Ohio law requires all drivers to move to an adjacent lane and/or slow down when approaching a stopped police vehicle, other emergency vehicle (like a fire truck), road service vehicle (like a tow truck or snow plow), waste collection vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle or public utility commission vehicle when these vehicles have their warning lights activated. As of 2012, every state has enacted a move over law.

From 2014-2018, there were 56 OSHP patrol car crashes that appear to be “move over” related. These crashes resulted in 2 deaths (of civilians) and 50 injuries to officers (21) and civilians (29).

Alcohol and/or drugs played a role in 29% of these “move over” crashes. Fifty-seven percent (57%) of “move over” crashes took place on Interstates. An additional 25% occurred on US and State routes.

Wet roads or those covered in snow or ice accounted for 55% of “move over” crashes, and 54% occurred during daylight hours. Another 27% happened on dark, unlit roadways.

OSHP troopers wrote 18,127 citations for violations of the “Move Over” law from 2014-2018. The number of citations written in 2018 (6,039) was 59% higher than the number written in 2017 (3,788).