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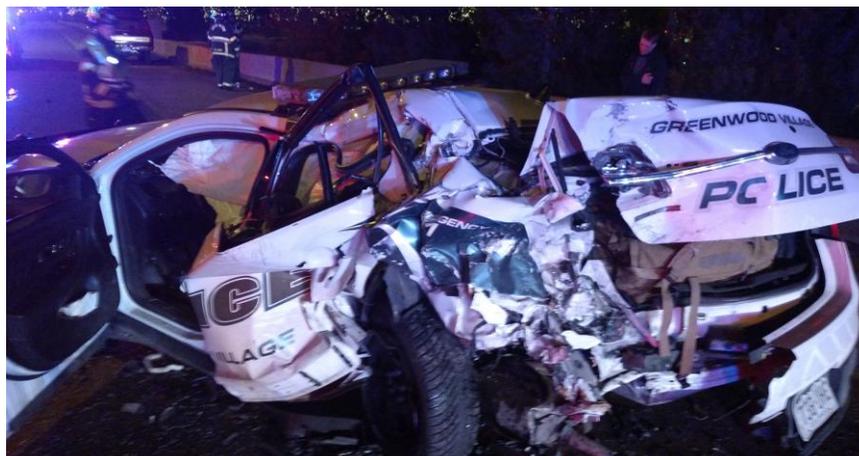
## South I-25 Corridor Enforcement and Education Campaign – “Move Over” Law

**November 30, 2016** – Despite Colorado Revised Statute 42-4-705, Colorado’s “Move Over” law, we continue to see needless crashes across the state. Every year, several first responders and other road safety personnel are seriously injured, some fatally, because motorists simply refuse to move over. In an effort to improve the motoring public’s awareness of this law, several law enforcement agencies along the south corridor of Interstate 25 will be teaming up this week. On Thursday, Dec. 1st, officers and deputies from the Greenwood Village Police Department, Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office, Denver Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office and the Lone Tree Police Department will conduct an education and enforcement operation along this section of I-25. They will be stopping motorists who fail to move over to educate and possibly cite them for their violations.

Colorado’s law is clear, requiring motorists to move over at least one lane whenever they approach an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing. If a motorist is unable to move over, such as a two lane road or when heavy traffic is present, then they are required to greatly reduce their speed. This law also protects road maintenance and tow truck operations. By moving over, motorists provide a buffer zone for the personnel directing their attention to the situation on the roadway.

Unfortunately, the daily experiences of our first responders and road safety personnel has provided us with the knowledge that a large amount of Colorado motorists are either unaware of the law or simply refuse to obey it. Regardless, this failure to move over can result in severe consequences for the first responders and the people who crash into them. See the below photo for an example of a wreck that occurred earlier this year because of a motorist’s failure to move over in Greenwood Village.

The Greenwood Village Police Department is coordinating this effort and encourages members of the media to contact Commander Eric Schmitt at 303-486-8269 or [eschmitt@greenwoodvillage.com](mailto:eschmitt@greenwoodvillage.com) for further information, arrange a ride-along, or for photo opportunities.



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