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**Slow Down! Mover Over! It's the Law!!**

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . Did you know that Virginia law protects police officers and other emergency workers who are stopped alongside the roadways? Virginia joins 39 other states with this new law designed to "help protect those who protect you."

The Prince William County Police Department joins the Virginia State Police in educating the public about the state's new "Move Over" law. The law requires drivers to change to another travel lane or – when not able to do so – to slow down when passing emergency personnel stopped on the road. Violation of the law carries a punishment of a fine of up to \$2,500 and/or 12 months in jail.

According to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, more than a dozen law enforcement personnel were struck and killed nationwide over the last two years while standing outside their vehicles on the nation's roadways.

Prince William County Police will conduct traffic stops for education and enforcement of the new law throughout April and May. Areas that they will specifically target include Spriggs Road, Smoketown Road, Graduation Drive and Crestwood Drive.

"The men and women of the Prince William County Police Department are here to help protect you," said Chief Charlie T. Deane. "So please help protect us. You help reduce our risk by moving over a lane and slowing down."

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