

Elder Abuse Community Outreach Report

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Knox County Sheriff Officer Training

The Knox County Sheriff's Office is part of the Knoxville Police Department's ambitious goal to train the sworn officers in the city and county in an 8-hour curriculum on elder abuse. This training is team taught by representatives of the Knox County Sheriff's Office, Adult Protective Services, Helen Ross McNabb Center, and the Knox County District Attorney General's Office. 72 Officers—including the trainers—have already been trained as of the end of February with several hundred to follow. By September 2018, over 800 officers are expected to have been trained under this grant which makes Knoxville-Knox County among the most trained communities in the country on this topic. Additionally, 100+ investigators—including 81 KCSO investigators—will receive advanced training on abuse.

What Have Officers Liked About Training?

- "In-depth information"
- "Knowledge instructors had"
- "Different topics presented by multiple trainers"
- "The instructors were great, kept it interesting"
- "Information and resources provided to us to do our job more effectively"
- "Class Interaction"
- "Gave me new information on how to interview victims"
- "Local phone numbers and resources"
- "Gives a different perspective on elder abuse"
- "All"

Who's Been Trained?

- 450+ Law Enforcement Officers
- 100+ Community Members
- 100 Community Leaders
- 75 Social Workers
- 20 Law Enforcement Trainers
- 5 Victim Services Trainers
- 3 Judges
- 2 Prosecutors
- More to follow!

Engaging the Faith Community on Elder Abuse

We asked 147 older adults where services for elder abuse victims should be offered. Nearly 62% (n=84) felt that a church, synagogue, mosque, or other faith community building would be a good place to hold such services. This is because older adults in our community recognize places of worship as a safe, reliable setting for sharing fears and getting help. The Elder Abuse Community Outreach Program recognizes the important role that the faith community places in

the lives of older adults.

If your church or other faith-based organization would like to learn more about elder abuse or partner with us on education and outreach, please contact Joseph at 865-524-2786 or joseph.winberry@knoxseniors.org.

For more on this topic, please visit: www.ncall.us/faitth-community.

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Knox County Sheriff Officer Training Pictures



Top Left: KCSO Officers discuss a small group exercise amongst themselves.

Bottom Left: Officer Marcus Parton and Assistant DA Willie Santana begin a KCSO elder abuse training.

Bottom Right: Helen Ross McNabb Center's Lauren Stuart describes victim indicators of elder abuse.



NCALL Resources on Elder Abuse

- [Advocate's Toolkit](#)
- [Graphics & Media](#)
- [Video Library](#)
- [Webinars](#)
- [Publications By Topic](#)

Are you interested in learning more about Knoxville's elder abuse grant or want to know how you can be involved?

Contact Joseph Winberry,
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www.knoxseniors.org/eacop.html

To report abuse, contact Adult Protective Services at:
1-888-APS-TENN (1-888-277-8366) or [online](#).

Remember, reporting abuse is mandatory under state law!

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