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## **Grant Helps Elderly Crash Victims Get More Effective Care**

**MONTGOMERY**— Gov. Bob Riley has awarded a \$110,000 grant to expand a program that helps seniors and people with serious medical conditions receive more effective care after a car crash.

The funding will help the Northeast Alabama Community Traffic Safety Office expand the “Yellow Dot” program statewide.

“Because of this simple but effective program, life-saving information will be readily available to first responders on the scene of a crash,” said Riley. “I am pleased to support this effort to save lives.”

The free “Yellow Dot” program provides detailed medical information that can be crucial following a crash, especially in cases where victims are unable to speak for themselves. A “Yellow Dot” decal on a vehicle alerts medical personnel to check the glove compartment for a packet that lists the driver’s prescriptions, medical conditions and other vital information.

The program was implemented earlier this year in Etowah County using funding from the Sheriff’s Office and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. While geared toward seniors, it is available for any resident.

When signing up, participants receive a “Yellow Dot” decal and a folder containing a form with the participant’s name, photo, and information about emergency contacts, personal physicians, medical conditions, recent surgeries, allergies and medications. Having this information at the time of a crash helps medical personnel get in touch with emergency contacts and ensures that a person’s current medications and conditions are considered when treatments are administered for injuries.

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ADECA is administering the grant from the State of Alabama Traffic Safety Trust Fund, an account that receives fines paid by individuals found guilty of driving without a license or with a suspended or revoked license. The fund is used for traffic safety purposes.