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Move Over, Slow Down

Fort Belvoir, VA—June 11, 2015— The Directorate of Emergency Services has joined the Commonwealth of Virginia in recognizing the month of June as “Move Over Awareness Month.” The declaration is intended to provide further support to Fort Belvoir’s public safety campaign aimed at increasing drivers’ awareness concerning the protection of public safety professionals and highway safety workers on Virginia’s roads.

Virginia’s Move Over law, established in 2002, requires drivers to either move over a lane or, when unable to, to cautiously pass all emergency personnel stopped on the side of a road. The law also applies to emergency response vehicles, highway maintenance vehicles and tow trucks equipped with flashing amber lights.

Every state in the nation has a Move Over law on record. Visit <http://www.moveoverlaws.com> to find out more about these laws.

Non-adherence to this section of the Code is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor traffic infraction, which is punishable by up to 12 months in jail, and/or up to a \$2,500 fine. In certain cases it could also result in suspension of the driver’s privileges to operate a motor vehicle.

Please ensure your first responders make it home safely to their families; we ask you to commit to saving the lives of these professionals by remembering to “*Move Over and Slow Down*” when approaching any public safety professional working in or near a roadway.



“Keeping the Homefront Safe”