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TITLE: Control of the Negligent Driver--Part II: Driving Performance of Negligent Drivers

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PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

To make thorough and comparative analyses of performance of negligent drivers before and after departmental action, and of the differences, if any, associated with age, type of action taken, mileage driven, occupation, sex, type of license, and other factors or combinations of factors.

SUMMARY:

This report is based on the same sample as that of Part I (page III-I) and showed the following:

For three years after action, the driving records of 85% of the drivers improved in terms of both violations and accidents. Improvement was significantly greater for violations than for accidents. Despite this improvement, the post-action driving record of negligent drivers was still significantly poorer than the record of the average California driver for both violations and accidents. The younger age group showed less improvement than the older age group. Probation, warning, and no action accounted for 90% of all the actions taken by the department against these negligent drivers. The more severe action groups accrued a greater number of subsequent actions than the less severe action groups. Holding age constant, the higher-mileage groups tended to have poorer post-action records than the lower-mileage groups.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

None.