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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE TROOPER STRUCK ON INTERSTATE 94

ISP experiences 16th Move Over Law related crash of 2024

CHICAGO – On July 5, 2024, at approximately 2:59 a.m., Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash in Cook County involving an ISP trooper hit by a motorist who failed to move over.

On the above date and time, an ISP trooper's squad car was parked in Lane 3 on Interstate 90 near 75th Street with emergency lights activated, while the trooper was handling a previous traffic crash. The trooper was out of their squad car assisting the driver from the previous crash exit the passenger side of their vehicle. A Mercedes struck the driver's side of that vehicle causing it to strike the trooper. The trooper was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Mercedes, 33-year-old Damaya Herriott of Chicago, IL., reported no injuries on scene. Herriott was cited for the Move Over Law – Failure to Yield to Stationary Emergency Vehicle, Following Too Closely, Improper Lane Usage, and Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol.

Already in 2024, ISP has suffered 16 Move Over Law-related crashes with eight troopers injured. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured and suffered 25 crashes in 2022, leaving 13 troopers injured. ISP reminds the public that the Move Over Law, also known as "Scott's Law," 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 can be found at the following link: <https://isp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/340d57cd956c453da2de25af804c268d>.

The charge(s) is/are not evidence against the defendant(s), and the defendant(s) is/are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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