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Press Release

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Florida State Statute 316.126 "Florida Move Over Act" requires motorists use caution when approaching an emergency vehicle or tow truck with its emergency lighting activated. Motorists must vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle if they are on a multi lane highway. If motorists are unable to do so safely, or if the roadway is only two lanes, motorists must slow down to 20 MPH below the posted speed limit.

The New Port Richey Police Department's traffic unit will be conducting a special traffic enforcement effort on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 from 2:00PM until 10:00PM. Officers will be targeting speed violations, aggressive driving, and violations of the "Florida Move Over Act."

Law enforcement officers are killed and injured every year due to motorists who do not use due caution when emergency vehicles are on a traffic stop, controlling traffic due to a crash, or assisting motorists on the side of the road. The New Port Richey Police Department would like to remind drivers to be more cautions when approaching an emergency vehicle or tow truck with the emergency lighting activated.

Any questions can be directed to Corporal Erik Jay at 727-841-4550 x313.