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Move Over Traffic Mission

On 02/16/2017 the Beaverton Police Traffic Safety Team conducted a Move Over Safety Mission on Hwy 26. The mission was to educate the motoring public about ORS 811.147: Failure To Maintain A Safe Distance From An Emergency Vehicle.

The law, dubbed the move over law, provides a safety zone between emergency response vehicles on the highway and passing motorists. The law applies to all highways that have two or more lanes of travel in the direction you are driving. The basics of the law state if you see an emergency vehicle, roadside assistance vehicle, tow vehicle or ambulance on the side of the road you are required to move over and give them a one lane safety zone if possible. If you are unable to move over safely, for example other vehicles blocking the next lane over, you are required to slow your vehicle speed to at least five miles per hour under the speed limit.

Beaverton Police Department wants to stress how important it is to move over and give emergency responders room to work. The circumstances of a highway emergency can change rapidly and emergency responders need extra room to keep everyone safe. A pedestrian never wins in an automobile crash so it's the responsibility of a driver to watch for emergency responders and move over.

We encourage everyone to read and understand the law which can be found at <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/811.147> .



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