Training Law Enforcement on Aging Drivers in Florida

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Why is it important?

Florida leads the nation with over 19% of the population over age 65.

This percentage is expected to grow to over 25% by 2040, which given Florida’s expected population growth will mean nearly 7M individuals over age 65, by the year 2040.
Population Changes are a Catalyst for Change

Percentage of Florida County Population Aged 65+ Average for 2013-17

- 11% - 16%
- 17% - 22%
- 23% - 29%
- 30% - 50%

(19% statewide average)

Sources:
Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
University of Florida Bureau of Economic and Business Research
Crashes per population by age group

Number of crashes per 1,000 people by age group

- 15-19: 120
- 20-34: 140
- 35-54: 100
- 55-64: 80
- 65+: 50

Number of crashes per 1,000 people by age subgroup

- 50-64: 80
- 65-69: 70
- 70-74: 60
- 75-79: 50
- 80-85: 40
- 85+: 30

Source: DHSMV’s Florida’s Integrated Report Exchange System and UF’s Bureau of Economic and Business Research
Fatalities per population by age group

Fatalities per 100,000 people by age group

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Florida’s Safe Mobility for Life Coalition

“Working together to improve the safety, access, and mobility of Florida’s aging road users”
Listening to our Audience: Officer Survey

How often do you encounter?
- Never: 2%
- Less than Once a Month: 27%
- Once a Month: 24%
- Once a Week: 20%
- Daily: 27%

Have you received training?
- Yes: 41%
- No: 59%

Would you be interested in training?
- Yes: 82%
- No: 18%
How should this training be presented?

- In-person: 43%
- Computer-based: 57%

What do you need to better handle situations involving aging drivers?

- Tools: 11.4%
- Resources: 27.1%
- Training: 21.4%
- All of the above: 65.7%
- Other: 5.7%
Review Existing Products
**Script and Content Development**

Client: Safe Mobility for Life  
Title: *Helping Aging Drivers Stay Safe and Mobile*  
Version: Draft 10 - Editing Script  
Date: 6-8-18  
Length: Approximately 10:00

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<td>ANNOUNCER: As a law enforcement officer, you play a critical role in keeping our roads safe.</td>
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<td>Drivers who are impaired due to alcohol or drugs are a clear danger to other drivers. But medical impairments may cause many of the same driving behaviors.</td>
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| Full screen graphics over background:  
Mobility  
Vision  
Cognitive | Some health problems can create dangerous driving situations...like having restricted movement, limited vision, or impaired thinking abilities. |
Partnerships and Talent

- Florida Highway Patrol
- City of Winter Park
- Orange County Sheriff’s Office
Specific Guidance

LICENSE RESTRICTIONS:

A: Corrective Lenses
J: Steering Wheel Grip
M: Mechanical Aids
Roll Call Video - Companion Products

Driver Medical Referral

RESPONSIBILITY

If the behavior you observe raises RED FLAGS about a potential medical condition that affects safe driving, REQUEST RE-EXAMINATION

OBSERVATIONS

☐ Does the driver have difficulty communicating/do the answers make sense?
☐ Does the driver seem confused when following your instructions or have difficulty producing it?
☐ Does the driver recall the time of day, day of the week, month, or year?
☐ Does the driver admit to being unaware of other vehicles or pedestrians?
☐ Does the driver understand the laws ignored or violated?

INDICATORS

☐ Confused/disoriented
☐ Drowsy
☐ Lost near home
☐ Blackout/Seizure
☐ Prescription medication
☐ Walking/balance problem
☐ Weakness/poor coordination
☐ Fainting spell
☐ Vision problem
☐ Not reacting to vehicle/pedestrian
☐ Driving too slow
☐ Inappropriately stopping
☐ Wrong side of road
☐ Hearing issues

Enforcement Officer Options

☐ Use the Driver Re-Exam box on the Florida Crash Report
☐ Use DAVID to recommend a driver for re-examination
☐ Anyone can complete DHSMV Medical Referral Form

www.flhsmv.gov/forms/72190.pdf

"Any physician, person, or agency having knowledge of any licensed driver’s or applicant's mental or physical disability to drive, is authorized to report such knowledge to the DHSMV," Section 322.1362(4) and (5), Florida Statutes

☐ CONTACT FAMILY, FRIEND, OR CAREGIVER

Contacting someone while at roadside might be the best course of action when the safety of the driver is in question. Making arrangements for the at-risk person and securing their vehicle might be necessary.

☐ CONTACT A COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Florida’s Guide for Aging Drivers
Find Local Transportation Option

www.FindASafeDriveFlorida.org

Medically impaired drivers of any age who may pose a threat to public safety, can be reported confidentially to the DHSMV. Referring a driver DOES NOT result in automatic loss of license.

Law Enforcement Toolkit

Helping Florida’s Aging Drivers Stay Safe and Mobile

The Florida Department of Transportation’s Safe Mobility for Life Program and Coalition can help people of all ages remain safe and mobile for a lifetime. With more Florida residents over the age of 60 than there are residents under the age of 18, it’s more important than ever to help individuals learn the three keys to achieve safe mobility for life.

The three keys are:

• Understand the impact aging has on driving
• Be protective about safe driving skills and
• Plan a safe transition from driving

According to the 2016 Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan, “As drivers age, their traffic risks increase. Aging impacts vision, memory, physical strength, reaction time and flexibility.”

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated that in 2017, 20 percent of Florida’s population was 65 years and older.

The Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) at UF estimates that by 2030, 24 percent of Florida’s population will be over the age of 65.

The Safe Mobility for Life Coalition’s 2017 Aging Road User Strategic Safety Plan is being implemented to increase safety, access, and mobility for aging road users and eliminate tolls and reduce serious injuries.

Photo by W.K. Cornish
Roll Call Video: Metrics for First 5 Months

- September 17, 2018–February 28, 2019:
  - 2,951 Total Safe Mobility for Life’s Law Enforcement Roll Call Video YouTube views
- September 17, 2018–February 28, 2019:
  - 761 Law Enforcement Toolkit Page on SafeMobilityFL.com visits
- September 25, 2018–February 28, 2019:
  - 37 Visor Card clicks on SafeMobilityFL.com
- March 2019
  - FHP Learning Management System (2,000)
Happy 10th Anniversary!

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