



## PRESS RELEASE

### Move-Over Enforcement Traffic Detail

November 14, 2016 —This week is **National Traffic Incident Response Week**. Local law enforcement agencies will be on the roads with an emphasis to educate drivers of the Move-Over law. This law was created to help keep emergency personnel safer while on the roadways.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Team is supporting a traffic detail to enforce the Move-Over law which directs drivers to move over or slow down when passing emergency vehicles that are stopped. Traffic incidents are the leading cause of death for both police officers and EMS/EMT responders. About one in every seven police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty die in vehicle crashes. A number of those were drivers crashing into the parked emergency vehicle or officer while on the roadside.

Oregon Revised Statute 811.147 requires motorists to change travel lanes or slow to at least five miles per hour below the posted speed limit, if unable to change lanes, when approaching emergency personnel and their vehicles. The fine for violating this law is \$260.

Washington County Sheriff's Deputies, Oregon State Police Troopers and The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be out in force on Tuesday November 15, 2016.

They will be focusing on I-5, I-205, and Hwy 26 during the morning and afternoon hours.

Please remember to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.

