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ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SQUAD CAR STRUCK ON RAMP TO I-57 IN COOK COUNTY

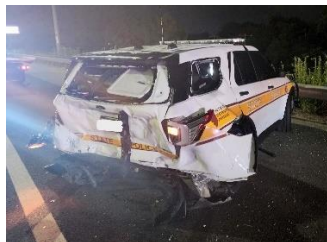
ISP Experiences 7th Move Over Law-Related Crash of 2025

CHICAGO – Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash that occurred on the 147th Street ramp to Interstate 57 northbound involving an ISP trooper, who was handling a previous traffic crash, when their squad car was struck by a driver who failed to move over.

On June 28, 2025, at approximately 1:41 a.m., an ISP trooper was parked on the 147th Street ramp to I-57 northbound near Posen with emergency lights activated. The trooper was sitting inside the squad car conducting a traffic crash investigation. A Mercedes-Benz C300 struck the rear of the squad car. The driver of the Mercedes-Benz, 33-year-old Brian Blackwell Jr. from Chicago, Illinois, was transported to an area hospital with injuries. Blackwell was cited for Aggravated Scott's Law (Class 4 Felony), Driving Under the Influence - Alcohol and Drugs, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, Following Too Closely, Improper Lane Usage and Move Over Law violations.

In 2025, ISP has already suffered seven Move Over Law-related crashes. In 2024, ISP suffered 27 Move Over Law-related crashes with 12 troopers injured and one death. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured. ISP reminds the public the Move Over Law, also known as "Scott's Law" in Illinois, requires all drivers to move over when approaching an emergency vehicle or any vehicle with its emergency or hazard lights activated.

A person who violates the Move Over Law faces a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than \$10,000 for a first offense. If the violation results in injury to another person, the violator's driver's license will be suspended for a mandatory period of anywhere between six months and two years. Additional information about ISP related crashes can be found at the following link: <https://isp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/340d57cd956c453da2de25af804c268d>.



Troop 3 Squad Car

The charges are not evidence against the defendant, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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