Resources Guide for Law Enforcement & Public Safety Officials

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Resources for Law Enforcement Officials

Online Trainings & Educational Resources

- Older Driver Resources for Law Enforcement NHTSA: The National Highway Traffic
 Safety Administration has resources specifically for law enforcement and older drivers. In
 their resources section, use the search tool and choose "Law Enforcement" in the
 Audiences section.
- Medical Conditions in Older Drivers Law Enforcement: Watch scenes from behind the
 wheel to learn how a person's driving might be affected by different medical problems.
 See how law enforcement officials can help a driver with medical problems with this
 video from NHTSA.
- <u>Identification and Referral of Medically Impaired Older Drivers:</u> This page includes law enforcement training tools and training for CPT credit.
- Educating Law Enforcement Officers on Older Driver Issues CHORUS: Learn to balance
 public safety with the needs of all constituents, including older drivers, to improve the
 safety and mobility of older drivers. This is an online self-paced course.
- The <u>Driver Orientation Screen for Cognitive Impairment</u> offers one example of a tool you can use for roadside screening.

Department of Motor Vehicles

- <u>Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)</u>: Driver Evaluation Recommendation Form for law enforcement or police.
- <u>Patrick McManamon</u>, Education Unit Supervisor, Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles, offers in-depth two-hour classes about older drivers for law enforcement agencies and departments. Reach out to Pat if you would like to host a class for your department and/or staff.

Elder Abuse Resources

If you suspect elder abuse, you should begin investigating and responding to the potential crime. Learn more about elder abuse laws and reporting from the <u>Vermont Attorney</u>

General's Elder Protection Initiative.

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Additional helpful resources and information

Driver Rehabilitation Programs

 <u>UVM Medical Center - Driver Rehab Program, Burlington</u>: The University of Vermont Medical Center occupational therapists are specially trained as driver educators to help get older people back on the road (if it is safe to do so).

Call: 802-847-3140

• <u>Central Vermont Medical Center - Clinical Driver Assessments, Berlin</u>: The Clinical Driving Assessment program is a comprehensive clinical assessment for those who may be at a high risk for an automobile crash.

Call: 802-847-3140

<u>Rutland Regional Driver Assessment Program, Rutland:</u> Specially trained therapists
provide screening services to ensure you can drive safely.

Call: 802-772-2490

• Adaptive Driving Associates, White River Junction: Certified driver rehabilitation.

Call: 802-296-2004

Transportation Options

• Rides In Sight: provides information about senior transportation options in local communities throughout the United States.

Call: +1-855-607-4337

 Vermont Public Transportation Association: provides mobility choices for seniors (60+) and people with disabilities.

Call: 802-442-0629

Vermont & National Older Adult Resources & Support

- AARP Smart Driver Course: The AARP Smart Driver course is the nation's first refresher course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. In many states, drivers may benefit from a discount on their auto insurance premium upon completing the course.
- AAA RoadWise Driver Program: a senior defensive driving program is an online course designed to positively affect driving behavior and help you learn about and adjust to agerelated physical changes.

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 <u>Department of Disabilities</u>, <u>Aging</u>, <u>and Independent Living (DAIL)</u>: Responsible for management and oversight of a full array of long-term services and supports for older Vermonters and adults with physical disabilities.

Call: 802-241-0294

- <u>Vermont Department of Health</u>: Older Driver Safety webpage with comprehensive information and interactive map of resources.
- Area Agencies on Aging: These agencies offer information and assistance to Vermonters age 60+ and their care partners.

Call 1-800-642-5119 to connect to your local agency or visit vermont4a.org

 Vermont 211: a database that contains detailed descriptions of programs and services available to Vermonters.

Call: 2-1-1

- Family Conversations with Older Drivers The Hartford
 - We Need to Talk... Family Conversations with Older Drivers Guidebook The Hartford