AGING DRIVERS Track as of 3/27/19

Ticketing Grandma & Grandpa: The Vital Role of Law Enforcement in Identifying Medically At-Risk Drivers
As the aging driver population increases, the demands on law enforcement rise as well. Knowing how many birthdays an older driver has celebrated, however, isn’t an accurate predictor of when he or she might be medically impaired. Law enforcement officials and other safety stakeholders are encouraged to join with a panel of experts who have developed resources and techniques to help police officers identify medical impairments to safe driving regardless of driver age. Highway safety offices and non-profits are encouraged to leverage these tools to help build and cultivate partnerships with law enforcement leaders to maximize older driver safety and mobility in their states and communities.

Using Behind the Wheel Assessment to Get Your Facts Straight Before Retiring the Keys
Getting older and concerned about your personal safety behind the wheel or that of an older driver in your life? An in-vehicle check-up is a great first step for assessing an individual’s fitness to drive as it can identify medical issues commonly faced by older adults along with mitigation options. But did you know there’s a difference between an assessment offered by a driver training instructor and one provided by an occupational therapist certified in driver rehabilitation? Discover the differences as well as the pros and cons of each and what makes a driver a candidate for one versus the other. A review of how to access programs and services will be shared along with tips for subsidizing costs.

Educating Healthcare Providers to Keep Aging Adults Mobile & Safe
If not properly diagnosed, functional impairments, medical conditions, and medications can impair an individual’s driving performance. Learn how to work with healthcare providers to highlight the range of issues that older drivers face, how to properly manage these conditions, and how to know when driving is no longer a safe option. Who is responsible for getting an unsafe driver to limit or stop driving will also be discussed with a focus on states that have a mandatory reporting law, law enforcement’s role, and how local transportation officials are dealing with an aging population. A primer on staying mobile after independent driving will also be shared.

Speed Dating for Practitioners in Aging & Mobility
We can’t promise you romance, but we can guarantee access to a wide array of tools, programs and resources to benefit older drivers and their families. This interactive roundtable session will provide you with the flexibility to learn about only those innovative ideas, proven programs and best practices that you think could serve useful as you work to assist aging drivers to maximize their comfort, safety and longevity behind the wheel. A compendium of these resources (including how to access them) will be made available to attendees.