# **Support Maryland SB 139**

Submitted by Rekor Recognition Systems, Inc.



## New Move Over Technology Can Correct Dangerous Driving Behavior, Prevent Injuries and Save Lives

Senate Bill 139 Would Give Law Enforcement an Effective Tool to Support Law Meant to Protect First Responders Along the Roadside

Maryland's Move Over Law requires drivers to move over a lane to the left or slow down when approaching an emergency vehicle. When drivers fail to obey the law there are grave consequences for our first responders and highway workers.

In order to eliminate or reduce these dangerous driving habits, enforce the law and prevent serious injuries and deaths, an effective enforcement method is needed.

## Anne Arundel County: 1.2 violations per minute

A small sampling by Rekor Systems was completed in Anne Arundel County during August 2018. Encompassing just five stops of 49 minutes of total enforcement time, there were an astonishing 58 violations recorded for an average of 1.2 violations per minute. Anne Arundel's results were part of a larger field study that also included results charted in Alberta, Canada; South Bloomfield, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; and Suffolk County, New York. The larger field study showed similar violations per minute to Anne Arundel. Of 134 stops of 1,415 minutes of total enforcement time, there were 1,879 violations recorded for an average of 1.3 violations per minute.

Up until recently, there have been very limited ways to enforce Move Over laws. A new technology-based solution for any government entity seeking to increase roadside safety and enforce existing Move Over laws is now available, but it requires enabling legislation. Senate Bill 139 is that legislation.

The new technology combines multiple cameras and radar with a comprehensive education and enforcement program to meet the needs of nearly any law enforcement agency, emergency service responder or tow operator. The Move Over Camera, developed by Rekor Systems, mounts on a vehicle and operates seamlessly, while an officer conducts normal traffic stops. Video clips include a 180-degree view of the violation. Still images record the rear of vehicle and license plate to capture evidence of offenses. Compact video and radar-based camera technology is not limited to Rekor Systems.

Enforcement of Move Over compliance through the active use of available technology can mean the difference between life and death for our first responders and highway workers. With technology that makes enforcement simpler and much more effective, we ask that you support Senate Bill 139

## By the Numbers

Violations per minute in
Anne Arundel County Field Study

Violations per minute during a User-Controlled Field Study



of Americans are unaware of state Move Over laws

#### Rekor Systems, August 2018\*

\* Move Over violations study was conducted with Move Over Camera equipment on police and tow vehicles at 10 locations in Alberta, Canada; Anne Arundel County, Maryland; South Bloomfield, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; and Suffolk County, New York.

86% of Americans sup Move Over laws

of Americans support for all 50 states

**126** 

U.S. police officers were struck by vehicles and killed in the past decade



National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund



of Americans believe traffic stops are dangerous for emergency workers Move Over, America Survey

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