

# **SAFE DRIVING: BEING DISTRACTED & MOVE OVER LAW**

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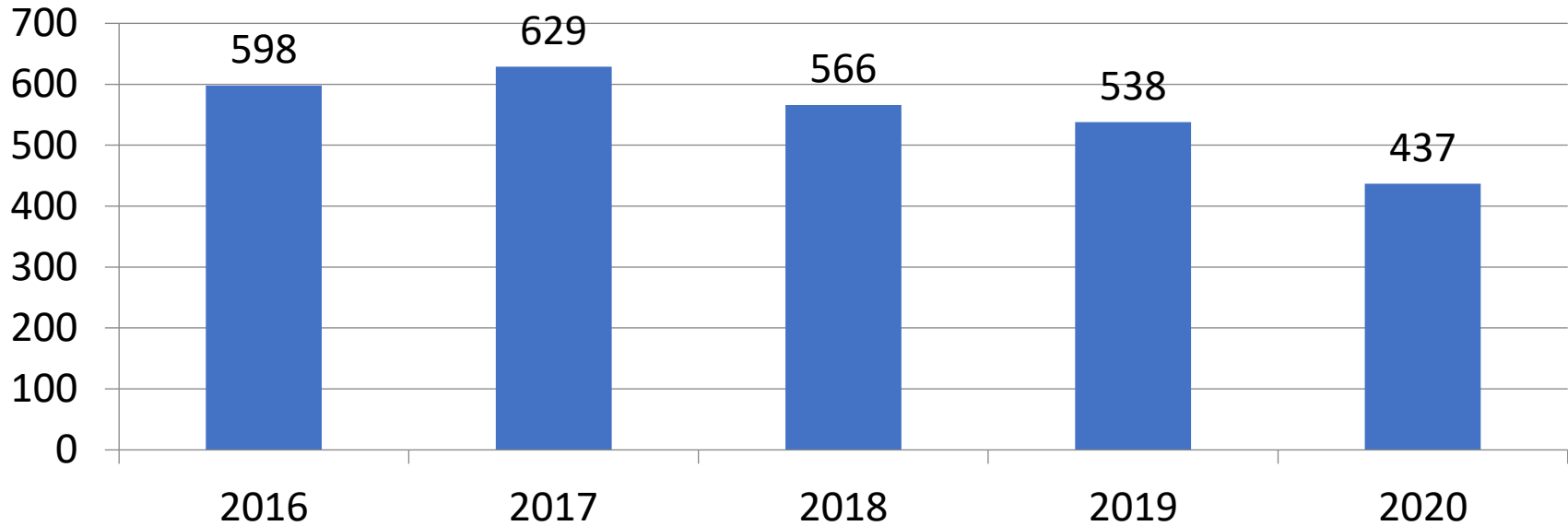
# DISTRACTED DRIVER CRASHES

- On average, there are over **14,000** distracted driving crashes in Pennsylvania each year.
- From 2016 to 2021, there were **9,757** distracted driving crashes in Allegheny, Beaver and Lawrence Counties.
- **27 people** lost their lives in these crashes.



# TEEN DRIVER CRASH DATA

## District 11 16 & 17 Year Old Driver Crashes



# DISTRACTIONS WHILE DRIVING

## Cell Phones

- Talking with and without hands
- Texting
- Posting on social media
- Taking photos
- Playing games



# ENDDDD.ORG STATISTICS



**5**

**SECONDS**

That's how long sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road – that's enough time to drive 55 mph the **LENGTH OF A FOOTBALL FIELD**



# DANIEL'S LAW

In 2016 Daniel's Law was passed in Pennsylvania, named after Daniel Gallatin (Lawrence County) who was killed in 2013 when his motorcycle was struck by someone who was texting while driving.

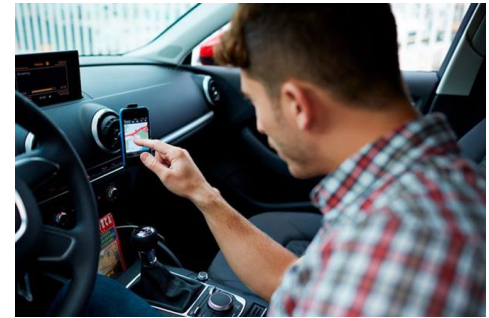
## The Law:

- It is illegal to send, write or read any text-based message on a cell phone or computer while driving.
- This is a primary offense.
- Penalties are increased for texting drivers convicted of vehicular homicide or involuntary manslaughter, similarly to drunk drivers.
- Points are added to violators' driving records.



# OTHER DISTRACTIONS

- Eating and drinking
- Reaching for an item
- Grooming or applying makeup
- Using GPS
- Reading or watching a video
- Adjusting vehicle controls
- Having passengers / too many
- Rubbernecking



# OTHER DISTRACTIONS



3 times



3.4 times



3.7 times



9 times



23 times





# DRIVE SAFE



**ALERT TODAY**

**ALIVE TOMORROW**

- Stay alert and avoid distractions
- Park the phone
- Apply your settings before leaving
- Only drive with responsible passengers



# ▶ Move Over Law



# Move Over Law

- Effective April 27, 2021 – Replaces ‘Steer Clear Law’
- Move over to a lane not adjacent to emergency vehicles with lights activated
- If impossible to move over, slow down to up to 20 MPH below speed limit
- Disabled vehicle with hazard lights AND flares or other traffic control device (cones, triangles, etc.)
  - approach the same way

# ▶ Move Over Law

Required



Acceptable if driver slows down up to 20 MPH below speed limit



## ▶ Move Over Law

**Police: 2 men killed in parkway crash had just returned with gas for disabled vehicle**



# Move Over Law

- Penalties

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense = \$500 + 2 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense = \$1,000 + 2 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense = \$2,000, 90 day suspended license
- Fines doubled for traffic violations
- Injure or kill someone on scene = \$10,000
  - Aggravated assault by vehicle
  - Homicide by vehicle
  - 6 month suspended license

# ▶ Move Over Law



70 PennDOT  
Workers Killed



40 PA Turnpike  
Workers Killed

# Emergency Responder Struck-By LODD

2019

[2019 ERSI Struck-By-Vehicle Fatality Report](#)



2020

[2020 ERSI Struck-By-Vehicle Fatality Incidents Data – as of 12/31/2020](#)



2021

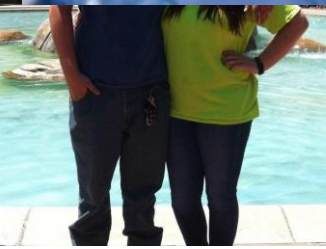
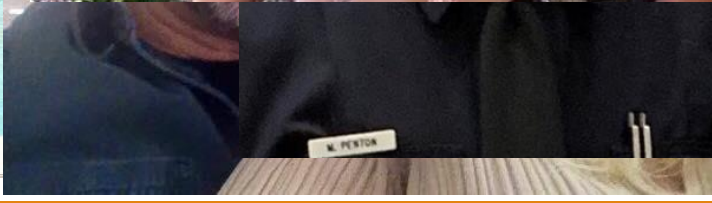
[2021 ERSI Struck-By-Vehicle Fatality Incidents Data – as of April 12, 2021](#)



<https://www.respondersafety.com/Struck-By-Incidents/Yearly-Fatality-Reports.aspx>



# Emergency Responder Struck-By LODD



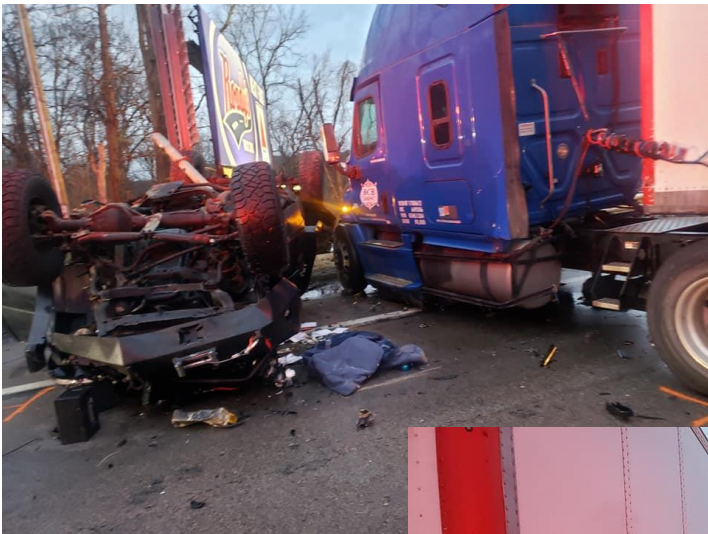
## In Memory



Paramedic Matt Smelser  
EOW: 01/05/2020



Tower/FF Tyler Laudenslager  
EOW: 07/21/2020



# Pennsylvania Responder Struck-By



On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Clintonville, PA Firefighter Justin Williams, 25, was providing traffic control for a multi-vehicle accident on the I-80 bridge in Venango County, which spans over the Allegheny River when he was struck & severely injured by an out-of-control commercial vehicle. He is currently hospitalized in critical but stable condition.

# United States Emergency Responder Struck-By Statistics



At least two Emergency Responders struck each day

An Emergency Responder struck & injured every two days

An Emergency Responder struck & killed every six days



April 13, 2020 – I-476 Plymouth Township, PA



April 24, 2020 – I-81 Dauphin County, PA



April 26, 2020 – US 30 Bypass Chester County, PA

# Struck-By Incidents



**6,734,000** Police

**Reported Crashes**

**x 8** Emergency Responders

**53,600,000** Targets on the Roadway

# Pennsylvania Responder Struck-By Fatalities (All Time)

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109 - Law Enforcement Officers

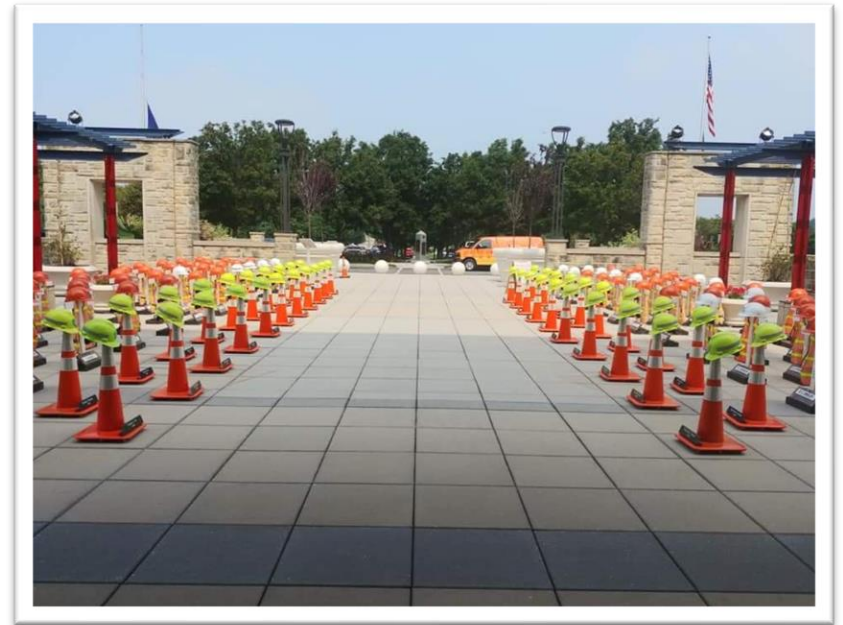
22 - Fire and Rescue Personnel

15 - Towing and Recovery Professionals

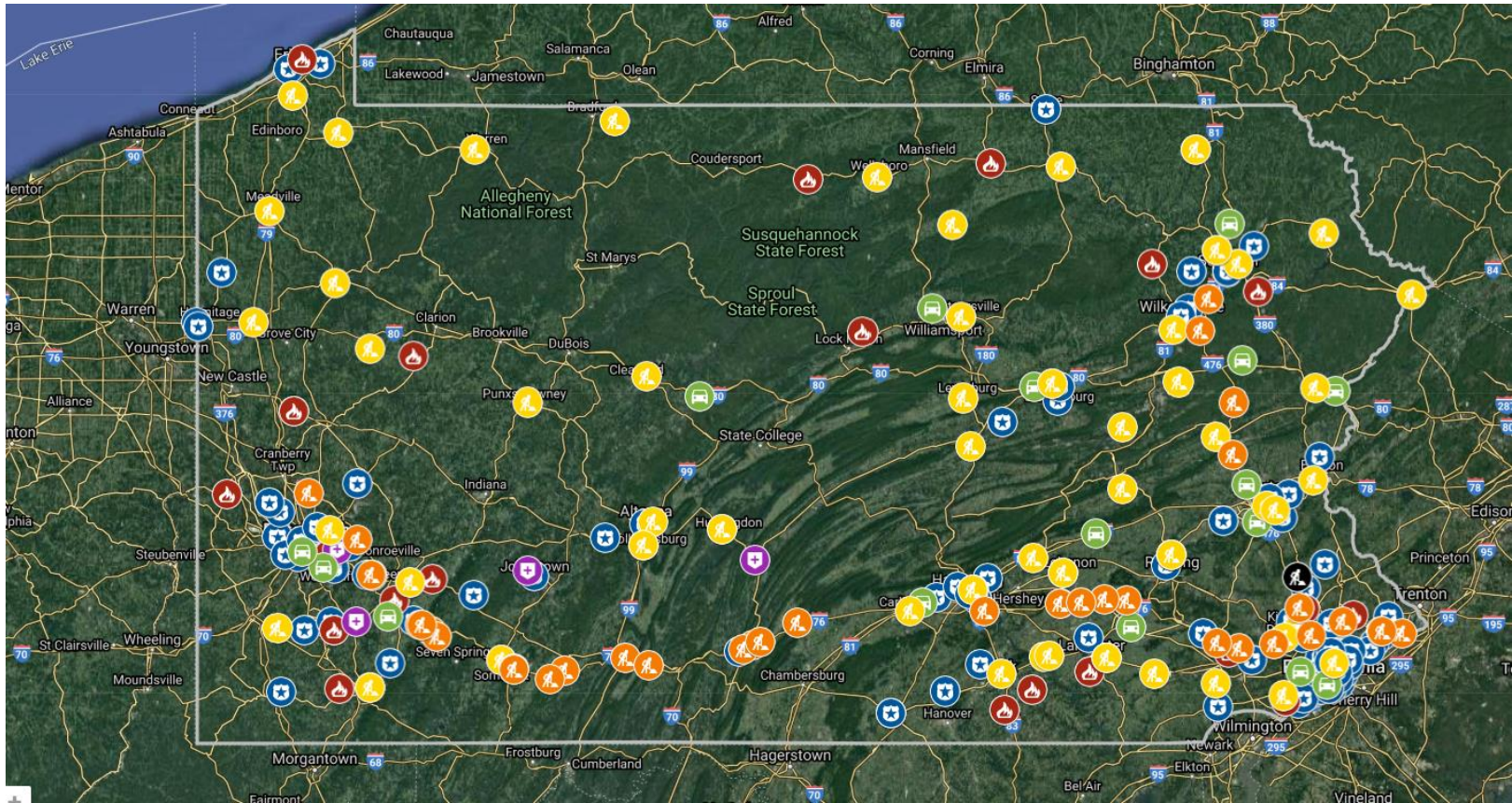
4 - EMS Workers

70 - PennDOT Workers

40 - PA Turnpike Workers



# Pennsylvania Responder Struck-By Fatalities





# How You Can Help!

Move Over for Emergency Responders and All vehicles on the side of the road if it is safe to do so, if you can't Move Over then SLOW DOWN and use caution.

Don't Be a "D" Driver

Drunk, Drugged, Drowsy, Distracted, Disgruntled, Dangerous or just plain Dumb

Be patient behind the wheel, follow the posted speed limits especially in Work Zones with worker present

## You May Save A Life!

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