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“Seniors, Law Enforcement and
Community Groups working together
for Senior Safety...
throughout the State!”

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*A great place to share senior safety
information from throughout the
state.*



WELCOME

to the MN Triad Newsletter
that is by Triad members
for Triad members and anyone interested
in senior safety issues.

We want to hear from you!

Please forward any ideas, concerns, current
fraud schemes, along with what you are
doing in your Triad programs (including
pictures) to us so we can share throughout
the state.

We like to “meet” Triad members throughout
the state in our Featured Members column.
We also like to share recipes from Triad
members throughout the state.

Any information you would like to share can
be sent to triadm@gmail.com.

*Thank you for making this newsletter the
best that it can be!*

MN Triad Conferences

2022 MN Triad Conference
Hosted with AARP
(Hopefully, in person and Zoom)

2023 MN Triad Conference
Hosted by Goodhue County

Goodhue is busy planning for
our first in-person conference
since 2019!!

Did You Know?

**In 1948, the price of a
McDonald's hamburger was 15
cents and a gallon of
gas was .26 cents.**

Featured Members

**Bryan Welk
Cass County Sheriff's Office**

*MN Triad has talked about having some of our
Law Enforcement employees share about
themselves and their positions within the Law
Enforcement Agencies. To start this off, I asked
our Cass County Chief Deputy to share
some of his experience, as he has held several
positions within our agency.*

I started in 1997 as a dispatcher for the Cass
county Sheriff's Office, working for
\$7.15/hour. Dispatchers are responsible for
all emergency calls (Police, Fire EMS, along
with Administrative calls). Dispatchers are
also a lifeline to emergency responders.
Dispatchers give pre-arrival emergency
instructions, which may include CPR. When I
started, we didn't have the technology we
have now. We used to use platbooks to
determine to location of the emergency. We
used typewriters to type out the ICRs (Initial
Complaint Reports) and hand wrote out the
number sequence. To say the least, this has
changed greatly with the advent of new
technology. With my experience in dispatch,
it became apparent I wanted to be directly
involved in responding to the emergencies,
so I started school to become a licensed
peace officer in 2001. I attended school while
continuing to work full-time as an overnight
dispatcher and raise a family. I worked briefly
as the Remer Police Chief and a part-time
Cass County Deputy before working full-time
as a deputy for the Cass County Sheriff's
Office. Deputies respond to emergencies
and calls for service. They also investigate
crimes, civil matters and act as Deputy
Coroners, when needed. I had the
opportunity to attend many trainings and
became a member of the Emergency
Response Unit, where I was a Certified Crisis
Negotiator and a Co-Team Leader. This
allowed me to use de-escalation techniques
for hostage situations, barricaded suspects
or with people experiencing crisis. In 2010, I
was promoted to Patrol Sergeant, where I
oversaw the Central Patrol District, which
included six deputies. Responsibilities of that
position included Case Management and On-
Scene Management. I have also held the
positions of Patrol Lieutenant and Chief
Deputy. Both these positions led to more
supervisory and administrative
responsibilities within the office, including
grants, vehicle and equipment ordering. I
also spent time serving as Sergeant in the
Jail when we were short-staffed. The Jail is
responsible for housing and caring for
inmates while in custody. Working in the Jail
was a completely different aspect from my
other positions. There are inmate medical
and mental health needs and the various
challenges that arise everyday, especially
with Court appearances and transports. As a
Patrol Sergeant, you still work on the road
with those you supervise. The Lieutenant and
Chief Deputy positions are more
administrative and therefore, more time is
spent in the office instead of directly to
responding to calls. I would say that most
officers in these Administrative positions do
miss their time on the road and the
opportunity to interact with staff and citizens
we serve. However, you still need to stay
current on mandated trainings, policies and
procedures in all the positions. Having these
roles over the years in all the different
divisions of the Sheriff's Office gives a
person a better overall perspective and
makes for a better supervisor, as you can
speak from experience. It allows you to see
the value of all staff and understand what all

the positions require and are responsible for. It truly does take everyone working together to provide the best public safety for our citizens and visitors.

It's All About Safety

Report Scams and Frauds

From USA.gov

Report Scams and Fraud

With so many kinds of scams, it's hard to figure out where to report each type. Gather emails, receipts, and phone numbers so you're prepared to complete your report.

Report Scams to Your Local Government

Start by reporting the scam to your [state consumer protection office](#). If you lost money or other possessions in a scam, report it to your local police too.

Report Scams to the Federal Government

You can report scams to the federal government. Your report may keep others from experiencing a scam. Government agencies use reports of scams to track scam patterns. They may even take legal action against a company or industry based on the reports. However, agencies don't follow up after you report, and can't recover lost money. Do not use the contact information included in scam messages. Use verified contact information in USA.gov's [federal agency directory](#) to report other government imposters.

Report Disaster and Emergency Scams

Report coronavirus scams and other scams about disasters and emergencies.

- Use the National Center for Disaster Fraud's [web complaint form](#) or call 866-720-5721.
- Find more information on [identifying and reporting coronavirus scams](#).

Report Most Common Scams

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is the main agency that collects scam reports.

[Report the scam to the FTC online](#), or by phone at 1-877-382-4357 (9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, ET). The FTC accepts complaints about most scams, including these popular ones:

- Phone calls
- Emails
- Computer support scams
- Imposter scams
- Fake checks
- Demands for you to send money (check, wire transfers, gift cards)
- Student loan or scholarship scams
- Prize, grants, and sweepstakes offers

The FTC also collects reports of identity theft.

Report identity theft online at [IdentityTheft.gov](#) or by phone at 1-877-438-4338 (9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, ET).

Report Online and International Scams

Report fake websites, emails, malware, and

other internet scams to the [Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\)](#). Some online scams start outside the United States. If you have been affected by an international scam, report it through [econsumer.gov](#). Your report helps international consumer protection offices spot trends and prevent scams.

Report Social Security or IRS Imposter Scams

Scammers often pretend to work for the Social Security Administration (SSA) or Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Common signs include:

- Robocalls
- Threats of arrest or lawsuits
- Demands for payments
- Suspension of your social security number
- Cancellation of your social security benefits

Report IRS imposters to the [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration \(TIGTA\)](#). To report by phone, call TIGTA at 1-800-366-4484.

Report Scams to Third Parties

You may want to report the scam to organizations outside of the government. Third parties may be able to get your money back or remove fraudulent charges.

Report a scam that happened with an online seller or a payment transfer system to the company's fraud department.

If you used your credit card or bank account to pay a scammer, report it to the card issuer or bank. Also report scams to the major credit reporting agencies. [Place a fraud alert](#) on your credit report to prevent someone from opening credit accounts in your name.

Report Suspected Tax Fraud

[Report suspected tax fraud](#) to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). You may be eligible to claim a [Whistleblower Informant Award](#) for reporting the fraud. Report state tax fraud to [your state's department of revenue or other tax authority](#).

Tax-related identity (ID) theft is another form of tax fraud. It happens when someone steals your Social Security number to get a tax refund.

Report this type of fraud using

[IRS form 14039](#).

Report threatening calls or emails claiming to be from the IRS to them [online](#) or by calling 1-800-366-4484. Forward any website links that claim to be the IRS, but don't start with "www.irs.gov" to [phishing@irs.gov](#).

(ctrl/click on the links to go to the listed site)

Recipe

(We ran out of room....watch for one of Mickey's great recipes next quarter!)

MN Triad Meetings

We had our first in-person MN Triad Meeting in over 2 years!! Our meeting was held on Wednesday, May 25th at Tobie's Restaurant in Hinckley.

We had 11 people and it was a great meeting! Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Champlin, Goodhue and Isanti Counties were represented. Thank you to the other counties who were in contact with us!

Aitkin, Champlin, Goodhue and Isanti are meeting in person. We are not aware of any other counties that are active at this time.

All counties were encouraged to update their Triad information on the National Sheriffs' Association website, as well as our own MN Triad Contact information. This information was emailed with the minutes out to all Triad members.

There was discussion about if there is a need for 501c3. Kelly will check with the MN Sheriffs' Association to make sure we're still able to use theirs, if needed. Goodhue and Crow Wing both have 501c3's and several Triad programs are under the umbrella of a senior center, their county or other non-profit organization.

We are looking to collaborate with Jay Haapala, AARP, on an in-person day conference in the Isanti County area later this year (November/December). Goodhue County is already planning the 2023 MN Triad Conference (in-person) – yea!!

We are always looking for submissions for the MN Triad Newsletter. They can be sent to triadmn@gmail.com or paulinefaheycc@gmail.com. Special thank you to Pauline for her work on the newsletter and to Mickey for her recipe section! We would also like to highlight Law Enforcement employees and their positions. If you have someone who would be willing to share who they are and what they do, you can send that information to either of these emails, also.

There may be a File of Life order placed in the future. If you need some, let Pauline know.

A special thank you to Julie for making cards for all the retiring Sheriffs and for donating the postage to send them.

Next meeting date and location TBD.

If you have any questions, items that should be addressed or that you'd like to share with our Triad members throughout the state, please contact our MN Triad Board Members or send an e-mail message to triadmn@gmail.com.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend these State Triad meetings.