

## Senior Citizen Safety Awareness Month

As you may already know, I have made protecting senior citizens a priority in my office. I have spoken to over 6,000 senior citizens on how to protect themselves from becoming a victim of crime. In 2002, I began declaring September as Senior Citizen Safety Awareness Month in an effort to educate as many senior citizens as possible about con artist scams, purse snatchings, shopping tips and protecting their home.

During Senior Citizen Safety Awareness month, my office sponsors self-defense classes designed for senior citizens. Officers from the Akron University Police Department give demonstrations on how to break a hold, how to use a cane as a means of getting away, how to use car keys as a weapon and other simple maneuvers to escape a bad situation. Additionally, my office produces a Senior Citizen Safety Awareness Calendar in which each month features different safety tips.

