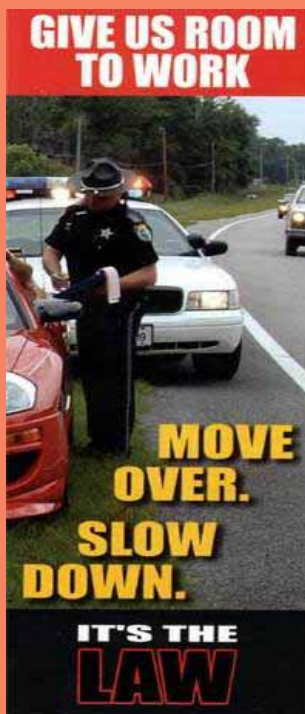


# **New “Move Over” Law Takes Effect January 1, 2007**

Delaware has enacted a Move Over Law to protect emergency workers on our roadways. Examples of emergency workers this law applies to include law enforcement officers, EMS personnel, ambulances, firefighters, fire police and park rangers.

The new law says that any driver approaching an authorized emergency vehicle that has its lights flashing and is stopped on a roadway having two or more lanes in the same direction will either:

- a) safely “move over” into a lane that is not next to the emergency vehicle
- or
- b) reduce the vehicle’s speed to a “safe speed” while passing the emergency vehicle if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe



Violators may be fined \$25.00 plus court costs.

In Delaware alone, dozens of state and local police officers have been injured or killed by passing motorists while they were working out-side of their vehicles conducting traffic stops.

Ultimately, this law will also serve to protect drivers who are stopped for traffic violations, have broken down on the road, or have been injured in a crash.

Breakdowns can be dangerous for everyone involved if other drivers are not paying attention. So remember, it could be you on the side of the roadway. Be courteous and MOVE OVER to keep everyone safe.

