

When approaching any authorized emergency vehicle (police, fire department, ambulance, rescue squad or public service vehicle that is being used to assist motorists or law enforcement officers with wrecked or disabled vehicles) that is parked or standing within 12 feet of the roadway with the emergency or warning lights activated, a driver is required to do the following:



- On a highway with at least two lanes of traffic in the same direction you are traveling, you must move your vehicle into a lane that is not the lane nearest the parked or standing emergency vehicle and continue traveling in that lane until safely clear of the emergency vehicle.
- On a highway with only one lane of traffic in the same direction you are traveling, you must slow your speed and drive at a reduced, safe speed until completely past the emergency vehicle.

What Motorists Should Do When Stopped By Law Enforcement:

Law enforcement officers conduct traffic stops because they observe a traffic violation or are conducting a police investigation. Being stopped by a law enforcement officer can be a stressful experience but knowing what to do during the stop will help ensure your safety and the safety of others, including the officer.

The Driver

- When you see emergency lights and/or hear a siren behind you, stay calm, activate your turn signal, **pull the vehicle always to the right**, and off the travel portion of the highway at the nearest point where it is safe to do so.
- If there is not an obvious safe place to immediately stop the vehicle, turn on your emergency 4 way flashers and reduce your speed (by about 10 mph) to signal to the officer that you are aware of his or her presence. Continue driving and obey all traffic laws until you reach the nearest safe area to stop your vehicle.
- If an unmarked car is stopping you and you have a legitimate question or concern as to whether or not you are being stopped by an actual law enforcement officer, you may call 9-1-1 before pulling over. Report your name and location in order to verify that an actual law enforcement officer is conducting the traffic stop.
- After the vehicle stops, you should place the vehicle in “Park,” roll down the window, turn off the engine, and silence any electronic devices and/or radio so that you can easily communicate with the officer. You and all passengers should **remain seated in the vehicle**. An officer may approach your vehicle on the driver or passenger side for safety reasons. **Do not** remove your seatbelt unless asked to do so by the officer.