



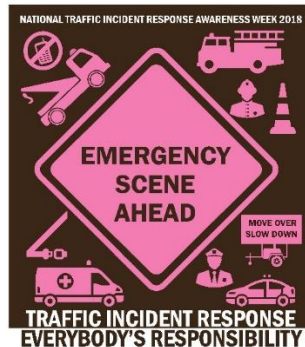
NEWS RELEASE



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Move Over, Slow Down! National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week *Everybody's Responsibility*



Traffic Safety Event at Turnpike's Pompano Beach Service Plaza Video/Photo Opportunity

FORT LAUDERDALE - Emergency responders across the nation work tirelessly to help save lives at the scene of traffic crashes and incidents. Every year, hundreds of emergency responders experience close calls, or are struck and either injured or killed while on incident scenes.

November 11-17, 2018 has been designated by the Federal Highway Administration as **National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week** to draw public awareness to the dangers emergency responders face when responding to a traffic incident. Motorists need to Move Over or Slow Down when passing an incident scene to provide a protective buffer for responders to work and for the safety of motorists.

- Traffic incidents are the leading cause of death for police officers and EMS/EMT responders. One in seven firefighters who die in the line of duty are killed in vehicle-related incidents.
- More tow operators are injured or killed than any other responder group.
- You can receive a citation if you do not Move Over or Slow Down.

WHO: Representatives from the Florida Highway Patrol, Tamarac Fire Department, Road Rangers/State Farm Safety Patrol and Turnpike Towing partners will be on-site with vehicles and will be available to discuss Florida's Move Over Law, which requires drivers to move over one lane for first responders and law enforcement on the shoulder or in a travel lane or slow down to a speed that is 20 MPH less than the posted speed limit.

WHAT: The event features:

- *The Florida Highway Patrol*
- *A Road Ranger/State Farm Safety Patrol vehicle will be on site.*
- *Tow operators, helping support Florida's "Move Over" Law, will have a heavy-duty tow truck on site.*
- *Educational information and promotional items will be set up for plaza visitors.*

WHEN & WHERE: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, November 14. Event staging is at Pompano Service Plaza (Milepost 65) in front of the fuel station and restaurant building entrance.