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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM BEING OFFERED**

The Alvin Police Department is proud to co-sponsor the AARP Driver Safety Program with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). The AARP Driver Safety Program was developed by the AARP in 1979. This program is a driver refresher course especially designed to meet the needs of older drivers. It covers such issues as: age-related physical changes, declining perceptual skills, local driving problems, license renewal requirements, and much more.

Ken Moore, an AARP instructor, will be teaching the course at the Alvin Police Department. He looks forward to “reminding seniors of the skills and techniques that they may have once learned,” and to “give them an update on the rules of the road.” Class size is limited to the first 18 seniors (age 50 and above) who register. AARP charges \$14.00 for the program; however, AARP members who bring their AARP cards will be charged \$12.00 per person. You need not be an AARP member to take the course. All participants who successfully complete the course are eligible for a 10% reduction in automobile insurance premiums.

The upcoming session of the AARP Driver Safety Program is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10th, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Alvin Police Department, 1500 S. Gordon Street. Chief of Police Mike Merkel states, “The opportunity to provide educational assistance to senior citizens will enhance their driving skills and knowledge which will promote safe driving habits, prevent traffic accidents, and help to avoid traffic violations. The purpose of the program is to support mature drivers with continued mobility and independence.” Crime Prevention Officer Ruben Solano states, “This course benefits everyone, not just the participating senior. We began sponsoring this program in 1999. This will be our thirty-fifth class and we’re proud to be part of this valuable community service.”

Officer Ruben Solano encourages anyone who wants to register or needs additional information about the program to call him at (281) 585-7124.