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**MTPD to enforce Move Over, Slow Down law**  
*Motorists must move over, slow down for flashing lights*

The Miami Township Police Department is partnering with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to keep drivers safe on area roadways. The MTPD will focus on enforcement of the Move Over, Slow Down law during the week of May 8 – 16, 2021.

Ohio Revised Code 4511.213 requires that *motorists approaching stationary public safety vehicles displaying emergency lights to move over a lane to a lane away from the stopped vehicles*. On February 28, 2021, two township officers were on a traffic stop on Interstate 75. While they were on the scene, a drunk driver crashed into an officer's cruiser. Luckily, no one was hurt but it demonstrates the very reason drivers should safely pull over and slow down when they see flashing lights, whether it be police vehicles, road crews or a tow truck.

“We want to educate motorists about the law and the importance it has in keeping our officers and all first responders safe when stopped on a roadway,” Det. Sgt. Jay Phares said.

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The police department is also planning added enforcement of Ohio's seatbelt law during the week of May 24 – 31, 2021. The Click It or Ticket campaign will focus enforcement during Memorial Day weekend which signals the beginning of the summer travel season.

“Not only will we be looking for motorists who are not wearing their seatbelt, but we'll also watch for child safety seat violations,” Det. Sgt. Phares said.

The added enforcement is funded through the Ohio Safety Grant awarded to the Miami Township Police Department in 2020 by the NHTSA. It allows officers to focus more attention on reducing traffic crashes, increasing OVI patrols and participating in national safety campaigns. Most recently, grant funds were used for the *Distracted Driving* campaign, *St. Patrick's Day Blitz*, *Super Bowl Blitz*, and *Driver Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaigns.

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