

# SENIOR DRIVERS: Training, Tools & Resources for Law Enforcement



## Training for Law Enforcement.

The following training opportunities will aid law enforcement in their interactions with aging drivers.

### **Roll-Call Training Videos**

(International Association of Chiefs of Police)

These are four short training videos that discuss various situations law enforcement and first responders may encounter when interacting with a person with Alzheimer's disease or dementia.

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### **Older Driver Law Enforcement Training**

(International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training)

This course will help prepare law enforcement officers to discuss how the aging process affects older drivers, discuss effective methods for interacting with and evaluating older drivers, and discuss appropriate referral options available for older drivers.

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### **Medical Conditions in Older Drivers - Law Enforcement**

(National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

This is a short (7:21) educational training video for law enforcement about how common medical conditions can negatively affect safe driving.

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### **Law Enforcement's Role in Older Driver Safety**

(Training, Research and Education for Driving Safety at the University of California San Diego)

This is a two-hour POST certified training for CPT credit delivered by a team of health and law enforcement professionals. Additionally, the following videos developed by TREDs provide training and technical assistance to law enforcement to aid in the identification, assessment and referral of medically at-risk drivers.

- **Identifying and Referring Cognitively Impaired Drivers** (30-minute video training) – is an abbreviated version of the two-hour course, *Law Enforcement's Role in Older Driver Safety*. It includes a video demonstration of the use of the **Driver Orientation Screen for Cognitive Impairment (DOSCI)** during a traffic contact.
- **Recognizing Cognitive Impairment in Drivers** (9-minute video) – demonstrates the use of the DOSCI during a traffic contact.
- **Medical Conditions that Can Affect Driving** (15-minute video training) – discusses the medical conditions that can interfere with driving and how to recognize those conditions.

## Tools for Law Enforcement.

These tools were developed by national organizations or states with strong older driver safety and mobility programs. They can be used as presented, or customized for local use.

### **Driver Orientation Screen for Cognitive Impairment**

(Training, Research and Education for Driving Safety at the University of California San Diego).

The DOSCI is a nine-question tool that enables officers to screen for cognitive impairment. The tool also provides resources and contact information to assist in making referrals. **Driver Orientation Screen for Cognitive Impairment** is a 10-minute video that provides instruction on the use of the DOSCI. A review of the DOSCI smart phone application is also included.

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### **Driver Medical Referral Visor Card**

(The Safe Mobility for Life Program and Coalition in Florida).

The sunshine state provides tools and resources to help local law enforcement officers identify and respond to at-risk drivers.

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### **Red Flag Tip Card**

(Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, Driver Wellness & Safety Division).

This visor size, easy reference guide can be used while on the road for quick reference.

## Resources for Older Drivers.

The following are resources law enforcement officers can recommend to older drivers. These were developed to assist older drivers and their families understand how aging can affect driving and what can be done to extend safe driving.

### **My Mobility Plan**

(Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

Many people make financial plans for retirement, but do not consider how to plan for potential mobility changes. The guide helps older drivers take action today to help keep themselves—or their loved ones—safe, mobile, and independent tomorrow. Visit: [www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/older\\_adult\\_drivers/mymobility](http://www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety/older_adult_drivers/mymobility)

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### **CarFit**

(AAA, AARP and the American Occupational Therapy Association).

An educational program that offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles “fit” them. The program also provides information and materials on community-specific resources that could enhance their safety as drivers, and/or increase their mobility in the community. Training is available to law enforcement officers interested in performing CarFit checks in their local community. [Click here](#) to locate an event or training. Visit: [www.car-fit.org](http://www.car-fit.org)

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### **AAA’s Roadwise Driver™**

(AAA).

A defensive driving program for older drivers. This course is designed to positively affect driving behavior and help seniors learn about and adjust to age-related physical changes. You can complete the course online at home, or wherever an internet connection is available.

Visit: [AAA.com/RoadwiseDriver](http://AAA.com/RoadwiseDriver)

### **Roadwise Rx**

(AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety).

This is a free, confidential, online tool to explore how medications may affect safe driving. Once all of the prescription and over-the-counter medications an individual uses are entered, the tool provides customized feedback on how these drugs can affect safe driving independently or when used together. Visit: [AAA.com/RxDrugs](http://AAA.com/RxDrugs)

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### **Driver Planning Agreement**

(AAA and American Occupational Therapy Association).

Families can Use this Driver Planning Agreement as a guide for a conversation about safe driving. It allows families to plan together for future changes in driving abilities before they become a concern. Visit: [AAA.com/DriverPlanningAgreement](http://AAA.com/DriverPlanningAgreement)

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### **Nationwide Database of Driving Evaluation Specialists**

(American Occupational Therapy Association).

An occupational therapy driver rehabilitation specialist can help determine a driver’s medical fitness to drive, and recommend training or vehicle adaptations to assist drivers. If you cannot find a driving specialist or program here, contact your local rehabilitation hospital’s occupational therapy department for assistance.

Visit: [myaota.aota.org/driver\\_search](http://myaota.aota.org/driver_search)