

Safety is on Your Shoulders

Since 1931, 31 MSHP Troopers have been killed in the line of duty. Eight of those officers were killed after being struck by a vehicle, whose driver was either impaired or not paying attention. The number-one contributing circumstance to traffic crashes in Missouri is driver inattention. Please slow down and move over away from stationary vehicles along the side of the road with their emergency equipment activated. **IT'S THE LAW.**



The law (**Section 304.022, RSMo.**) requires motorists to yield the right-of-way and immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as far as possible to the right of, the traveled portion of the highway and thereupon stop and remain in such position until such emergency vehicle has passed, except when otherwise directed by a police or traffic officer.

A revision to the law, which became effective August 28, 2017, requires motorists upon approaching a stationary emergency vehicle displaying lighted red or red and blue lights, or vehicles displaying amber or amber and white lights:

- (1) Proceed with caution and yield the right-of-way, if possible, with due regard to safety and traffic conditions, by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the stationary vehicle, if on a roadway having at least four lanes with not less than two lanes proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle; or
- (2) Proceed with due caution and reduce the speed of the vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for road conditions, if changing lanes would be unsafe or impossible.

Violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor.



In memory of
those who have given their lives
in the line of duty on Missouri roads.

