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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SQUAD CAR STRUCK WHILE CLOSING RAMP FOR MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

ISP experiences the 14th Scott's Law related crash of 2023

CHICAGO – On September 15, 2023, at approximately 10:40 p.m., Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a two-vehicle traffic crash involving an ISP Trooper's squad car on the ramp from Interstate 90 southbound to Washington Street, Chicago, Cook County.

On the above date and time, an ISP Troop 3 Trooper was stationary on the ramp from of Interstate 90 southbound to Washington Street, with emergency lights activated, horizontally angled to block traffic for the Mexican Independence Day Celebration. The Trooper repositioned his squad car to allow an emergency vehicle to pass, when a Jeep attempted to travel onto the ramp and struck the rear of the ISP squad car with their front driver's side bumper. The Trooper was uninjured. The driver of the Jeep, 31-year-old Jose M. Lazo of Chicago, IL, was uninjured. Lazo was issued citations for Scott's Law – Improper Passing of an Emergency Vehicle and No Valid License-Expired.

So far this year, ISP has had 14 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>

All subjects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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