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## SHERIFF BELLOTTI HOLDS EVENT TO HELP SENIORS

FRANKLIN, MA, Jan. 19, 2016 – The Norfolk County Sheriff's Office visited the Eaton Place apartment complex last week to offer tips to help seniors avoid injuries from falls and to inform them about programs available to them.

Sheriff Michael G. Bellotti's community programs are aimed primarily at helping young people and senior citizens. In this instance, his representatives informed the Eaton Place residents about the Triad program, which links seniors with public safety officials and community advocates. The aim is to promote communication and a flow of information among all parties.

During the presentation, Sheriff Bellotti's staff presented a talk on avoiding falls in the home. The sheriff's "Are You OK?" program also addresses that danger by providing a service that makes phone calls each morning, 365 days a year, to make sure that residents on the other end of the line are OK. If the person does not answer the phone or otherwise indicates something is wrong, the "Are You OK?" officer can immediately summon help. Unfortunately, all too often help is called for people who have fallen and injured themselves.

"These programs are free-of-charge to those who sign up, and we are encouraging many more people to join," Sheriff Bellotti said. "They provide a layer of security for the person enrolled and they give peace of mind to their relatives who are concerned about their older loved ones' well-being."

Sheriff Bellotti's staff will be back in Franklin at the Franklin Library on Feb. 17 to host a talk on avoiding frauds and scams. The staff will visit the Medway Council on Aging on Feb. 23 to present another demonstration on avoiding falls and will return to Franklin at the Council on Aging on March 28 for a Triad program presentation.

To enroll in "Are You OK?" or to learn more Sheriff Bellotti's programs, call 1-866-900-7865 (RUOK) or visit [www.norfolksheriff.com](http://www.norfolksheriff.com) and click on the "Community Programs" heading.