

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK NOVEMBER 2 - 6, 2026

- WHEREAS,** *Crash Responder Safety Week is observed to honor the service and sacrifice of traffic incident responders in all disciplines, including emergency medical services, law enforcement, fire and rescue, transportation, towing and recovery, and public works; and*
- WHEREAS,** *These professionals serve the people of Maryland with unwavering dedication, responding day and night throughout the year, often in hazardous conditions and in close proximity to moving traffic; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Traffic incident responders render vital assistance to motorists in distress, mitigate roadway hazards, support crash victims, and work diligently to restore traffic flow on affected roadways as quickly and safely as possible; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Responders, including those in Maryland, continue to be seriously injured or killed each year at the hands of speeding, impaired, drowsy, and distracted motorists as well as drivers who fail to comply with Maryland's Move Over law; and*
- WHEREAS,** *Every motorist has a duty when behind the wheel to help reduce roadway dangers by obeying posted speed limits and speed limits appropriate for roadway conditions, driving sober, remaining alert, eliminating distractions, and adhering to Maryland's Move Over law; and*
- WHEREAS,** *During Crash Responder Safety Week, the State of Maryland urges all Marylanders and those who use our roads to reaffirm their commitment to roadway safety and this year's theme, "Slow Down, Move Over. Lives are on the Line!", and show appreciation and respect for those who respond to incidents with courage and professionalism.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 2 - 6, 2026, as CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 2nd day of November
Two Thousand and twenty-six

Wes Moore
Governor

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Susan C. Lee
Lt. Governor

Secretary of State