



# ILLINOIS STATE POLICE

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### **ILLINOIS STATE POLICE TROOPER STRUCK WHILE ON TRAFFIC STOP**

*This is the 15<sup>th</sup> Scott's Law violation involving an ISP squad car already this year*

**DOWNERS GROVE** - On Aug. 12, 2022, at approximately 2:20 p.m., Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash on Interstate 355 northbound near the Boughton Road Exit, Lemont, IL, involving an ISP Trooper.

On the above date and time, an ISP District 15 Trooper was stationary at the above location inside the squad car with emergency lights activated, on a traffic stop. A Toyota Tacoma, traveling northbound on Interstate 355, failed to yield to the stationary emergency vehicle and struck the rear driver side of the ISP squad car. The driver of the Toyota, Evan K. Johnson, a 24-year-old male of Tinley Park, IL, were both transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The crash remains under investigation and charges are pending.

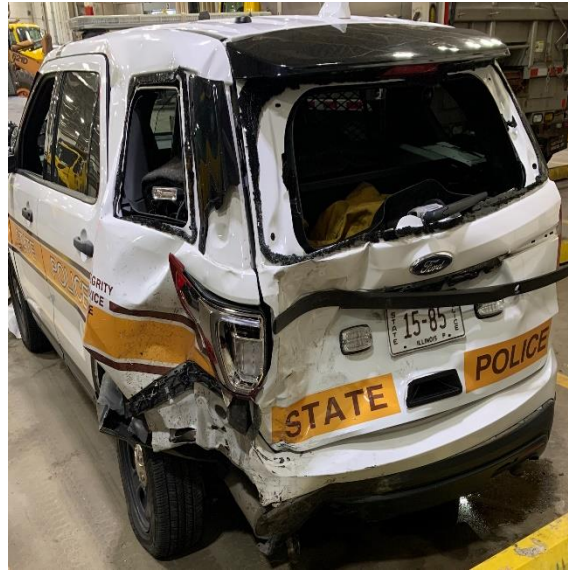
“ISP Troopers work hard to protect the motoring public on Illinois roadways. We need the public to avoid putting their lives and the lives of others at risk by making responsible choices when behind the wheel. Always pay attention and move over when you approach a stationary vehicle on the side of the road,” stated District 15 Commander, Captain Jason Bradley.

So far this year, there have been fifteen ISP squad cars struck in relation to the Move Over Law and four Troopers have sustained injuries from Move Over Law-related crashes. The ISP would like to remind the public of the requirements of the Move Over Law, otherwise known as the “Scott’s Law”. When approaching an emergency vehicle, or any vehicle with their emergency or hazard lights activated, drivers are required to slow down AND move over. A person who violates Scott’s Law, commits a business offense and faces a fine of no less than \$250 or 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/MapJournal/index.html?appid=21430274bef64fc5a19d8dcc191ff3f8>

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ADD ONE/SCOTT'S LAW CRASH



ISP DISTRICT 15 SQUAD CAR  
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*The public is reminded that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.  
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