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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



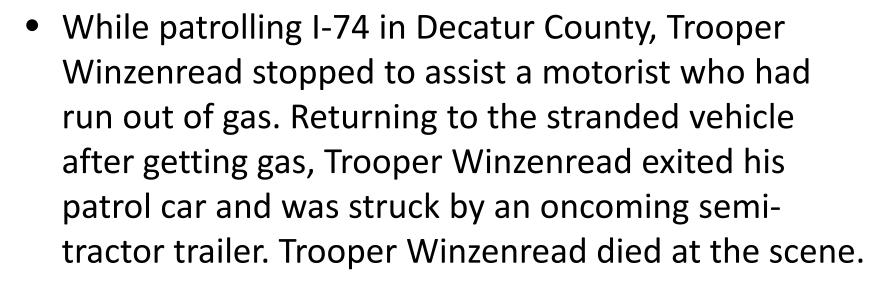
 While investigating an early morning car-truck collision on I-74 in Boone County, Trooper Brown was struck by an oncoming vehicle. Trooper Brown and two others were fatally injured in the crash.



Hometown: Osgood, Indiana
Appointed: December 4, 1994

District: Versailles

November 30, 1970 - April 25, 1997









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:

- 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 <u>for ideal weather</u> <u>conditions.</u> 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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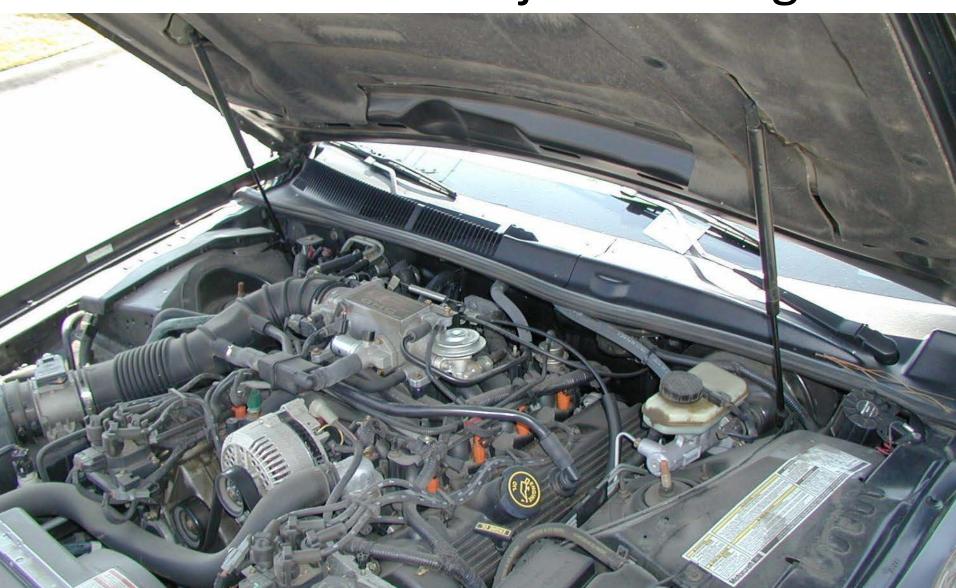
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Photos Courtesy of the Twin Cities Fire Wire

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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