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Harrisonburg Joins the #MoveOver Movement

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg, along with many other localities and agencies, has joined the #moveover movement to keep employees safe.

June is “Move Over Awareness Month” in Virginia and Harrisonburg is participating to remind motorists of the importance to give employees safe space to do their jobs while working along the roadside.

The move over law (Section 46.2-921.1 of the Code of Virginia) was established in 2002 and requires drivers to either move over a lane or to cautiously pass emergency personnel stopped along the side of the road. This law also applies to emergency response vehicles, highway maintenance vehicles and tow trucks with flashing amber lights.

“We are asking the community to team up with us to ensure our officers, firefighters and all other workers in the field have a productive and safe day on the job,” said Police Chief Stephen Monticelli. “It is critical that motorists are attentive when they see a work zone or emergency lights flashing and slow down then safely move over if they are able.”

The city encourages residents and other motorists to join the efforts on social media and use #moveover to promote this information.

To view the complete code section, visit www.vsp.state.va.us/SlowDownMoveOver_VAcode.shtm.
Who will notify you if an emergency-related event is happening in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County? Sign up to receive free alerts through the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County Emergency Alert System by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com.

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