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Social Media Campaign Aims to Protect First-Responders, Highway Workers

May 25, 2018 - All day today (5/25), citizens are being urged to help first-responders and highway workers promote a law intended to help protect them on the highways.

The *2nd Annual "Move Over" Tweet-Along* is a national social media campaign to raise awareness of the need for motorists to provide a safe work zone for fire, police, medical, and highway personnel.

The social media initiative is intentionally timed to coincide with the start of one of the busiest driving weekends of the year. Last year, approximately 120 agencies nationwide actively took part.

Many states have adopted a version of the "Move Over Law." Delaware's statute was enacted in 2007. Among its provisions are the following:

- It requires any driver approaching a stopped emergency vehicle that has its lights activated to either move over into a lane that is not next to the emergency vehicle, or reduce to a safe speed while passing the emergency vehicle if changing lanes is impossible or unsafe.
- Emergency vehicles include law enforcement vehicles, EMS vehicles, ambulances, fire trucks, fire police and park ranger vehicles.

- The law applies specifically to roadways having two or more lanes going in the same direction.
- The fine and fees for not moving over for an emergency vehicle total more than \$100.

Use "#MoveOver18" to promote the move over message on social media.