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Workshops for mature drivers scheduled for Quesnel

Quesnel, B.C. - The Quesnel RCMP Community Police Office in partnership with the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation will host three separate Mature Drivers Information Work Shops. The sessions will run on Sept. 17 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Oct. 16 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All sessions will be at the Community Police Access Center at 345 Anderson Dr., Quesnel, B.C.

Seniors are a rapidly-growing segment of Canada's population. Representing almost 13% of our total population, it is projected that seniors will account for 20% of the total population by 2026. There are more than 2.5 million licensed drivers in Canada over the age of 65 and that number is expected to rise dramatically in the coming years.

Per kilometer driven, seniors are more likely than other drivers (except for very young drivers) to be involved in a crash. And research shows the average distance seniors drive each year is increasing dramatically.

Awareness and a willingness to adapt our driving take on even greater importance when we consider that seniors:

- Are overrepresented in serious injury crashes.
- Are more likely than younger adults to be seriously injured or die in a crash.
- Often take longer to recover from their injuries following a crash.

The workshops will help seniors know the facts, review their driving skills, know their vehicle's safety features, brush up on their driving knowledge and then make a plan of action to drive safely for as long as possible.

Space is limited and the Work Shops are free. If you or someone you know could benefit from these sessions please register by calling the Community Police Access Center at 250-992-5743 or leave a message at the Quesnel RCMP office 250-992-9211 during regular business hours. For more information visit www.tsf-bcaa.com.

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