Older Driver Safety Summit

Policy Track: “Policies That Work”

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Enforcement Provisions

- Criminal
- Civil
- Administrative
CRIMINAL:

- MGL. c. 90 s. 24 (2) (a) -- Operating a Motor Vehicle Recklessly or Negligently as to Endanger

- MGL. c. 90 s. 24 G (a) -- Motor Vehicle Homicide by Negligent Operation (Felony or Misdemeanor)

- MGL. c. 90 s. 24 (2) (a 1/2) (1) -- Leaving the Scene of an Accident Causing Personal Injury, Not Causing Death

- MGL. c. 90 s. 24 (2) (a) -- Leaving the Scene of An Accident Involving Property Damage
Enforcement Provisions (cont.)

CIVIL:

- MGL. c. 89 s. 4 (a) -- Marked Lanes Violation
- MGL. c. 89 s. 9 -- Failure to Stop
- CMRs & Municipal Ordinances -- e.g., Failure to Use Care (Starting; Backing; Stopping)
Enforcement Provisions (cont.)

ADMINISTRATIVE:

- MGL. c. 90 s. 22 (a)
  
  Provides statutory authority to the Registrar

- MGL. c. 90 s. 29
  
  Provides statutory authority to the Police
Connecticut man, 91, dies in single-car crash

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An elderly Connecticut man has died in a single-vehicle crash in Southwick, police said. William Burgess, 91, of nearby Granby, Conn., was driving south on Route 10/202 at about 1 p.m. Monday when his car left the road, struck a large rock, and turned over, according to police. Burgess was pronounced dead at the scene. The crash remains under investigation.

Man crashes car into church during Easter service

By Jennifer Smith | GLOBE CORRESPONDENT APRIL 05, 2015

An 85-year-old man crashed his car into a Reading church on Easter Sunday morning, interrupting the service, police said.

The Easter service began at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church at 45 Woburn St. The man, who was not identified, was picking someone up at the church when he accidentally hit the sedan’s gas instead of the brake, said Reading police Sergeant John Mckenna.

Police were called at 10:39 a.m. after the car jumped the curb, slightly damaged a bush, and hit the brick wall of the church, Mckenna said.

No one in the church was injured. The driver was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment of minor injuries.
Contributing Factors

- Generational Factors
- Needs of Older Adults
Policy Implications

- Fitness/Suitability to Operate MV
- Assessing Needs
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Programs