



## Driving Safety – Move Over Law

- Have you seen an emergency vehicle on the side of the road as you drive down the interstate?
- Did you know that the law in Virginia requires you to take action?
- Do you know what to do if you are faced with the above scenario?

The following is an excerpt from the Virginia State Police website:

§ 46.2-921.1. Drivers to yield right-of-way or reduce speed when approaching stationary emergency vehicles on highways; penalties.

The driver of any motor vehicle, upon approaching a stationary vehicle that is displaying a flashing, blinking, or alternating blue, red, or amber light or lights as provided in § 46.2-1022, 46.2-1023, or 46.2-1024 or subdivision A 1 or A 2 of § 46.2-1025 shall (i) on a highway having at least four lanes, at least two of which are intended for traffic proceeding as the approaching vehicle, proceed with caution and, if reasonable, with due regard for safety and traffic conditions, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to the stationary vehicle or (ii) if changing lanes would be unreasonable or unsafe, proceed with due caution and maintain a safe speed for highway conditions.

Fines and penalties:

First offense = up to a \$250 fine

Second offense = up to \$2500 and 1 year in jail

Court costs = \$62

The take home message is move over one lane or slow down, if you cannot make a lane change safely. Let's all do our part to keep people safe on the side of the road.



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