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Colleagues:

The United States is experiencing considerable growth of its older population, which will continue to grow until it almost doubles by 2050. The U.S. Department of Justice understands the escalating need that state, local and tribal law enforcement are facing, and will be addressing this issue during World Elder Abuse Awareness Week from June 10–14, 2019.

During this week, the COPS Office will be promoting a new series of *The Beat* podcasts we have developed along with our existing resources and those across the U.S. Department of Justice that may serve you and your members. I encourage you to visit the [Elder Justice Initiative website](#), where the Department’s comprehensive array of tools, resources, and videos are available at your fingertips. Please share these resources as broadly as possible to help your members. All of the training and resources are available at no cost. Please see the following list for the highlights of what is available.

Tools

- Elder Abuse Guide for Law Enforcement ([EAGLE](#)): EAGLE is a web module for law enforcement to better respond to elder abuse cases, quickly locate resources in the area, and engage in training activities.
- Senior Abuse Financial Tracking and Accounting Tool ([SAFTA](#)): 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.

Seminars

- [Financial Crimes Against Seniors Seminars](#): These seminars are already scheduled across the country, but the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C) will consider communities’ requests for additional delivery of the training.

Training

- [The Beat Podcasts](#): 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.

- [Roll Call Videos: Identifying and Responding to Elder Abuse: An Officer's Role](#): This is a series of six roll call videos designed for patrol officers to quickly recognize and respond to various types of elder abuse.
- [EJI Law Enforcement Webinars](#): EAGLE has a series of webinars specifically for law enforcement officers working with elder abuse crimes.
- [Responding to Elder Abuse: What Law Enforcement Should Know](#): This 15-minute video describes what law enforcement needs to know about elder abuse.
- [Law Enforcement Webinars](#): The EJI also has a series of webinars specifically for law enforcement officers working with elder abuse crimes.
- [Finding the Right Fit: Decision-Making Supports and Guardianship](#): This is a one-hour online guardianship training for professionals and the general public.

Guides

- [Legal Issues Related to Elder Abuse: A Pocket Guide for Law Enforcement](#): This comprehensive guide for law enforcement responding to elder abuse includes a list of alternative charges and explanations for aspects of elder abuse such as powers of attorney and other legal terms law enforcement needs to know.
- [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.
- [Financial Crimes Against the Elderly Problem-Oriented Guide for Police](#): This comprehensive 88-page guide for law enforcement addresses the problem of financial crimes against older adults.
- [Physical and Emotional Abuse of the Elderly Problem-Oriented Guide for Police](#): This 64-page publication guides law enforcement in responding to physical and emotional abuse of older adults.

Case Studies

- [Elder Abuse Stories](#): The Elder Justice Initiative (EJI) compiled a list of elder abuse stories that demonstrate how various forms of elder abuse can manifest.

We hope you find these assembled resources valuable enough to share with your membership to equip local law enforcement with the tools to keep older adults safer. Please let me know if there are other areas in which the Department could assist local law enforcement to serve older adults.

Sincerely,



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