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Town Manager Stephen J. Crane

Select Board

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Dear Mr. Cronin,

This letter is intended to serve as the final report for the completion of the Best Practice of Older Driver Safety, which required the Town of Longmeadow to adopt community-based programs to increase pedestrian, automobile and motorcycle safety.

The community demonstrated participation in the Commonwealth's Office of Public Safety and Security's trainings and conferences as well as the dissemination of public safety information to citizens. To meet the project pledge requirement, Carl Mazzaferro, Sergeant, Traffic & Safety Division, Andrew Krar, Town Engineer, and James Leyden, Adult Center Director, met to discuss the Community Compact Initiative. The consensus was the Town of Longmeadow is currently meeting many of the best practice commitments. The goal of the meeting was to develop a safe and mobile older drivers plan for the aging of the population by proactively addressing older driver issues, including education for older road users.

Through your referral, a Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles representative was contacted to coordinate an educational program intended for older drivers. Michelle Ellicks, Community Outreach Coordinator, visited the Longmeadow Adult Center on Thursday, September 28 to lead a free, hour-long presentation on issues facing mature drivers, their families and caregivers. There three areas of focus were 1.) Shifting Gears – rules of the road, defensive driving and safe driving tips; 2.) The Driving Decision – advice for caregivers and professionals who deal with unsafe drivers; and 3.) Disability Placards and Plates – information on how to obtain a placard or plate and the laws governing them. The program was widely advertised through a variety of print and social media outlets and more than 20 people attended.

Please let me know if you require additional documentation regarding the completion of this Best Practice. Thank you for helping the Town of Longmeadow make a meaningful impact on older driver safety through the Community Compact.

Sincerely,

Stephen Crane
Town Manager