The Elderly Driver and Law Enforcement

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I'll have a cheeseburger, large fries, black coffee...

I'm starting to think retesting seniors for driving isn't a bad idea!
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
• 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

Are they playing Bumper Cars in parking lots or their garage?
What to look for with the driver

• Vision
• Cognitive
• Hearing
• Depth Perception
• Medical ID Bracelet
• Confusion
  – Brake vs Gas
Age is NOT a factor

“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
- Cite the driver for traffic violation
- Complete and submit drivers evaluation
Where to Find the New Form

Forms:
- Request for Examination of Driver
- Peace Officer Certification of CVO (Criminal Vehicular Operation/Homicide)

Crash Records:
- Features of Online Reporting System
- Must Read: 1st Time Instructions
- Do Reports Online
- Find an Electronically Filed Crash Report

Minneapolis Statute 169.09 Subd. 13
- Documentation (including tips for the drawing tool)

Due to legislative change in Minn. Stat. § 169.09, Subd. 13, insurance companies and their agents are no longer required to obtain written authorization from their insured to request a copy of the crash report submitted by law enforcement to the Department of Public Safety.
Reporting for Public


Reporting At-Risk Drivers
If you are concerned that a family member, friend, or acquaintance can no longer safely operate a motor vehicle you may request that Driver and Vehicle Services evaluate the at-risk driver. If you are related to the driver, your statement is confidential and the evaluator will not reveal your identity, unless ordered to do so by a court of law.

*Your request must be in writing and include the following information:*
  * Full name and date of birth of the at-risk driver; include the individual’s driver's license number if it is available.
  * Description of the condition and explain why you believe the person to be an at-risk driver.
  * Your name, address and phone number.

*Send your request to:*
Driver and Vehicle Services
Attn: Medical Unit
445 Minnesota Street Suite 170
St. Paul, MN 55101-5170
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Other Resources

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

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