

Explaining the Ted Foss law

The “move over” law, also known as the Ted Foss Law, was written after Minnesota State Trooper Ted Foss was hit and killed by a semi-truck on August 31, 2000, during a traffic stop. The law is designed to give emergency vehicles room to work on the portion of roadway they are occupying by requiring passing motorists to leave a lane vacant between them and those parked emergency vehicles. The law also requires that drivers reduce their speed as they pass the location of the emergency vehicle(s) and road repair equipment. Emergency vehicle is defined by Minnesota statute as the following: towing vehicles, police vehicles, ambulances, and fire trucks