



Suggestions for **WHAT TO DO WHEN STOPPED BY THE POLICE**



key information for both
**NEW & EXPERIENCED
DRIVERS**



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Important Traffic Law Reminder **MOVE OVER LAW**

According to current State law, drivers are required to exercise extreme caution when encountering **ANY vehicle** stopped on the shoulder of the road. Drivers must **slow down** when approaching said vehicles and must **move out of the lane adjacent to the stopped vehicle.**

Failure to move over is illegal and endangers our New York drivers.

Help keep New York safe and **move over.**

Dear Friend,

Police officers across New York State initiate millions of traffic stops every year. As a former State Trooper and the former Sheriff of Erie County, I understand the natural apprehension many drivers have when pulled over. Traffic stops can be uncomfortable and may lead to unnecessary confrontation and anxiety. This guide is intended to alleviate that anxiety in an effort to keep these interactions civil, respectful, and safe for all involved.

This guide was created in collaboration with police officers, attorneys, State legislators, and officials in the Department of Motor Vehicles. We intend to outline the rights and responsibilities of drivers and offer the best practices and procedures to follow for a streamlined, safer traffic stop. Drivers, police officers, and taxpayers all benefit from everyone being more informed.

I hope you will find this guide helpful as a reference for future traffic stops. As always, please drive responsibly.

If you have any questions or want additional guides, please visit my website or contact my office.

Sincerely,

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