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## **CHP HELPS SENIORS STAY SHARP AND STAY SAFE**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Every year, as the percentage of drivers age 65 and older increases, many look to the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to help them maintain their ability to drive safely. The CHP has implemented the *Age Well, Drive Smart* program to assist senior drivers by providing them tools to remain safe and confident on the road.

The *Age Well, Drive Smart* curriculum covers current California driving laws, safe driving practices, and the effects of aging on a person's ability to drive safely. Many senior drivers are unaware of changes in their physical or mental condition that affect their ability to drive safely. The *Age Well, Drive Smart* program includes a self-assessment component to help identify these changes and offer possible corrective options.

“Giving seniors the tools to be safe drivers and recognize changes in their physical and mental condition is key to their safety and independence,” CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley said. “California senior drivers can contribute to roadway safety for everyone by participating in the *Age Well, Drive Smart* program.”

The two-hour *Age Well, Drive Smart* class is offered free of charge at CHP Area offices and other venues, such as senior centers, throughout California. If you or a family member would like to attend an *Age Well, Drive Smart* class, please contact your local CHP office. To locate an office near you, visit [www.chp.ca.gov](http://www.chp.ca.gov).

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