The Elderly Driver and Law Enforcement

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Who is Scarier?







Trick Question - they are the same



- Light speed reactions
- Lacks experience



Trick Question - they are the same



- Slow reactions
- Lifetime of experience



Is there a problem?







Is there a problem?







Additional Info



- Driver birthday 07/07/1924
- Plans on surrendering her DL on her BDay this year
- Very confused
- Vehicle had "bumper car damage"
- Previous ICR's for poor driving but NO TICKETS



Disposition



- Cite for fail to yield to emergency vehicle
- Driver evaluation submitted



What to look for on the vehicle



What to look for with the driver

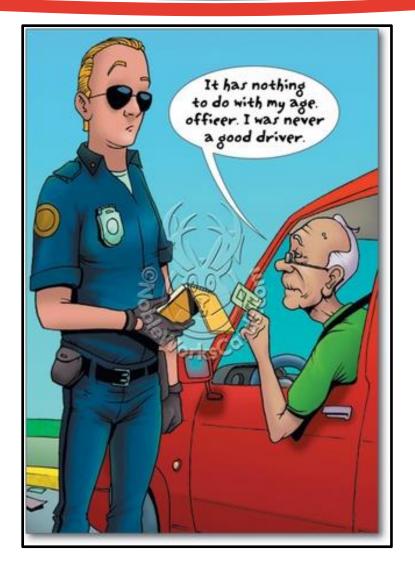


- Vision
- Cognitive
- Hearing
- Depth Perception
- Medical ID Bracelet
- Confusion
 - Brake vs Gas









"It has nothing to do with my age officer, I was never a good driver"



How can Law Enforcement Help?

- Other mobility options
- Encourage voluntary driver assessments
- Refresher driving programs
- Get family involved
- <u>Cite</u> the driver for traffic violation
- Complete and submit drivers evaluation



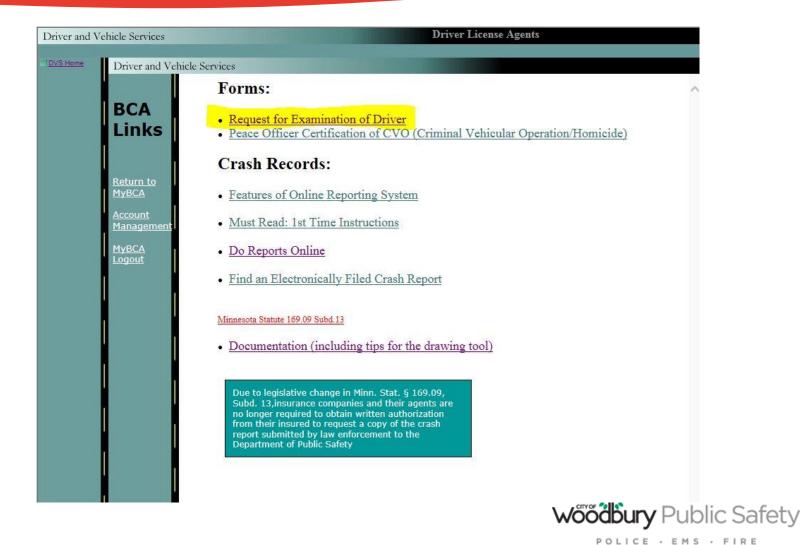
Old vs New

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FIRST NAME OF DRIVER	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME		
ADDRESS	СПУ			
DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER		FBIRTH		
Date and time of incident	Location of incs	ler#		
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If yes, what was clusion for?				
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Lack of physical driving skills	Other	Other		
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Driver's License Number			Date of Birth	12	
INCIDENT INFORMATION					
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Where to Find the New Form







SENIORS I'M SPEEDING BECAUSE I HAVE TO GET TO WHERE I'M GOING BEFORE I FORGET WHERE I'M GOING

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Older Driver Law Enforcement Instructor Training http://www.iadlest.org/Projects/OlderDriverLawEnforcementTraining.aspx

Safety and Mobility for Life – LE Resources http://www.safeandmobileseniors.org/LawEnforcementResources.htm

Cues for Law Enforcement http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/olddrive/lawcues.html

AAA http://dev.seniordriving.aaa.com/

