



# The S.A.L.T. Communicator

Seniors and Law Enforcement Together

Serving & Protecting Senior Citizens

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Coordinated by S.A.L.T. Chairman Ken McNatt

## DuPage County Sheriff's Guardian Program

Submitted by Dr. Jack Udelhofen

Over the past six years, Milton Township S.A.L.T. Council has offered an effective, safe and free program called the "Guardian." This program offers routine telephone checks to verify your safety. If you live alone and do not go out everyday this is a great program to consider. We encourage all eligible seniors to take advantage of this free assistance. Please consider this for yourself or pass along this information to someone who could benefit from the Guardian Program.

Don't wait until you have an emergency, call today!  
630.407.2400

Be sure to check out our new website for the latest updates, programs, current scams and previous issues of the S.A.L.T. Communicator.



[www.milontownship.net](http://www.milontownship.net)

DuPage County Sheriff's Office  
**GUARDIAN PROGRAM**

Do you live alone?

Would you like to know that someone is watching out for you?

If your answer is **YES**, we have the program for you!

The **Guardian Program** will routinely check on your well being. And, if you're in trouble, **Guardian** will automatically alert emergency personnel.

Call **630.407.2400** for details on this **FREE** service.

Milton Township S.A.L.T. Council  
& Sheriff John E. Zaruba

### Mission Statement

The purpose of Milton Township S.A.L.T. Council is to determine and to meet the needs of Senior Citizens by reducing crime and abuse and by enhancing safety through communication and education in cooperation with the Township, law enforcement agencies, and other community agencies and organizations.

## Comfort Keepers

**C**omfort Keepers provides home based services for those in need. It is no surprise that there are increasing numbers of families and seniors dealing with care issues. Ms. Jacobsen's agency is a member of the National Private Duty Association which is one of 75 agencies in Illinois and 600 nationally who are supporting new legislation aimed at additional protection for consumers.

There is a bill under consideration in Illinois, that would provide additional safeguards and peace of mind for those families or individuals who use private agencies for assistance. The intent of the legislation is twofold. First, it would require home care referral agencies to perform criminal background checks, which is not mandatory now. Secondly, it would require a one page notification that the agency, worker, and consumer all sign outlining the employer-employee rights and responsibilities of each party under existing law. Currently, the consumer is not aware of these responsibilities.



Under the new law, it would require the Illinois Department of Public Health to license private duty, registries and private employment agencies that employ or place home care workers. Agencies would also be required to address the safety and well being of the consumer/client, requiring mandatory reporting of incidences of known or suspected abuse, neglect or financial exploitations by an in home support services worker.

### *Want to Know More?*

For additional information about the status of this legislation or for a free in home consultation contact:

Teri Jacobsen  
**630.892.9600**

[www.comfortkeepers.com](http://www.comfortkeepers.com)

## Citizen Police Academy

*Submitted by Cpl Jack Dellinger*

The Sheriff's Citizen Police Academy is bringing together the DuPage County Sheriff's office and the residents of DuPage County. This opportunity is for citizens to see first hand the duties and responsibilities of law enforcement. In turn, this will provide a clearer understanding of what the community can expect from the officers who serve them and what the officers can expect from the citizens who support them.

The academy is very popular with classes filling up early. Classes are conducted three times a year, in the spring, summer and fall. Sign up now for fall. For additional information or an application you can contact us by:

Website: [www.co.dupage.il.us/sheriff](http://www.co.dupage.il.us/sheriff)  
Telephone: **630.407.2400**  
Email: [pstelter@dupageco.org](mailto:pstelter@dupageco.org)

**The August meeting of the S.A.L.T. Council is canceled due to summer holidays and vacations. The next meeting will be in September.**

**For information call 630.668.1616**

*Come Join Us!*

# Identity Theft.....#1 Crime

Submitted by Joe Vanest

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The federal government continues to inform us that Identify Theft is the number one largest crime in the U.S. today. If you want to take a free test to see if you are at risk visit:

[www.idtheftcenter.org](http://www.idtheftcenter.org)

## Do Not Call Registry for Home & Cell Phones

**T**he Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is giving you a choice about whether or not you want to receive telemarketing sales calls. You can register your home and cell numbers. You have the option of registering three telephone numbers through the FTC website or toll free telephone number.

The FTC does not allow private companies to register consumers. Telephone or email solicitations claiming to register a consumer's name or telephone number on the registry.... especially those that charge a fee, are a scam. Your telephone number remains on the "Do Not Call List" for five years unless you contact them to have it removed. You must do this yourself or have a family member do it for you.

**Visit [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov)  
or call 1.888.382.1222**

## DuPage Crime Stoppers

Submitted by Cpl Jack Dellinger

**Y**ou can help make your community a safer place to live and a better place to be!

- ❑ Call to report any criminal activity
- ❑ Don't give your name
- ❑ You stay anonymous by a Code #

If a caller's information results in the arrest and the filing of criminal charges, contact will be made so that the person can receive his/her reward in CASH and preserve their anonymity. The Board of Directors oversees the program and approves the rewards to be paid based on information presented by the Police Coordinator.



*Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization and is funded entirely through donations from the public. Contributions are tax deductible.*

**Rewards up to \$1,000! ■ 1.800.424.9119**

## Assistance at Home Available Locally

**T**here's no place like right at home! If given the choice, most seniors would prefer to be cared for in the familiar surroundings of their own home. Qualified, dedicated Certified Nurse Assistants or home companions can make a significant difference in the quality of life for seniors who wish to live independently in their own homes.

Private duty home care provides services to assist individuals with activities of daily living such as personal hygiene, medication reminders, ambulation, meal preparation, housekeeping, laundry, shopping and companionship. They are also available to provide a break for families, or take their place while they are traveling.

There are several private duty home care options:

- **Full Service Agencies:** These agencies typically screen, train, employ and supervise caregiving staff. Most agencies bond and insure their employees. Illinois law requires that home care agencies perform employee criminal background checks and many do drug screening also.
- **Employment Agencies:** These agencies place caregivers with clients and generally collect a placement fee. Some pre-screen and follow up to ensure customer satisfaction. This arrangement leaves the client assuming all of the responsibilities of an employer required by Illinois labor laws.



- **Hiring Privately:** The client can hire independent providers of care, such as nurses, companions or aides privately. If an employer-employee relationship is established between the client and caregiver, the client will be responsible for all state and federal payroll requirements, as well as workers' compensation and unemployment compensation obligations. However, there are situations where the relationship is as an independent contractor and these responsibilities are not the responsibility of the client.

*Each specific situation and the needs of the client can dictate the best possible option of choice.*

### For More Information Contact

Connie Bowman

630.529.4000

[www.rightathome.net/wcchicago](http://www.rightathome.net/wcchicago)

### Illinois One Call System

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Get the scoop before you dig! Warmer weather brings outdoor projects. Before you begin digging on your property, remember to call JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information For Excavators). This statewide, one call system, will inform NICOR gas and other utilities of your digging or excavating plans. You must call at least 48 hours before you begin, but no more than two weeks prior to beginning.

**1.800.892.0123**

## Everything You Ever Wanted to Know!

**E**verything you ever wanted to know or learn about is available right in your own community! Marget Hamilton, Manager of the Older Adult Institute (OAI), presented information about the College of DuPage, Older Adult Institute at the Council meeting in April. Dedicated to enhancing the intellectual, cultural and social life of the mature learner, OAI includes a wide variety of credit classes in the humanities, sciences and fine arts. Students even can apply credits earned in these classes to an associate's degree. The Institute is for mature persons 55 years of age and older who are seeking the challenge and intellectual stimulation of an academic setting.

Non-credit and credit classes are available on the campus of College of DuPage and at 35/40 neighborhood locations. Credit classes include history, humanities, literature and political



**Marget Hamilton**  
Manager,  
Older Adult  
Institute (OAI)

science. Non-credit offerings include a variety of computer courses, travelogues, exercise, dance and other stimulating topics.

Credit courses are \$50 per credit hour, \$19 per credit hour applies to residents of Community College District 502 who are 65 years and older. The non-credit courses vary in tuition and fees depending on the course offerings. OAI proves that it's never too late to engage in intellectual discovery. They even have Sunday big band dances for people to dance, or just listen and watch. [Check it out at www.cod.edu/conted/oai](http://www.cod.edu/conted/oai) or call 630.942.2700 for more information.

## Recognizing a Stroke

**S**ometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms. Doctor's say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking the individual to do three simple things:

- 1) Smile
- 2) Raise both arms
- 3) Speak a simple sentence

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, **call 911 immediately** and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

*Be a friend and share this information with as many friends as possible...you could save a life!*

## Sheriff Seeks Volunteers for S.T.A.R. Program

*Submitted by Cpl Jack Dellinger*

**S**heriff John E. Zaruba is once again seeking volunteers for the S.T.A.R. (Sheriff's Trail Watchers are Responding) Program. This is a community-based component of the Sheriff's Prairie Path Protection Project.

The program kicked off last August with 68 volunteers. S.T.A.R. welcomes individuals, clubs or organizations interested in making the DuPage County trail system safer for everyone.

To volunteer or for more information contact

**Sergeant Paul Stelter**  
**630.407.2317**



# Serving & Protecting Senior Citizens

## S.A.L.T. Council Members

Ken J. McNatt, Chairman • Joe Vanest, Vice Chairman • Jodi Hefler, Glen Ellyn Senior Citizen Coordinator/Community Relations • Gail Hinkle, Social Services Coordinator  
Carl Lofgren, Seniors Coordinator/Asst. to Assessor • Bill Parbs, Director of Communications

## DuPage Sheriff's Office

Jim Hatcher, Director of Senior Services • Cpl. Jack Dellinger, Deputy Sheriff Liaison • Bill Mennell

Chief Greg Berk, Wheaton Fire Chief • Sue Davison, Medicare Advocate CDH  
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**In Cooperation with DuPage Sheriff's Office – John Zaruba, Sheriff**

- ▶ Guardian Program
- ▶ Home Based Services & Assistance
- ▶ Identity Theft
- ▶ S.T.A.R. Program
- ▶ Community Help & Education Programs

## *HOT* Topics

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