



ENHANCING SAFETY FOR
AGING ROAD USERS

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***IDENTIFYING AND SERVING
[MEDICALLY] AT-RISK DRIVERS***

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WHY THE LICENSING AGENCY? ... *HUB OF WHEEL FOR OLDER DRIVER SAFETY*



- Touch the lives of every driver
- Link to professionals - law enforcement, clinicians, & courts
- Medical review process – Intervention? Prevention?

MEDICAL REVIEW PROCESS

...REFERRAL SOURCES

- Clinicians – including Occupational Therapists / Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialists
- Law Enforcement
- Silver Alerts / Friends & Family
- Self Reports / Customer Service Agents

Red Flags of Medically At-Risk Drivers



Look for "Red Flags" when you make a stop:

- Does the driver have difficulty communicating/ do the answers make sense?
- Does the driver seem confused when following your instructions or have difficulty producing ID?
- 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?

If the behavior you observe raises **Red Flags** about a potential medical condition that affects safe driving, **MAKE THE REFERRAL:**

Check-off Indicators:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Confused/disoriented | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking/balance problem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lost or confused while driving near home | <input type="checkbox"/> Vision problem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drowsy | <input type="checkbox"/> Not reacting to vehicles/pedestrians |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blackout | <input type="checkbox"/> Not adequately controlling vehicle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving too slow or inappropriately stopping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fainting Spell | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving on wrong side of road/wrong lane |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol/drug use | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescription medication | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weakness/poor coordination | |

Law Enforcement

Make Medical Referrals Directly to MVA Electronically

**YOU are the first line of defense:
Your attention and appropriate referral
COULD prevent a crash!**

Request for Re-exam (RRE) (DC-039) makes a medical referral to MVA for an individual review of a driver's functional ability to drive safely.



Submit **electronically** on E-TIX Delta Plus:
MVA Driver Re-Exam

If your agency is **NOT** on E-TIX, complete the DC-039 form and submit manually

An effective RRE includes:

- Specific information about **YOUR CONCERNS** and why the driver should be reviewed
- Specific **BEHAVIORS YOU OBSERVED** – physical and mental impairments

It's important to report because:

- It introduces the driver, their family, and their healthcare providers to a potential medical condition that affects safe driving
- Documenting traffic stops provides a history that can track and determine potentially unsafe developing patterns

Resources for YOU, drivers, family & caregivers

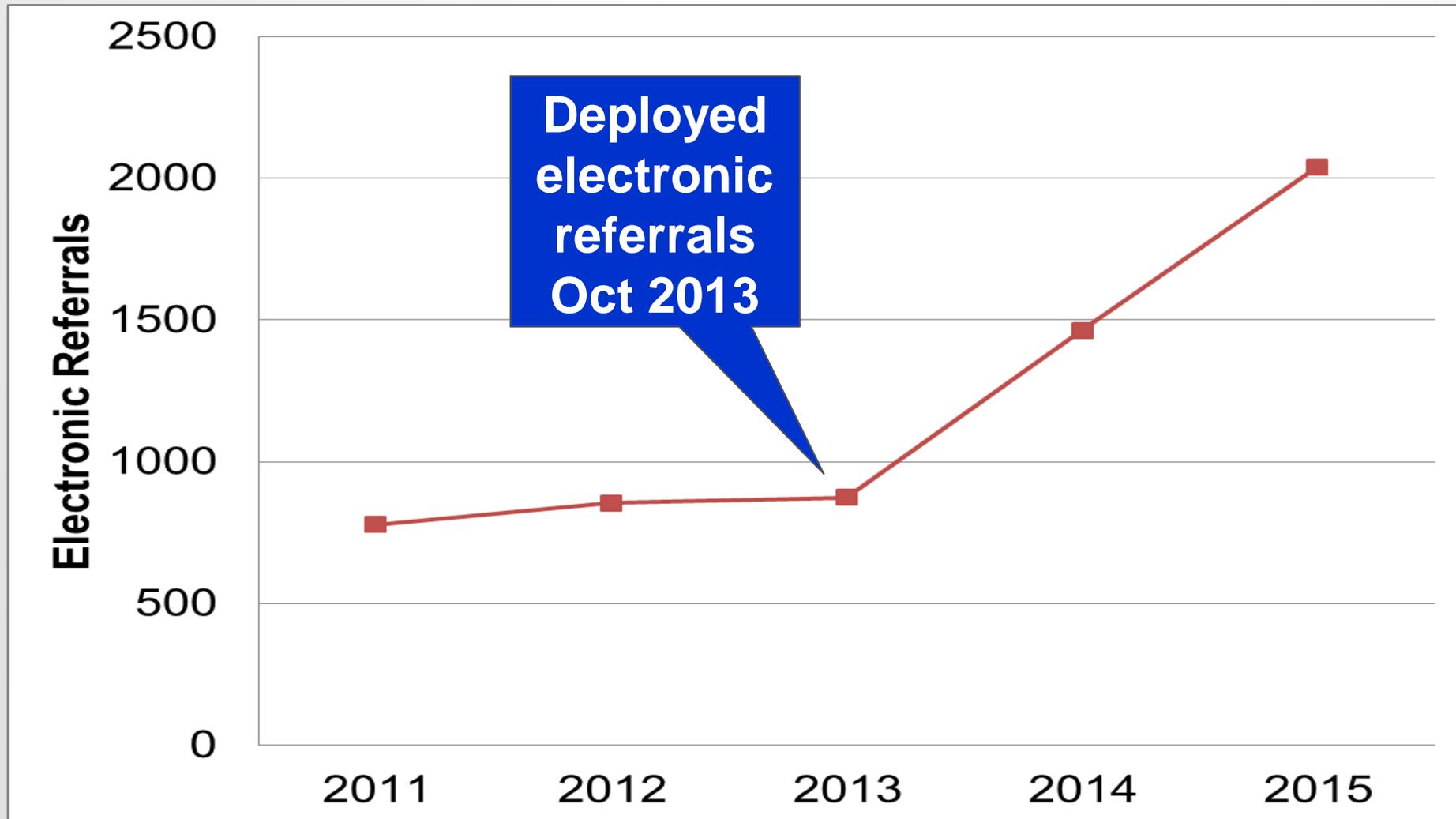
www.mva.maryland.gov/Police/

MVA's website offers information and links on:
Aging, health and affects on driving;
Driver assessment, training and rehabilitation;
Understanding MVA's medical referral process; and
Transportation alternatives to driving

www.mva.maryland.gov/DriverSafety

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MARYLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT REFERRALS BEFORE AND AFTER DEPLOYING **E-REFERRAL**



MARYLAND **SILVER ALERT** DRIVERS FOLLOW THROUGH ON MEDICAL REVIEW

- Assessment of records for silver alerts drivers determined a need to review fitness to drive and licensing for these drivers
- New process in collaboration with Maryland State Police for all Silver Alert drivers with a Maryland license to be referred to MVA's Driver Wellness Division
 - First, review and report from Investigations
 - Then, full medical review process, if necessary
- Continue to review and assess for opportunities to educate and help drivers, families, and the professionals involved

MEDICAL REVIEW PROCESS

...OUTCOMES

- Goal of keeping drivers on the road as long as safely possible
- IF have to suspend, **licensing agency support** of psychosocial factors
 - ❑ Provide replacement picture ID card
 - ❑ Provide resources / inventory of alternative means for transportation
 - ❑ Collaborate with statewide transit agency to abbreviate process for certification of using paratransit

TYPES OF DATA FOR ANALYSIS RELATED TO MEDICAL CONDITIONS OF DRIVERS

- Number of referrals to the licensing agency
- Referral sources of the cases
- Disposition of the cases
- Future crash involvement compared with general population

THANK YOU!

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