



Conserving the Peace through Values Driven Service
Sheriff Pat Garrett

PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE —January 30, 2014—Preliminary results from the Move-Over safety detail.

Law enforcement officers dedicated to the detail completed 452 traffic stops yesterday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Of those stops, 104 citations were issued for failing to maintain a safe distance from emergency vehicles. There were 194 additional citations issued for dangerous driving behavior including speeding, following too close, and using a mobile communication device.

Law enforcement also made two arrests, one for an outstanding warrant and another for driving while criminally suspended. Seven commercial motor vehicle inspections were completed, resulting in three trucks removed from service for safety reasons.

Law enforcement encourages drivers to recognize the hazards of working on the roadside by looking and planning ahead, and moving over for emergency vehicles.

PRESS RELEASE (Original)

Move-Over Enforcement Traffic Detail

January 28, 2014—Local law enforcement agencies will be on the roads with an emphasis to educate drivers of the Move-Over law. This law was created to help keep emergency personnel safer while on the roadways.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office Traffic Safety Team is sponsoring a multi-agency traffic detail to enforce the Move-Over law which directs drivers to move over or slow down when passing emergency vehicles that are stopped. Last year, over 40 law enforcement officers were killed in vehicle crashes nationwide. A number of those were drivers crashing into the parked emergency vehicle or officer while on the roadside.



Oregon Revised Statute 811.147 requires motorists to change travel lanes or slow to at least five miles per hour below the posted speed limit, if unable to change lanes, when

approaching emergency personnel and their vehicles. The fine for violating this law is \$260.

Preliminary information indicates there will be over 50 law enforcement officers from nine different agencies working the detail. There will be Washington County Sheriff's Deputies, Oregon State Police Troopers, Portland Police Bureau, and officers from Beaverton, Hillsboro, Tualatin, Tigard, Lake Oswego, and West Linn Police Departments.

Law enforcement will be out in force on Wednesday, January 29, 2014. They will be focusing on I-5, I-205, and Hwy 26 during the morning and afternoon hours.

The detail enforcement statistical information will be sent out January 30, 2014.

Please remember to slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.