

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) & East Carolina University (ECU) Cooperative Agreement: DTNH2217H00005

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NC Governor's Highway Safety Program and
NC Older Driver Working Group*

Demonstration Project Promoting Highway Safety Program Guideline #13

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Objectives:

1. Develop an overall NC State plan that expands upon the GHSP's older driver priority by supporting and working collaboratively with local jurisdictions to implement older driver strategies aimed at reducing older driver (and pedestrian) fatalities and injuries resulting from motor vehicle crashes.
2. Facilitate greater communication and collaboration between the leadership in NC driver licensing, the medical review unit, medical providers in NC, social services, NC law enforcement (NC State Highway Patrol and local law enforcement), the state aging and social services in meeting older drivers' needs through a more actively engaged NC Senior Driver Safety Coalition/Older Driver Working Group.
3. Develop and implement educational opportunities for the key elements in driver licensing for the medically-at-risk, medical providers, law enforcement, and social and aging service providers.

Guideline #13 - Older Driver Safety – Targeting these Key Components

Driver Licensing (Medical Review Unit)

Medical Providers

Law Enforcement

Social and Aging Service Providers

Strategies:

1. Improve access for medically-at-risk older drivers to obtain a comprehensive driving evaluation through new models of service.
2. Education for medical providers for referral
3. Education for law enforcement for identification and need for referral
4. Education for aging and social service providers
5. Strategies to increase transportation alternatives
 - a. Education to develop transportation plans
 - b. Connect alternative transportation services.