**, the **District Attorney**, **Law Enforcement** and **Senior Service Providers** all concerned about the safety and security of seniors living in Jefferson & Gilpin Counties.

Come to a

TRIAD meeting!

It is a chance to

learn and share

valuable crime

fighting information!

Scam of the Month



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Missing Card Mayhem

The scam: Someone calls you claiming to represent the fraud department of your credit-card company. The caller gains your trust by reciting your account number—pilfered, no doubt—and says that a “suspicious” charge has been made. Now here comes the scam: Under the guise of “verifying that you are still in possession of your card,” the caller asks you to read off the three- or four-digit security number (usually on the back of the card; it’s on the upper-right corner of American Express cards). This number gives the scammer the final piece of the puzzle he or she was missing, for it is needed to make online and telephone credit purchases without showing your piece of plastic.

Rip-off tip-off: Credit-card companies may call you to alert you of suspicious activity on your account, but to make sure you are in possession of your card, you’ll be asked if you have it—not asked to provide the security digits.

Lower-Rate Lures

The scam: The caller claims to be from your current or another mortgage company, and says he can offer lower-rate refinancing. To “determine if you qualify for that lower rate,” however, you’re asked to provide your Social Security number, bank account numbers or other personal information “required to run a credit check.” Provide any one of these and you will almost certainly fall victim to identity theft.

Rip-off tip-off: Phony phone calls alleging to be from banks and mortgage companies, like other telemarketing solicitations, often come in the evening—when most of these companies are closed.

Copied from the book, “Scam Proof Your Life” by Sid Kirchheimer.

If you ever have a question or wonder about an e-mail, phone call or letter you received, please call Officer Sikkema at 720-898-6724 or the Scam Hotline at 720-898-6739.

Speaking engagements concerning seniors and scams for your community organization, church, HOA meeting or club are FREE! Officer Sikkema will meet with your group and share the latest scams and criminal schemes to keep you ahead of the game. Call Don at 720-898-6724 to schedule your scam presentation today. The earlier you call the better chance you will have of getting the date and time you prefer.

