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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SQUAD CAR STRUCK IN SCOTT'S LAW RELATED CRASH

ISP experiences the seventh Scott's Law related crash of 2023

DES PLAINES – On March 7, 2023, at approximately 1:23 a.m., Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash involving an ISP Trooper's squad car on Interstate 94 southbound near 47th Street in Cook County.

On the above date and time, an ISP Trooper was in the middle lane of Interstate 94 southbound with emergency lights activated, assisting with a vehicle fire that was in the right lane. Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Chicago Fire Department (CFD) were also on scene assisting with the vehicle fire, stationary in the right lane, with their emergency lights activated. A Gray 2009 Dodge Journey, traveling southbound, failed to yield to the emergency vehicles and sideswiped the driver side of the ISP squad car. No IDOT or CFD vehicles were struck. The Trooper was inside of the squad car at the time of the crash and there were no injuries reported as a result. The driver of the Dodge, 39-year-old Quontrell M. Alexander of Chicago, IL, was issued citations for: Driving Under the Influence, Scott's Law – Failure To Yield To Stationary Emergency Vehicle, and Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident.

So far this year, ISP had seven Move Over Law-related crashes. In 2022, ISP had 23 Move Over Law-related crashes where eight Troopers sustained injuries. ISP is reminding the public of the requirements of the Move Over Law, otherwise known as "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/dashboards/340d57cd956c453da2de25af804c268d>

The public is reminded that all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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