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**County Council and COSA offers “Yellow Dot” PennDOT packages
to help seniors in case of an automobile emergency**

The Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA) is providing senior residents with a Yellow Dot decal and package that will provide emergency responders with critical medical information in case of an automobile accident.

Any resident interested in participating in Pennsylvania’s Yellow Dot Program can pick up a packet, including the information sheet and Yellow Dot sticker, at the COSA office, 206 Eddystone Ave., second floor, Eddystone.

Delaware County Council joined COSA Director Louis Colbert in alerting all County residents that they can use the Yellow Dot program to provide key medical information to emergency responders.

“Governor Corbett announced this program in November and we want to make sure words get to our Delaware County residents about this program that gives police and emergency responders key medical information if someone is involved in a car crash and can’t speak for themselves,” said County Council Vice-Chairman Mario J. Civera Jr., Council’s liaison to COSA.

The program is offered through the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) to assist individuals in the event of a traffic accident and they are unconscious or unable to communicate vital information to first responders. Placing the Yellow Dot decal in the vehicle’s rear window alerts first responders to check the glove compartment of the car for vital information regarding medical needs.

The packet does not feature any personal information that would compromise a person’s safety or identity. It just details hospital preference, doctor’s name, and medical conditions such as medications and allergies.

The program is a cooperative effort among the Pennsylvania departments of Transportation and Health and Aging, the Pennsylvania State Police, Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, first responders and law enforcement.

Participants in the program complete an information form, which includes participant’s name, contact information, emergency contact information, medical history and medications, allergies, and the participant’s doctors’ names.

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A photo is taped to the front of the completed sheet and is placed in the Yellow Dot folder in the vehicle's glove compartment. A Yellow Dot decal is provided to place in the participant's vehicle's rear windshield, no higher than three inches from the bottom of the windshield. This decal alerts first responders that vital information can be found in the vehicle.

Although only one folder is needed per vehicle, multiple people riding in the same vehicle – such as a husband and wife -- can both participate by completing the medical information sheet.

The program is open to residents of all ages, but COSA wants to ensure that senior drivers have easy access to the program. For more information call COSA at 610-490-1300 or visit www.YellowDot.pa.gov.

The Yellow Dot package is also available at all PennDOT driver's license centers, including Middletown Township, Upper Chichester and Upper Darby.

“We hope that people don't ever have to use this program, but I am glad we have these tools to enhance a person's safety and to assist our emergency responders,” Vice-Chair Civera said.

Delaware County Council was joined by COSA and Rob Reeder, director of Crozer-Keystone's EMS South Unit and president of the Delaware County Emergency Health Services Council, in informing residents about the Yellow Dot program.