

***RETIREED MEN'S ASSOCIATION OF GREENWICH, Inc. (RMA)
invites you to attend its meeting, on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2012.
First Presbyterian Church, Lafayette Pl., Greenwich.
DETECTIVE MARK SOLOMON, GREENWICH POLICE DEP'T.
PTOTECTING AGAINST IDENTITY THEFT***



Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. It has a devastating effect on us financially, but its impact on the invasion of our privacy is personal, cutting to our very existence.

Although there is no foolproof way to completely prevent identity theft, our next speaker, Detective Mark Solomon will explain how we can better protect ourselves, particularly as 71 percent of the crimes happen within a week of the victim's personal data being stolen, and the average arrest rate is below five percent. He recommends, among other things, shredding financial documents before discarding them, not giving out personal information unless you are certain with whom you are dealing, and keeping private information in a secure location. He will also discuss "phishing", the act of attempting to acquire information such as usernames, passwords and credit card details (and sometimes, indirectly, money) by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic communication.

He is an 18-year veteran of the Greenwich Police Department; for the past 11 years, he has been assigned to its Criminal Investigation Division. He is a member of the International Association of Financial Crime Investigators, and in 2010 he received the MasterCard/IAFCI International Law Enforcement of the Year Award.

In December, 2008, he was assigned to the newly formed, "Connecticut Financial Crimes Task Force". The Task Force, under the direction of the U.S. Secret Service, investigates all financially related crimes occurring in or having a nexus to the State of Connecticut. Working with local, State and Federal agencies, the Task Force has arrested, or has assisted in the apprehension of 30 different Eastern European suspects targeting financial institutions with skimming devices. The Task Force created an ATM Skimming Email Alert System currently consisting of more than 400 law enforcement and banking security officials as well as ATM manufacturers across the United States and worldwide. The System assists law enforcement and the banking security industry in intelligence sharing and apprehension of suspects involved in ATM Skimming.

RMA members and their guests should arrive by 9:45 AM for our full meeting. The general public should plan to arrive at 10:45 AM. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Greenwich. No Charge and No Reservations are required. For additional information, call Bernard Schneider, 203-698-2558; bgsesq@gmail.com.