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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SQUAD CAR STRUCK ON IL 53

ISP Experiences 3rd Move Over Law-Related Crash of 2026

CHICAGO – An Illinois State Police (ISP) squad car was damaged on Illinois 53 when it was struck by another vehicle during a motorist assist.

On February 8, 2026, at approximately 3:46 a.m., an ISP Trooper was pulled over on the right shoulder of Illinois 53 northbound at Algonquin Road with their emergency lights activated assisting with a stranded motorist. A black Dodge Ram pickup failed to slow down and struck the rear driver's side of the stationary squad with the front right of the pickup. The Dodge then struck the driver's side of the vehicle in front of the squad. The Dodge continued northbound on IL 53 for approximately 200 hundred yards before stopping due to damage sustained in the crash. The driver of the Dodge then fled the scene. The Trooper and driver of the other victim vehicle were outside of their vehicles at the time of the crash. No injuries were reported. The investigation is ongoing.

In 2026, ISP has suffered 3 Move Over Law-related crashes. In 2025, ISP reported 14 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven Troopers injured. In 2024, ISP had 12 Move Over Law-related crashes with one death. 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>.



Driver side damage of Troop 3 squad car, Driver side of victim car and Passenger side of offending unit

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