

# **Elderly, Youth and Community Services Programs**

**Ageless Expo**-This annual event is sponsored by the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Department and is held in the Spring of each year for the Senior Citizens of St. Martin Parish (Ages 55 and up).

Vendors are available for the participants and they offer a range of information and services from health care, recreation, fitness, home improvements, etc. Guest speakers, entertainment, door prizes and lunch are provided free of charge to the participants. Additionally, an event is also held annually for Senior Citizens in lower St. Martin Parish in the Stephenville-Belle River area.

**Are You OK Program**-This program is designed to contact an elderly person, homebound individual or latch-key child on a daily basis helps to reassure their well being and also give them a feeling of security. Each day at a pre-arranged time, **RUOK®** automatically makes a computerized monitoring call to those persons who are enrolled in the program. For more information on how to enroll in the Are You Ok Program, please contact Deputy Daisy Trimble @ (337) 394-2715.

**Crime Prevention-Neighborhood Watch**-Deputies in the Special Services Department can provide residents with information on Crime Prevention and ways to keep both themselves and their property safe. Community Service Presentations and appearances by McGruff the Dog can be requested for Civic and School Functions by contacting Major Ginny Higgins @ (337) 394-2725. Residents are encouraged to start and maintain a Neighborhood Watch Group in their area. A Deputy will meet with concerned citizens regarding specific crime problems they are facing in their neighborhood and will attend Neighborhood Watch Meetings and provide information and resources to address their particular needs. For more information on how to start and maintain a group in your neighborhood, please contact Deputy Daisy Trimble at (337) 394-2715. Additionally, we offer fingerprinting to children at various events in the community and by request.

**Domestic Violence Month Activities**-In observation of Domestic Violence Awareness month during the month of October, the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office provides information and awareness regarding domestic violence, teen dating violence, and sexual assault to residents of St. Martin Parish. A community event is held and information and brochures are available to those individuals who may need assistance or know someone who is in a domestic violence situation. This information is also distributed through the School Resource Officers to their assigned school to bring about awareness and prevention of domestic violence.

The St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office offers the following events and services for the Elderly and Youth of St. Martin Parish:

## **Elderly**

- Presentations and information on scams/frauds/hurricane preparedness, etc.
- Annual Ageless Expo
- Council on Aging Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Council on Aging Christmas Gumbo
- Lower St. Martin Parish Annual Gumbo
- Are You Okay Program
- Smoke Alarm Program
- AARP Safe Driving Program
- File of Life Program
- Application assistance for Seniors in need of commodities or other services.
- Welfare Checks of the Elderly or infirmed living in substandard conditions with little or no family or financial assistance.

## **Youth**

- Car Seat Safety Checks
- Fingerprint/Child I.D.
- Bullying/Cyber bullying and Teen Dating Violence Presentations and Information
- McGruff the Dog Appearances
- Community Service Events that include activities for the children along with information For Parents and Caregivers
- D.A.R.E. Program
- SRO Program
- S.A.V.E. Program-Students Against Violence Everywhere
- Eddie the Eagle Program
- La. Sheriff's Association Scholarship Program
- Ronald J. Theriot Scholarship Program