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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SQUAD CAR STRUCK ON I-290 IN COOK COUNTY

ISP Experiences 6th Move Over Law-Related Crash of 2025

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash that occurred on Interstate 290 involving an ISP trooper, who was handling a previous traffic crash, when their squad car was struck by a driver who failed to move over.

On May 13, 2025, at approximately 7:42 p.m., an ISP trooper was parked on the right shoulder of I-290 near Lavergne Avenue in Chicago with the emergency lights activated. The trooper was standing outside of the squad car conducting a traffic crash investigation. A Dodge Charger struck the rear of the squad car, pushing the squad car into the rear of the vehicle from the previous crash. The driver of the Charger, 40-year-old Cordell Franklin from Chicago, Illinois, reported no injuries on scene. Franklin was cited for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Illegal Transportation of Alcohol, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Improper Lane Usage, Following Too Closely, Operating an Uninsured Motor Vehicle and a Move Over Law violation.

In 2025, ISP has already suffered six Move Over Law-related crashes. In 2024, ISP suffered 27 Move Over Law-related crashes with 12 troopers injured and one death. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured. ISP reminds the public the Move Over Law, also known as “Scott’s Law” in Illinois, 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 about ISP related crashes can be found at the following link: <https://isp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/340d57cd956c453da2de25af804c268d>.



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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