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IN-TIME Review

- Indiana's quick clearance program is designed to get first responders to work together to quickly and safely open lanes blocked by an incident
- Why?
 - Twenty (20) percent of all crashes are secondary crashes
 - Eighteen (18) of those secondary crashes involve a fatality



IN-TIME Review

- For every one (1) minute a traffic lane is closed it takes four (4) minutes to get that traffic flow back to normal
- Traffic related incidents are the leading cause of death for police officers nationwide
- Three (3) Troopers were struck in three separate traffic incidents in a single day near Indianapolis last weekend

- **Trooper George A. Forster**
- Hometown: Seymour, Indiana
Appointed: September 1, 1938
District: Seymour
December 4, 1915 - May 17, 1941
- While on routine patrol near Paris Crossing in Jennings County, Trooper Forster's patrol car was struck by a truck towing a horse trailer. The collision, which occurred on State Road 3, resulted in his death.





- **Trooper Donald R. Turner**

- Hometown: Auburn, Indiana

Appointed: November 1, 1946

District: Ligonier

August 12, 1918 - January 28, 1956



- While on patrol, Trooper Turner was called to assist a tow truck operator in removing a vehicle from a ditch. During the retrieval, Trooper Turner was struck and killed by a passing vehicle.



- **Trooper Richard G. Brown**
- Hometown: Lebanon, Indiana
Appointed: May 1, 1955
District: Lafayette
June 11, 1927 - September 27, 1967
- While investigating an early morning car-truck collision on I-74 in Boone County, Trooper Brown was struck by an oncoming vehicle. Trooper Brown and two others were fatally injured in the crash.





- **Trooper Andrew P. Winzenread**
- Hometown: Osgood, Indiana
Appointed: December 4, 1994
District: Versailles
November 30, 1970 - April 25, 1997
- While patrolling I-74 in Decatur County, Trooper Winzenread stopped to assist a motorist who had run out of gas. Returning to the stranded vehicle after getting gas, Trooper Winzenread exited his patrol car and was struck by an oncoming semi-tractor trailer. Trooper Winzenread died at the scene.



- **Master Trooper David A. Deuter**
- Hometown: Angola, Indiana
Appointed: April 1, 1972
District: Toll Road
November 25, 1948 - July 16, 1998



- While on routine patrol, Master Trooper Deuter stopped a motorist on the Indiana Toll Road in LaGrange County. While standing beside the driver's side door, a westbound semi-tractor trailer struck and killed him.



- **Trooper Richard T. Gaston**
- Hometown: Indianapolis, Indiana
Appointed: December 13, 1998
District: Toll Road
December 1, 1969 - March 4, 1999



- Trooper Gaston was conducting a traffic stop with field training officer Senior Trooper Bradley Kaizer. During the stop on the Indiana Toll Road in St. Joseph County, a westbound semi-tractor trailer drove off the roadway and struck the troopers' vehicle, killing Trooper Gaston and two people in another car.

Move Over Law

I.C. 9-21-8-35



Upon approaching a stationary authorized emergency, recovery or highway maintenance vehicle, when the authorized vehicle is displaying alternately flashing red, red and white, red and blue or amber lights, a person who drives an approaching vehicle shall:

- 1. Proceeding with due caution, yield the right-of-way by making a lane change into a lane not adjacent to that of the authorized vehicle, or**
- 2. Proceeding with due caution, reduce the speed of the vehicle to a speed at least ten (10) miles per hour less than the posted speed limit.**

Trooper Struck





Defensive Driving

- Speed limits were established based on road type and characteristics **for ideal weather conditions.** You can get a ticket for driving under the posted speed limit when it is unsafe to do so (fog, rain, snow...)
- Distracted drivers are an epidemic! Young people have a difficult time unplugging from their smart phones even when driving
- Drivers often miss or ignore roadway clues right in front of them to their peril!

Dangers of Burning Vehicles



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Vehicle Fires – Projectile Dangers



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Other Driving Tips

- Drivers should move their vehicles out of the roadway in minor crashes to avoid the secondary crash unless it cannot be done safely
- When an emergency vehicles is approaching from behind yield to the right when possible
- It is easier and safer to merge with other traffic when you are traveling at or near the traffic's speed



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