

>> **SURPRISES** AREN'T GOOD ON ROADWAYS...

**NOTIFY MOTORISTS IN
ADVANCE OF A ROAD-
WAY INCIDENT AND
GUIDE THEM SAFELY
PAST YOUR SCENE.**

*Utilize emergency vehicles,
signage, cones, flares, and
digital alerting.*



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»» *SOMETIMES, THE ONLY THING
PROTECTING YOU FROM A DISTRACTED
OR IMPAIRED DRIVER IS **HEAVY METAL***

**USE BLOCKING VEHICLES TO
PROTECT YOU AND YOUR SCENE.**



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THIS MESSAGE

CAN'T WAIT

Limit your distractions while driving by only using your phone and MDT when you are stopped. If your mind is on the message, it isn't on the road.



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FATIGUE CAN'T TAKE A BACK SEAT

Driving while fatigued can be equivalent to driving with a 0.08% BAC. Prioritize sleep in your schedule, avoid caffeine and alcohol before bed, and speak up if you or a partner can't safely drive.

"DISTRACTED DRIVING IMPAIRS POLICE PATROL OFFICER DRIVING PERFORMANCE." *POLICING: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF POLICE STRATEGIES & MANAGEMENT*, 38(3), 505-516.



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IS YOUR PURSUIT WORTH A LIFE?

Between 1982 and 2020, **13,381** people were killed during police pursuits - **the majority of which were *not* fleeing drivers**. Before engaging in a pursuit, consider whether the pursuit is worth the risk to officer and public safety.

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION FATAL ACCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM DATA, 1982-2020



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RETROREFLECTIVE VEST
WHEN DIRECTING TRAFFIC
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STOW YOUR GEAR!



**A FULL, GALLON WATER BOTTLE
CAN WEIGH OVER 8LBS,
THE SIZE OF A SMALL DUMBBELL!**

Improperly stowed gear can become airborne during a vehicle collision. Secure your personal items and equipment in your trunk or seat organizer before your shift.



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IS THERE A NEED FOR YOUR SPEED?

Between 1975 and 2020, 375 law enforcement officers died operating motor vehicles while driving too fast for conditions or at an excessive rate of speed.¹ Before you accelerate, remember, **speed is the strongest risk factor for a fatality** in a motor vehicle collision.²

¹ NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION FATAL ACCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM DATA, 1975-2020

² SHIBATA, A., & FUKUDA, K. (1994). RISK FACTORS OF FATALITY IN MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS. ACCIDENT ANALYSIS & PREVENTION, 26(3), 391-397. [HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1016/0001-4575\(94\)90013-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/0001-4575(94)90013-2)



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SEAT BELT AND VEST IS BEST

One study found that of the lives saved by ballistic vests, 42% of those saves occurred during a traffic collision. **Wearing your ballistic vest and your seat belt** during a vehicle collision can help protect your internal organs from damage.

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