



COLUMBIA COUNTY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

"Be Prepared, Keep Informed, Get Involved"

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The Columbia County Commissioners recently were introduced to the Yellow Dot Program that was instituted by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). This program has been in existence since 2012 but according to a story by Ch16 on December 2, 2020 many individuals, including Law Enforcement were just learning about it.

The Yellow Dot Program is a collaborative effort between PennDOT, the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Aging, State Police, Turnpike Commission, Local Law Enforcement, and First Responders.

This program assists citizens in the "golden hour" of emergency care following a traffic crash when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a Yellow Dot decal in your vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need.

This is the Link to the PennDOT Webpage containing the Yellow Dot Program information.

<https://www.penndot.pa.gov/TravelInPA/Pages/Yellow-Dot.aspx>

Citizens complete a participation form online to have PennDOT mail them a Yellow Dot kit. Upon receipt, participants should complete the information section, which includes emergency contact information, medical history, medications, allergies, and doctors. A photo (showing only the head and shoulders) is then taped to the appropriate location inside the booklet. The kit should then be placed in the vehicle's glove compartment. The Yellow Dot decal is placed in the lower left corner of the participant's rear windshield, no higher than 3 inches from the bottom.

How Can EMS and Safety Partners Help Promote the Program? PennDOT encourages you to share Yellow Dot benefits as part of your community outreach. It is perfect for health fairs, senior gatherings, and other public events.

Please see the website for additional information and links to the handouts. It is never too late to start or to be prepared for whatever life brings.

