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Operation “Move Over” Campaign Results in Great Effort

December 8, 2016 - On December 1, 2016, officers and deputies from the Denver Police Department, Greenwood Village Police Department, Lone Tree Police Department, Arapahoe County Sheriff’s Office, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, and the Colorado Department of Transportation conducted Operation “Move Over” - an education and enforcement operation along the South I-25 Corridor to stop motorists who simply refuse to move over.

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.

The results of the operation were as follows:

- 278 traffic stops for failure to obey the move over requirements
- 193 citations issued
- 85 warnings issued
- 1 habitual traffic offender arrested

Officers and deputies assigned to the operation did report they noted an improvement in the number of drivers moving over as required. However, as the above numbers indicate, there is still much work to be done to educate Colorado drivers about this law.

The Greenwood Village Police Department has committed to organize monthly education and enforcement days, for several months, specific to the Move Over law. In addition, the above agencies have encouraged their officers and deputies to increase their efforts to enforce this law and provide increased education to motorists.

It is our hope that additional law enforcement agencies will join us in our continued efforts to improve the public’s awareness of this important safety law to save lives in the future.

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