

Move over for first responders

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With summer travel season in full swing and more motorists taking to the highways, Kentucky State Police and troopers in five nearby states are collaborating on education and enforcement of the Move Over Law.

Passed in 2003, Kentucky law requires drivers to move to an adjacent lane when approaching a first responder or public safety vehicle. According to KRS 189.930, if it is impossible or unsafe to switch lanes, motorists should reduce speed and proceed with caution.

In fact, all 50 states and Washington, D.C., have a Move Over Law on the books. Failing to heed the laws can result in fines and serious criminal charges if someone is killed.

Aimed at protecting emergency responders working along the roadside, the 6-State Trooper Project campaign was started after officials saw an increase in the number of roadside line-of-duty fatalities.

So far this year, the Emergency Responder Safety Institute reports 26 first responders and public safety workers have been struck in the line of duty by vehicles nationwide. That number includes 12 law enforcement officers and 10 tow truck personnel.

Fortunately, none of those incidents oc-

curred in the Bluegrass State, which is why the 6-State Trooper Project, a partnership of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Kentucky officers, is important. Troopers will begin high-visibility enforcement at 12:01 a.m. Sunday. The initiative will continue until 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, July 27.

We commend the

six states involved in this effort to raise awareness and protect emergency responders working along America's highways.

In fact, traffic incidents are the No. 1 cause of law enforcement deaths. In a 10-year span from 2003-2013, 138 were struck and killed in the U.S., including 46 in 2013 alone, according to statistics from the Na-

tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

We urge drivers to remain vigilant on the roadway during this peak travel season. Move over and slow down for first responders and public safety workers so they can safely do their jobs.

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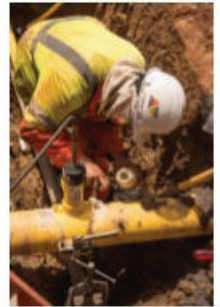
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WE OFFER BACK-TO-SCHOOL VACCINATIONS

Green Co. School Calendar 2019-20

Jul. 31-Aug. 5	Prof. Development
Aug. 6	Opening Day
Aug. 7	First Day for Students
Sept. 2	Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 20	No School (Regional KEA)
Oct. 7-11	Fall Break
Nov. 4	No School (Regional KEA)
Nov. 27-29	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 20-Jan. 3	Christmas Break
Jan. 20	MLK Day Holiday
Feb. 17	President's Day Holiday
March 12-13	Make-up Days (Weather)
April 6-10	Spring Break
May 20	Last Day for Students
May 21	Closing Day
<i>School Day Early Release (Friday): 7:30-12:25 CT</i>	
<i>School Day (Monday-Thursday): 7:30-2:25 CT</i>	

First day for students in the Green County School System is Aug. 7. Opening day for faculty/staff is Aug. 6.
*All times are CT

GCPS Back-to-School Fest:
Green County Primary School Fest will be held Tuesday, July 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. Kindergarten begins at 5 p.m. First and second grades begin at 6 p.m. For additional information call the Green County Family Resource Center at 270-932-6609.

GCMS Back-to-School Event:
The Green County Middle School Back-to-School Fest will be held Monday, Aug. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m., 7th and 8th grade arrive between 5 - 6 p.m. and 6th grade at 6 p.m., (6th Grade Orientation will follow). For additional information call GCMS at 270-932-7773.

GCIS Back-to-School Fest:
The Green County Intermediate School Back-to-School Fest for third through fifth grade will be held Monday, July 29. The festival will begin at 4:30 p.m. for third grade students. Fourth and fifth grade will begin at 5:30 p.m. For additional information call the Green County Family Resource Center at 270-932-6609.

GCHS Back-to-School Event:
Green County High School will have a back-to-school event Aug. 1. Fresh men should attend at 5 p.m. and Up perclassmen should attend at 6 p.m. For additional information call GCHS at 270-932-7481.

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