Traffic Safety Bulletin

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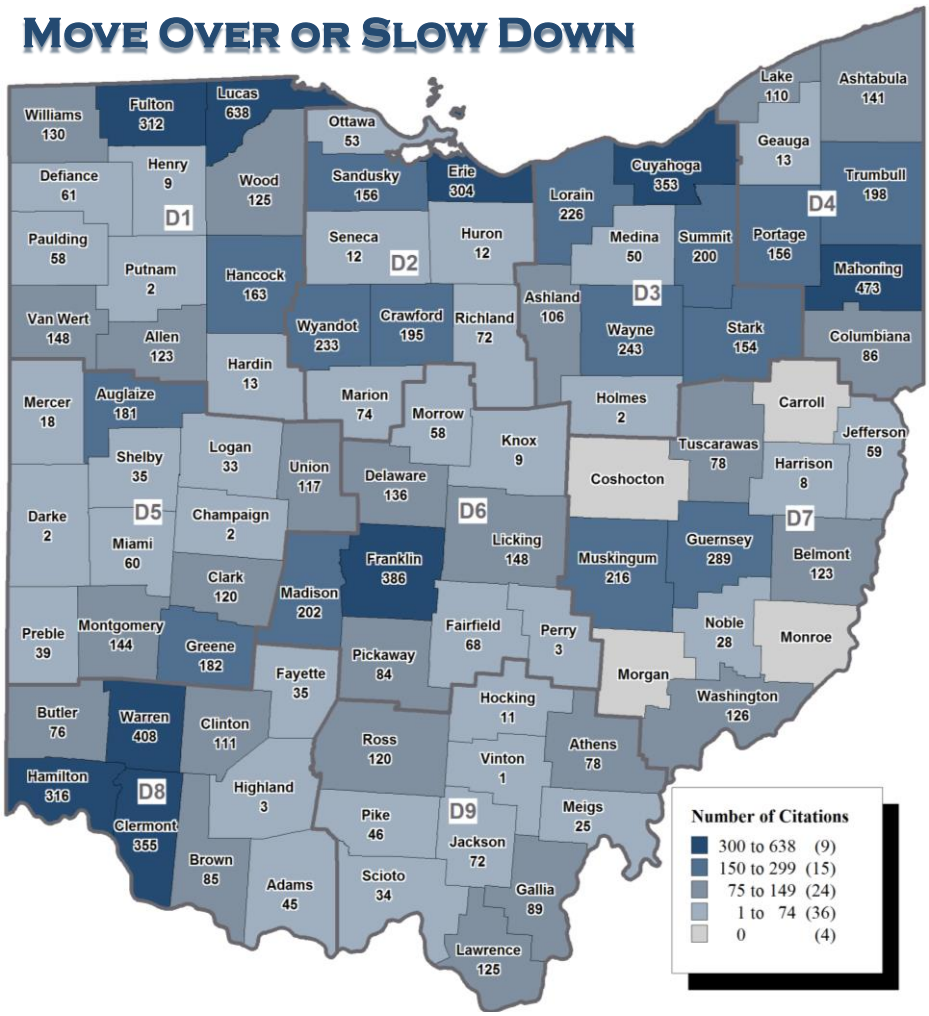
Move Over or Slow Down



Map and Table: 2011-2015 Citations for Violations of "Move Over" Law

OSHP District	Number of Citations
District 1	1,782
District 2	1,111
District 3	1,334
District 4	1,177
District 5	933
District 6	1,094
District 7	927
District 8	1,434
District 9	601
Total	10,393[1]

Move Over Laws

- **Ohio law[2] requires all drivers to move to an adjacent lane and/or slow down when approaching a stopped police vehicle, other emergency vehicle (like a fire truck), road service vehicle (like a tow truck or snow plow) or public utility vehicle when these vehicles have their lights activated. Move over laws now exist in all 50 states.**
- **According to the FBI[3], from 2005-2014, 97 law enforcement officers across the US were struck by vehicles and killed while conducting traffic stops, assisting motorists, directing traffic, etc.**

Move Over Crashes and Citations

- **From 2011-2015, there were 67 OSHP patrol car crashes that appear to be move over related[4]. These crashes resulted in 2 deaths (of civilians) and 60 injuries to officers (25) and civilians (35).**
- **Alcohol and/or drugs played a role in 28% of move over crashes, and wet roads or those covered in snow or ice accounted for 63% of these crashes. The vast majority of crashes (79%) occurred on Interstate, US and State routes.**
- **OSHP troopers wrote 10,402 citations for violations of the move over law from 2011-2015. More move over citations were written on Interstate 80 (Ohio Turnpike) than any other roadway (1,790 or 17%).**

[1]Another 9 citations had no county information. [2]To read the law, visit: http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4511.213. [3]For more information see LEOKA. [4]Parked patrol car with emergency lights activated struck while on a traffic stop or crash investigation. The patrol car was either sideswiped, rear-ended, or hit at an angle.