



## DRIVER REHABILITATION FACT SHEET

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides Driver Rehabilitation for disabled Veterans and Active Duty Servicemembers. Patients referred to this program have a wide range of physical and mental disabilities. Services provided may include evaluation, driver simulation, behind the wheel training, equipment recommendation/prescription, assessment and inspection, caregiver training, and assistance with the various state motor vehicle licensing requirements.

### DRIVER TRAINING FACILITIES

The VA has 50 facilities that offer this formal driver rehabilitation services. These programs are supported by nearly 100 specially adapted vehicles (cars, mini-vans and full-sized vans) available to train Veterans and Active Duty Servicemembers with various disabilities including, Spinal Cord Injury, Amputation, Brain Injury, Stroke, Orthopedic conditions, to name a few. The program is further supported by over 100 trained Driver Rehabilitation Instructors.



(Photo courtesy of Bruce Morris)

### DRIVER TRAINING INSTRUCTION

The specially trained instructors are Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Kinesiotherapists. Training consists of a 2-week intensive course designed to allow clinicians to become proficient in evaluation and assessment techniques, and safe driving techniques. Entrance into the course is based on needs of the various facilities that send applications.

Veterans and Servicemembers referred to the program receive evaluation, behind-the-wheel training with instructors, and equipment recommendation. Veterans can also receive assistance with navigating state motor vehicle departments to obtain a new Drivers License after their disability.

In fiscal year 2019, there were over 10,000 referrals to the VA Drivers Training Program, which resulted in over 15,000 visits. There are typically, 6 to 10 new instructors

trained each year. Instructors receive a refresher course periodically designed for continuing education of existing instructors. The VA Employee Education System sponsors both VA instructor courses.

### DRIVER TRAINING SERVICES

The Drivers Training professionals work closely with the patient to provide input on the needed adaptive equipment that is necessary for their particular disability.

Additionally, a prescription is developed so Prosthetic Service can work with the vendor to provide the needed adaptations for the Veteran.



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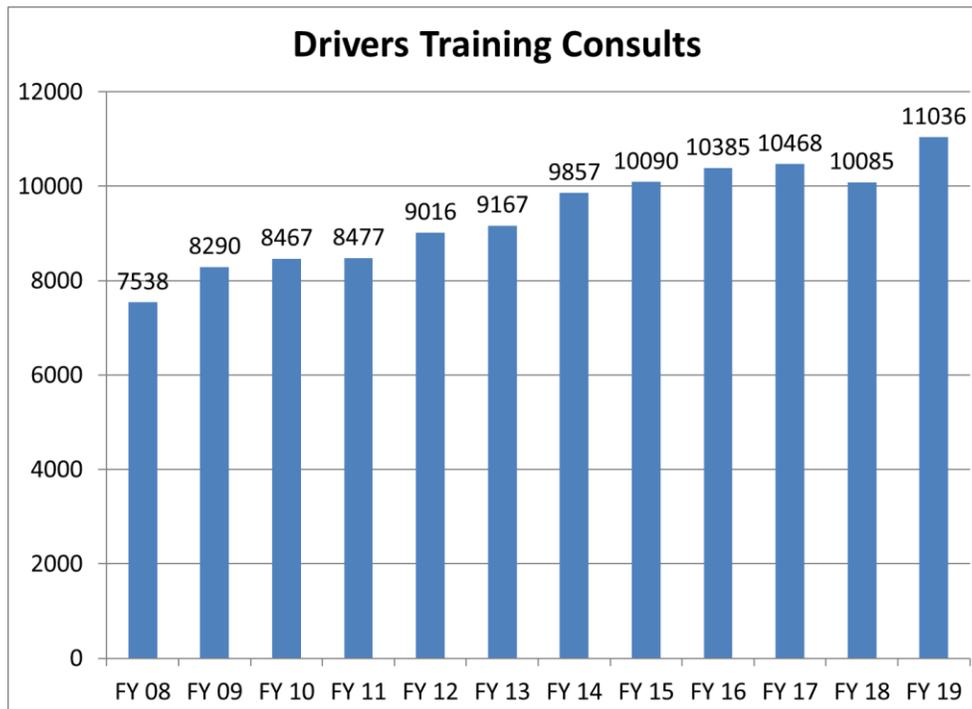


**DRIVER TRAINING SERVICE LOCATIONS**

Albany, NY
Albuquerque, NM
Ann Arbor, MI
Atlanta, (Decatur) GA
Augusta, GA
Baltimore, MD
Biloxi, MS
Boston/Brockton, MA
Bronx, NY
Butler, PA
Castle Point, NY
Cleveland, OH
Columbia, SC
Dallas, TX
Denver, CO

Des Moines, IA
East Orange, NJ
Hampton, VA
Hines, (Chicago) IL
Honolulu, HI
Houston, TX
Indianapolis, IN
Lexington, KY
Little Rock, AR
Long Beach, CA
Los Angeles, CA
Memphis, TN
Miami, FL
Milwaukee, WI
Minneapolis, MN
New Orleans, LA
Oklahoma City, OK
Palo Alto, CA

Philadelphia, PA
Phoenix, AZ
Portland, OR
Reno, NV
Richmond, VA
Salisbury, NC
Salt Lake City, UT
San Antonio, TX
San Juan, PR
Seattle, WA
Sepulveda, CA
St. Louis, MO
Syracuse, NY
Tampa, FL
Tucson, AZ
Washington, DC
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