

MAINE AGING INITIATIVE: Public and Private Safety Workgroup

Meeting Minutes: September 16, 2016

9:30-11AM

Location: Topsham, PD

Present at the meeting: Joel Merry, Jane Margesson (by telephone), Joe Thomas, Cara Courschesne, Shawn Lewin

1. The majority of the meeting focused on the proposed public safety training “Train the Trainer” and the group decided on November 9<sup>th</sup> as the date for this event. The program will start with registration at 9:30 and end at 1PM with lunch provided at about 12:15.
2. Joel suggested the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church at 132 McKeen St, Brunswick for the event. There is adequate space and the church allows outside catering. Joel was going to look into a local caterer and work with Jane on those logistics as this even will be paid for by AARP Maine.
3. The event will feature three presentations: scams, fall prevention and fire safety. The presentations will be made available to the audience on pre-loaded flash drives.
4. Jane followed up with a list of possible organizations, agencies etc. that attended a previous training in Portland which might be open to attending this one in Brunswick:
  - a. State Sheriff's Association
  - b. Maine State Police
  - c. Local police departments
  - d. Maine Legal Services for the Elderly
  - e. Maine Council for Elder Abuse Prevention
  - f. Maine Fraud Prevention Alliance
  - g. Offices of federal and state representatives
  - h. Maine Council on Aging
  - i. FBI
  - j. US Postal Inspection Service
  - k. Maine Educators Association – Retired
  - l. Independent living facilities
  - m. Area Agencies on Aging
  - n. US Department of Justice
  - o. Portland Department of Elder Affairs
  - p. Universities and colleges
  - q. Home Health Aide Organizations
  - r. US Attorney’s Office
  - s. Bank administrators
  - t. Visiting Nurses Association
  - u. TRIAD
  - v. Portland Housing Authority
  - w. University of Maine – Extension (senior companion program, etc.)
5. The group worked together to draft an event invitation at the close of the meeting.
6. Joel and Mike Field are continuing their efforts to consider drug collection box availability in Maine and how to best compile this information for dissemination. The group hopes to have a presenter at a future meeting on Home Repair Scams – possibly through the AG’s office.