

Spring 2011 Road Rules

In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information for drivers, focusing on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or other traffic safety issues.

Section 3327 of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, "Duty of driver in emergency response areas" also known as the "The Steer Clear law", requires motorists to move into a lane that is not adjacent to an emergency response area. An emergency response area is an area on or near a road where services are being provided by police, sheriffs, coroners, medical examiners, firefighters, fire police, fire marshals, rescue personnel, emergency medical service personnel, towing and recovery personnel, hazardous material response team members and/or highway construction and maintenance personnel. If drivers cannot move over because of traffic or other conditions, they must reduce their speed. In cases where law enforcement may not be present, the law allows road workers and emergency responders to report violations by motorists. Law enforcement may issue citations based on these reports. Failure to move over or slow down can result in a summary offense that carries a fine of up to \$250. In addition, fines will be doubled for traffic violations occurring in work zones areas. If that violation leads to a worker being injured, a 90-day license suspension could result.

Always exercise extreme caution in these areas.

As a rule of thumb, if you are on a multi-lane highway and see a vehicle or vehicles in the shoulder or stopped on the road, leave a buffer lane between your car and the stopped vehicle(s) when possible. If you are not able to keep a lane between yourself and the stopped vehicle(s), slow down!