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**Greater Hartford Traffic Incident Management Coalition
Promotes National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week:
November 9-15, 2020**

"Slow Down - Move Over - Be Safe"

Hartford, CT - NED LAMONT, Governor of the State of Connecticut, does hereby officially proclaim the week of November 9-15, 2020, as Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week in Connecticut.

Traffic incidents include just about anything that happens on or near a roadway that affects traffic. No matter the type of traffic incident – it is likely to cause delay or create an unsafe situation for other people on the road.

- Small fender-benders can grind traffic to a halt because of "rubber-neckers."
- Sometimes a traffic lane or even an entire roadway must be shut down for serious crashes.
- Traffic incidents alone cause nearly 25% of the congestion on our roadways. What's worse, every minute you are stuck in a traffic jam because of a traffic incident increases your risk of being rear-ended.

The Greater Hartford Traffic Incident Management Coalition (GHTC) is promoting the awareness campaign and encourages everyone to support those who put their life on the line 24/7/365 days a year. The awareness campaign is promoted by numerous emergency response organizations, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), NHTSA, ATSSA, AASHTO, TRAA and AAA, and many other groups supporting safety on our roadways.

Traffic Incident Management responders are heroes of our highways and roadways, There is a unified team that works closely together to make sure the right people show up to the scene to help move cars and trucks out of the roadways, and save lives. Firefighters, EMS/EMT, law enforcement, towing and recovery professionals, safety patrols, maintenance crews, commercial vehicle squads, environmental and hazmat crews, traffic management centers, 911 dispatchers along with the media work together using well-rehearsed procedures and timely notifications to respond quickly and safely.

Millions more motorists are passing near or through that Traffic Incident Management (TIM) work zone. So it is important to know what to do when approaching or being involved in a crash.

REMEMBER

Slow Down-Move Over – In Connecticut, the Move Over law requires motorists to slow down and move over for emergency and maintenance vehicles and disabled motorists if safe to do so.

Move It – In Connecticut, the Move It law requires motorists involved in a traffic incident, to move their cars out of the roadway if the vehicles are drivable and there are no injuries and be safe.

To get more information on the Greater Hartford Traffic Incident Management Coalition efforts please visit our site at <https://crcog.org/traffic-incident-management-update/>