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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SQUAD CAR STRUCK WHILE BLOCKING TRAFFIC FOR EXPRESSWAY SHOOTING

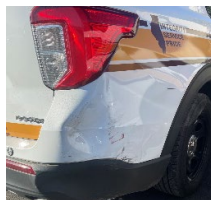
ISP experiences 18th Move Over Law related crash of 2024

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash early yesterday morning in Chicago involving an ISP trooper who was hit by a motorist who failed to move over.

On October 17, 2024, at approximately 3:22 a.m., an ISP trooper’s marked squad car was parked with its emergency lights activated on the ramp from 130th Street westbound to Interstate 94 northbound, providing traffic control for an earlier expressway shooting investigation. The trooper was inside of the squad car when a Jeep struck the rear passenger side of the squad car. The trooper was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Jeep, 40-year-old Lakisha S. Howard of Chicago, was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. ISP issued Howard citations for the Move Over Law – Failure to Yield to Stationary Emergency Vehicle, Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Operating Uninsured Vehicle, Following Too Closely, Improper Lane Usage, and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

Already in 2024, ISP has suffered 18 Move Over Law-related crashes with nine troopers injured. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured and suffered 25 crashes in 2022, leaving 13 troopers injured. ISP reminds the public that the Move Over Law, also known as “Scott’s Law,” requires all drivers to move over when approaching an emergency vehicle, or any vehicle with its emergency or hazard lights activated.

A person who violates the Move Over Law faces a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than \$10,000 for a first offense. If the violation results in injury to another person, the violator’s driver’s license will be suspended for a mandatory period of anywhere between six months and two years. Additional information can be found at the following link: <https://isp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/340d57cd956c453da2de25af804c268d>.



10/17/24 ISP Troop 3 Squad Car

The charges are not evidence against the defendant, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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