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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SQUAD CAR STRUCK ON I-88

ISP Experiences 9th Move Over Law-Related Crash of 2025

OAKBROOK – Illinois State Police (ISP) officers investigated a traffic crash that occurred on I-88 westbound at milepost 139 in DuPage County involving an ISP trooper. The trooper was assisting another motorist when their squad car was struck by a driver who failed to move over.

On August 17, 2025, at approximately 4:02 a.m., an ISP trooper was parked on the right shoulder of I-88 behind a tractor-trailer that was broken down; the squad car had its emergency lights activated. A Tesla failed to move over and struck the rear passenger side of the trooper's squad car, pushing it forward into the rear of the tractor-trailer. The trooper was inside of the squad car at the time of the crash and sustained injuries. The driver of the Tesla, 24-year-old Sebastian G. Rodriguez of Romeoville, IL, and trooper were both transported to area hospitals with injuries. The trooper's squad car was towed from the scene due to disabling damage sustained from the crash. Rodriguez was charged with Driving Under the Influence and Aggravated Scott's Law/Move Over Law violations.

In 2025, ISP has already suffered nine 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>.



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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