

Available Programs

Train the Trainer Instructor Course

4-6 hour Instructor course designed to teach instructors how to effectively deliver this training course to new and in-service law enforcement officers and drivers license examiners.

Purpose

- To provide the participant with the knowledge necessary to effectively interact with older drivers.

Course Objectives

Upon successfully completing this session, the participants will be able to:

- Discuss how the aging process affects older drivers;
- Discuss effective methods for interacting with and evaluating older drivers;

Discuss appropriate referral options available for older drivers

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Course Overview

The Baby Boomers will begin turning 65 years old in 2011. By the year 2030, those over age 65 will be the largest segment of the population. Many of them will still be driving and will be 23% of the licensed drivers. What perceptions do you have when you think of “older drivers”?

This course will:

- Dispel preconceived notions about aging
- Demonstrate effective communication with older drivers
- Provide guidance on traffic stops with older drivers
- Discuss making referrals to licensing and other authorities
- Provide cues for identifying at-risk drivers
- Discuss appropriate enforcement actions for at-risk drivers
- Suggest opportunities to improve community relations

Questions

Why is this training important?

1. Law enforcement will interact with older people more frequently than ever before
2. Law enforcement **must** become more aware of the needs of the elderly
3. Law enforcement must understand and address the needs of the older driver population

What options are available for the officer?

In order to better serve the public, law enforcement must use existing systems to impact the behaviors of drivers with whom they come into contact. One of the ways law enforcement can make a positive impact is through referrals to specific organizations or agencies.

1. Contacting a driver’s family may be all that is necessary to ensure that the driver gets the follow-up care and attention that is called for.

After family, what do you do? Who do you turn to in the middle of the night?

1. A medical referral may be an option. Many resources available in your community can assist an older driver when a medical condition is interfering with the driver’s safety.
2. Many older drivers can benefit from a driver-refresher course. There are several available in every community.

Course Review

By implementing the steps outlined in this training course, officers should be able to effectively:

- Understand the data
- Be sensitive to age-related changes
- Document and cite at risk driving behavior for all drivers
- Make referrals to licensing and other organizations
- Work with the community

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