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Siloam Springs Police Department Hosting Senior Safety Academy

Tuesday, September 8, 2015 (*Siloam Springs, Ark.*) The Siloam Springs Police Department and Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (SALT) are hosting a Senior Safety Academy on Tuesday, September 22 and Thursday September 24 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. This free seminar will be held at the Siloam Springs Senior Activity and Wellness Center at 750 Heritage Court. The focus of this program is to provide seniors with crime prevention education, recognition and resources to better protect themselves and to avoid becoming a crime victim. Attendees need to register for the Senior Safety Academy by calling 479-228-0552 or emailing policedept@siloamsprings.com

Topics for the academy include:

- Identify Theft Protection and Prevention
- Scams Targeting Seniors
- Safety Issues with People with Dementia
- Siloam Springs Police Department's Response to Crime
- Project Stronghold (Siloam Springs Police Department's Home Safety Program)
- Elder Abuse (recognition and reporting)
- Smart 911 (provides information to emergency responders prior to their arrival)
- Siloam Alert (Emergency Notification System for Siloam Springs)
- Citizen Concerns/Open Forum Questions and Answers

The program is open to senior citizens and caregivers.

The Benton County SALT Committee was originally formed in the mid 1990s with the first Senior Academy being held in 1997 in Bentonville, AR. It is a local advisory council consisting of older adult community members and law enforcement. In 2015, the Siloam Springs Police Department began its partnership with the Benton County SALT committee. Siloam Springs Police Department Major Geoff Lewis said, "We recognize the value of our senior citizens and are committed to their well-being in our community. This Senior Safety Academy is just another way we are working to protect them".

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