

## MISSION STATEMENT

To educate and provide positive interaction for our mature communities to prevent them from being victimized.

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# *Senior Academy*

# Welcome to the Senior Academy



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The State of Florida has always had a reputation to be a wonderful place to retire. Our state has shown such an increase of numbers that many of our officials have made it a top priority to educate the “55 and over” crowd on personal safety issues.

Former Attorney General Bob Butterworth had this to share, “With Florida’s explosive growth and the increase of age of our state’s population have come criminal behavior directed against our senior citizens. Perhaps even more important than the raw numbers is the psychological and emotional impact of crime on our older citizens. As we educate law enforcement, social services, judiciary and other elements of our society, it is critical that we also educate our senior citizens.”

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The Orange County Sheriff’s Office has recognized the importance of education for all ages and has incorporated the Senior Academy.

The objectives underlying the Senior Academy: (1) Reducing the prospect of seniors becoming victimized through educational awareness programs; (2) Reducing seniors’ fears of criminal victimization.

## WHEN THE CLASS IS HELD

The Senior Academy starts new classes approximately every six weeks. What is so unique about this program is that the Sheriff’s Office comes to YOU. The classes will be held once a week during the day, lasting 3 hours. The class has no physical requirements. The minimum number of students is 20. The course is FREE.

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

The topics the academy covers include (but are not limited to): fraud/identity theft, gangs, senior crime prevention, auto theft, missing persons, property crimes, K-9, driver awareness, drug-free living, and communications.

Senior Academy students will be eligible to:

- ◆ Ride with a deputy
- ◆ Become a S.A.L.T. Volunteer
- ◆ Attend Civilian Police Academy

Once students have completed the class, they will have the knowledge to be able to speak with authority and intelligence on how not to become a victim of a crime. This added knowledge will help them identify crime, report crimes and maintain involvement with neighborhood watch programs.

If you or your organization would like to participate in this outstanding program, please contact the Senior Academy at 407-254-7375 for more information.

