MOVE OVER
IT’S THE LAW

Protect those who protect us.

JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE
I am issuing a call to action to motorists: Stop driving while distracted. Stop texting while driving. Stop driving while impaired. We have a responsibility to drive safely and protect those who protect us. Move over when approaching a stopped emergency vehicle. It is the law. And slow down in work zones. First responders deserve to finish their shift and go home to their families.

— Jesse White
Secretary of State

SCOTT’S LAW: THE “MOVE OVER” LAW

Scott’s Law was named in honor of Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department who was struck and killed by a drunk driver while assisting at a crash on a Chicago Expressway. When approaching a stationary emergency vehicle that is displaying flashing warning lights, Illinois motorists must:

• Slow down;
• Drive with caution; and
• Move over to another lane. Reduce speed if changing lanes is unsafe.

Construction Zones/Work Zones
When entering a highway construction area, Illinois law requires motorists to:

• Slow down;
• Discontinue wireless use; and
• Yield or change lanes away from any authorized vehicles or workers in the area.

The “Move Over” law applies to all vehicles displaying flashing warning lights. Motorists are required to move over when encountering any stopped/disabled vehicles, when it is safe to do so. Violators could face a maximum fine of up to $10,000.