



FEDERAL, STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING TO THE CRIMES OF ELDER ABUSE AND FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION. As Americans are living longer and older adults are our fastest growing demographic, the importance of this role is going to grow as well. The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) has developed a few resources to help law enforcement officers respond effectively to cases involving elder abuse and is promoting many others developed by the Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) and the Office of Justice Programs (OJP).

The following resources are on the EJI's website at <https://www.justice.gov/elderjustice> or elderjustice.gov.

Here's How We Can Help

In-person training

- **The National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) Financial Crimes Against Seniors Seminars** are already scheduled across the country, but NW3C will consider communities' requests for additional delivery of the training.

Online training activities

- **The Beat Podcasts** (available June 10, 2019). Six law enforcement professionals share their insights on the role of law enforcement in elder abuse cases, collecting evidence in cases of neglect and of physical or sexual abuse, and recognizing that financial exploitation is a crime.
- **Responding to Elder Abuse: What Law Enforcement Should Know.** This 15-minute video describes what law enforcement agents need to know about elder abuse. (Funded by OVC)
- **Roll Call Videos. Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse: An Officer's Role.** This series of six roll call videos is designed for patrol officers to quickly recognize and respond to various types of elder abuse.
- **Law Enforcement Webinars.** The EJI has a series of webinars specifically for law enforcement officers working with elder abuse crimes.

COPS Office publications

- *Financial Crimes Against the Elderly Problem-Oriented Guide for Police*
- *Physical and Emotional Abuse of the Elderly Problem-Oriented Guide for Police*

Online tools and resources

- **EAGLE (Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement).** The EAGLE is a web module for law enforcement to better respond to elder abuse cases and quickly locate resources in the area. It also contains first responder checklists, evidence collection tips, information, and training activities.
- **SAFTA (Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting Tool).** This easy-to-use Excel tool provides a simplified method for identifying suspicious financial patterns to facilitate the prosecution of financial exploitation of older adults, and it includes a subpoena template.
- **Legal Issues Related to Elder Abuse: A Pocket Guide for Law Enforcement.** This is a comprehensive guide for law enforcement responding to elder abuse, including a list of alternative charges and explanations for legal terms law enforcement agents need to know. (Funded by BJA)
- **Rural and Tribal Elder Justice Resource Guide.** This guide presents resources for professionals, including law enforcement (pp. 22–23), as well as resources for community outreach (pp. 30–38).
- **Online Elder Justice Community.** Law enforcement and prosecutors now have a secure online community devoted to elder justice tools, resources, peer support, training videos, and experts. (Managed by CDAA)

Find all these resources and more at elderjustice.gov.

To join the online elder justice community, email emartinelli@cdaa.org.
