### State Highway Patrol To Launch Move Over Campaign

#### Raising Public's Awareness On Law's Importance

In an effort to increase the public's awareness on the importance of moving over for public service vehicles, the State Highway Patrol is launching Move a Little/Save a Lot, a campaign focused on the education and enforcement of the state's Move Over law.

Since June, six separate collisions have occurred where a Highway Patrol vehicle was struck by another motorist, sending troopers to the hospital with a range of injuries. While these crashes could have been avoided, failing to move over was the contributing factor in five of the six incidents. Within the past five years, 15 trooper's vehicles have been struck due to move over violations.

To combat the potential of future collisions, troopers across the state will be monitoring Move Over violations on major interstate and U.S. corridors throughout the week. SHP will also be conducting a social media campaign on Facebook and Twitter to educate the public on the law's requirements and the dangers associated with failing to move over. This multifaceted campaign is being conducted in hopes to gain compliance from motorists who are approaching public service vehicles while on the shoulder or median portions of the roadway.

"Nearly 18 years ago, our state's lawmakers enacted the Move Over law in an effort to afford public servants protection while performing their assigned duties," said Colonel Glenn McNeill, Jr., commander of the State Highway Patrol. "Motorists must share in the responsibility of ensuring safe travel for others and those who place their lives in harm's way each day while serving in various public safety professions.

Since 1997, more than 150 law enforcement officers nationwide have been struck and killed by vehicles while in the performance of their duties. Since the Highway Patrol's inception in 1929, seven troopers have succumbed to their injuries after being struck by another motor vehicle.

In 2002, the Move Over law directed motorists to change lanes or slow down when passing a stopped emergency vehicle with flashing lights on the roadside. In 2012, the law was revised to include "public service" vehicles. Public service vehicles are described as any vehicle that is being used to assist motorists or law enforcement officers with wrecked or disabled vehicles, or is a vehicle being used to install, maintain or restore utility service, including electric, cable, telephone, communications and gas and displays an amber light.

Motorists who are driving on a four-lane highway are required to move their vehicle into a lane that is not the lane nearest the parked or standing authorized emergency vehicle or public service vehicle and continue traveling in that lane until safely clear of the authorized emergency vehicle.

Motorists who are traveling on a two-lane highway are required to slow their vehicle, maintaining a safe speed for traffic conditions, and operate the vehicle at a reduced speed and be prepared to stop until completely past the authorized emergency vehicle or public service vehicle

The penalty for violating the law is a \$250 fine plus court costs. Motorists can face misdemeanor charges for causing personal injury or property damage greater than \$500 and a Class F felony for severe injury or death in the immediate area of a stopped emergency vehicle or public service vehicle.

### **Children Staying Home Alone**

Before you take the step to allow your child to stay home alone, make sure the child and home is prepared for time without adult supervision.

Set rules and expectations.

• Safeguard the home by securing poisons, alcohol, firearms or any other items that could pose a threat to the child.

• Go over fire escape plans and other procedures for emergencies.

- Know how to use 911.
- Make sure they know their address and phone number.

• Have a list of phone numbers including how to contact the parent or guardian, doctor, other relatives and trusted individuals.

Check-in periodically with the child and child with parent or guardian.

Have a first-aid kit available and know how to use it.

• Teach children staying alone to never to open the door to a stranger or let anyone unfamiliar to them know--either on the phone or at the door--that they are without



Union County Community Action, Inc. (UCCA) is soliciting proposals from qualified roofing contractors for the repair of a commercial, stone-ballasted, EPDM flat roof system on the Faison Head Start Center in Wadesboro, NC.

Proposals must be received by 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Late or incomplete proposals will not be considered.

adult supervision. Don't have friends over.

Keep doors and windows locked. • Do not answer the door.

Do not use heat appliances (oven, stove, toaster, heater, etc.).

## **Hot Car** Safety

In 2019, 52 children died from heatstroke in cars, either because they were left or became trapped. More than half of these cases were because an adult forgot about the child in the back seat. To help avoid this catastrophe: Put your purse or phone next to the child's car seat so you'll always check the back before leaving the car. Keep a stuffed animal or memento in your child's car seat when it's empty. Move it to the front as a visual reminder when your child is in the back seat. Making a habit of checking your vehicle before getting out could save a life.

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ONGOING EVENTS

#### \* All events are subject to change because of the COVID-19 situation. You may want to seek confirmation of events.

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. It is located at 117 North ery Monday, Tuesday, wednesday & Friday, Sam-J Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445 Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Sign-ups Call the Farm Service Agency Office at 704-694-3516 ext. 2 to complete eligibility forms **Lions Club Welcomes** New Members The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joes Restaurant the 2nd & 4th Thursday each month at 6:30pm For more info or to purchase a broom please call Jim Chandler 910-571-1448

Additional details regarding the requirements of this procurement can be found in the RFP, which can be downloaded from the Procurement page of the UCCA website at www.uccainc.org.

Interested parties may also contact

**Elizabeth Teal**, at (980) 699-9115 or *Elizabeth.teal@uccainc.org* 

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