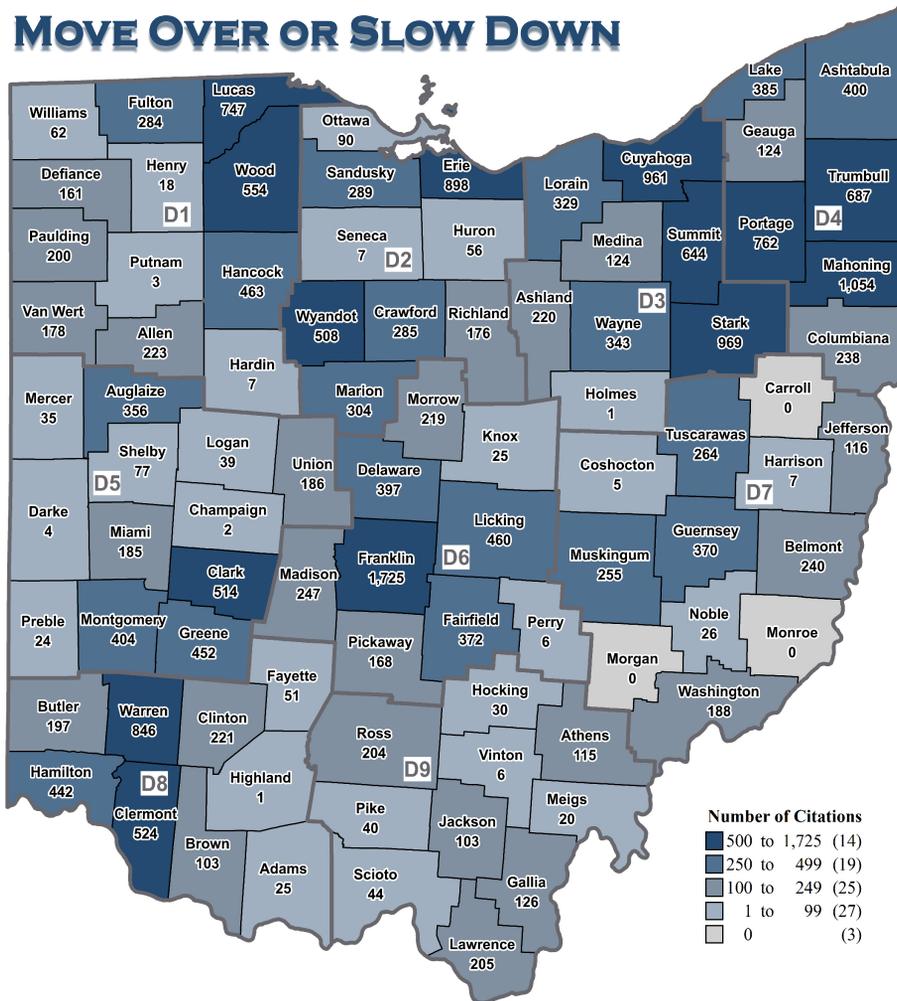


TRAFFIC SAFETY BULLETIN

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MOVE OVER OR SLOW DOWN



Map and Table: 2015-2019 Citations for Violations of "Move Over" Law

OSHP District	Number of Citations
District 1	2,900
District 2	2,613
District 3	3,591
District 4	3,650
District 5	2,278
District 6	3,619
District 7	1,471
District 8	2,410
District 9	893

Total 23,425¹

Number of Citations

- 500 to 1,725 (14)
- 250 to 499 (19)
- 100 to 249 (25)
- 1 to 99 (27)
- 0 (3)

"Move Over" Law

- 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), waste collection vehicle, highway maintenance vehicle or public utility commission vehicle when these vehicles have their warning lights activated.

"Move Over" Crashes and Citations

- From 2015-2019, there were 49 OSHP patrol car crashes that were "move over" related.² These crashes resulted in one death of a civilian and 49 injuries to officers and civilians. In 2019, there were 14 such crashes, the highest total over the five-year period.
- Alcohol and/or drugs played a role in 27% of these "move over" crashes. Fifty-one percent (51%) of "move over" crashes took place on Interstates and another 31% occurred on US and State routes.
- Wet roads or those covered in snow, ice or slush accounted for 49% of "move over" crashes. Forty-seven percent (47%) occurred during daylight hours while 39% happened on dark, unlit roadways.
- OSHP troopers wrote 23,429 citations for violations of the "Move Over" law from 2015-2019. Citations more than tripled over the five years including a 30% jump from 2018 to 2019.

¹Four citations had no county information. ²Parked patrol car with emergency lights activated struck while on a traffic stop or crash investigation. The patrol car was either sideswiped, rear-ended, or hit at an angle.