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TRIAD NEWSLETTER

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The Mansfield TRIAD Program is an affiliation of the Mansfield Police/Fire Department, Sheriff's Office of Bristol County, Council on Aging & members of the S.A.L.T. Council, which offer a variety of safety programs to seniors and community members most are free to seniors over 60. For information on the following programs please contact the COA office at 508-261-7368 and speak with one of our Outreach workers. Most programs are free and available to seniors and their families in Mansfield.

911 Cell Phones – available to seniors who would like the feeling of safety while traveling or at home. The cell phones are donated and reprogrammed for any 911 calls in an emergency. The 911 call does go into the nearest state police department. These Phones are for emergency only.

File of Life – The file of life program are cards that include important health information and emergency/medical contact numbers. One card is placed on the refrigerator with a magnet and the other smaller card is carried in your wallet. These need to be up-dated each year.

Illuminated Numbered House Signs – Free illuminated signs that are easily visible from the street for emergency personnel to locate you quickly. Over 400 signs have been installed. Free installation if needed. Cost for a second sign for elders over 60 is \$5. Available to the general public at a cost of \$15.

Yellow Alert Program – A card similar to the File of Life card, which contains important medical and emergency information that is placed in the glove compartment of your automobile. In the event of an accident or medical situation a special yellow sticker is placed on the back windshield of the car, which alerts local police & fire personnel that your life saving information is available.

Project Lifesaver – A special program provided through the Sheriff's Department of Bristol County helps to assist local authorities in finding victims of Alzheimer's, Dementia, Down Syndrome and Autism who may wander from their homes. Those on the program wear a personalized bracelet that emits a tracking signal. If someone is

reported missing the average search time is approximately one hour. Certain qualifications must be met to become part of this program. This program is available To the general public as well as elders in the community. Mansfield is unique in having two tracking units within the town in the event of this kind of emergency. For information contact the Dennis Hickey - Sheriff's Dept. at 508-995-6400.

Senior Emergency Packs - Available to those elders in the community who have serious health or medical issues and are homebound or very frail. The emergency packs contain items that will sustain an individual for one - two days in the event of an evacuation. The pack also has enough space to add a one-day change of clothing.

Emergency Response Program – For individuals who are persons with disability (any age) or sever medical problem, live alone and may need emergency help in the event of a major disaster or evacuation. You must have specific and life threatening medical issues. The information once filled out will be forwarded to the Emergency Management/Police & Fire Departments. Once recorded you will be placed on the immediate evacuation list through the new GIS program for the Town of Mansfield. This information is strictly confidential to only those emergency departments.

Educational/Safety Programs – Senior Safety Day is held in May of each month. A luncheon and safety information with handouts is included in the program. TRIAD Pasta Dinner is our yearly fundraising program held in September of each year. Funds raised for TRIAD are given back into the community in safety programming.

R-U-Okay Program – This program is set-up through the Sheriff's Department of Bristol County. The Sheriff's office will make a telephone call to an individual's home at approximately the same time each day. If no one answers or if the phone is busy the Sheriff's Department will call back shortly. If no one answers the second time your "First Responder" will be call immediately to check on you. Information on this program can be obtained by calling 508-994-8932 or toll free 1-888-809-8932.

IRIS Scanning – A program designed to enroll, locate and positively identify missing seniors. Images of the eyes are created and uploaded to a computer database to assist law enforcement in the event of an emergency. For information on IRIS Scanning contact the Bristol County Sheriff's Office at 508-995-6400.

TRIAD Informational Tote Bags – For new seniors moving into Mansfield or those Seniors who are not familiar with the Council on Aging or TRIAD. The COA's Outreach Staff will be glad to deliver a bag full of TRIAD Information, or pick one up at the Council On Aging – 255 Hope St. Mansfield.

Volunteers – are always needed and can join TRIAD at any time. The TRIAD Organization meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm at the Council on Aging. If you would like to be involved and volunteer some time please contact the COA at 508-261-7368.