



ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY



COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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In response to the growing problem emergency personnel are facing while working along our highways, the Albemarle County Police Department has joined with Albemarle County Fire & Rescue, the Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad, and Monticello Media in an education and awareness campaign related to Virginia's Move Over law.

According to Virginia Code (46.2-921.1) drivers must yield to stationary emergency vehicles. Drivers are required to slow while passing any emergency vehicle that is stopped displaying flashing lights. If on a four-lane highway or larger, the driver is required to change to another travel lane away from the emergency vehicle. This is only required when traffic or road conditions permit. Violation of the law carries a punishment of up to a \$2500.00 fine and / or 12 months in jail.

Virginia is one of 40 states with a Move Over law. Nationwide, in the last 2 years, 15 law enforcement officers were hit and killed by passing motorists while standing outside of their vehicles. This law is intended to save lives.

Albemarle County Police are actively enforcing this law. It is imperative for drivers to pay attention and move over or slow down for all emergency personnel stopped on the side of the road. Help protect those who protect you.

For more information regarding the Move Over law, visit the following websites:
<http://www.vsp.virginia.gov> and <http://www.moveoveramerica.com>

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