



PENNSYLVANIA FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES INSTITUTE

NATIONAL MOVE OVER DAY Saturday, October 17th

National Move Over Day began in 2014 by the Arizona Professional Towing Association to help raise awareness to the Move Over Law. Although all 50 states have enacted “Move Over” laws (also known as the Steer Clear Law in Pennsylvania), the National Highway Safety Administration estimates that over 70% of drivers in the United States are not familiar with the law. The purpose of this announcement is to get the message out and make more drivers aware of this life saving measure.

Each day, emergency responders and highway workers risk their own safety to come to the aid of others on Pennsylvania roadways. These heroes include people such as:

- EMS Workers
- Fire Police
- Firefighters
- Police Officers
- PA Turnpike Maintenance Crews and PennDOT Workers
- Tow Truck Operators and others

These men and women confront real danger each time they are called into action. While on scene, responders must perform difficult jobs while also being mindful about serious dangers very close by. The worst threats are from what are known as “D” drivers. These are drivers who are:

- Drunk
- Drugged
- Drowsy
- Distracted
- Dangerous

Too many responders have been injured and/or killed by passing motorists while assisting others on roadways. To signify the critical importance of this issue, the state legislature is now considering a bill that would double the current fine for injuring or killing an emergency responder and add two points against the driver’s record. The measure, Senate Bill 1281, would also change the name of the Pennsylvania Steer Clear Law to the Move Over Law to be consistent with what all other states call it. Senate Bill 1281 is currently in the PA House of Representatives and is expected to be heard by the House Appropriations Committee on October 19th. We are hopeful the bill will be passed during the current legislative session.

PA Highway Responders and Workers rely on your good judgement to help get them home safely at the end of the day.

MOVE OVER! SAFE A LIFE! IT’S THE LAW!