

TRAFFIC NEWSLETTER

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2008 Vehicle Code Books ● The 2007-2008 Oregon Vehicle Code Book will be available for purchase starting May 12. The charge for the books is \$5 per copy, which covers the cost of compiling, publishing and distributing the books.

Format - The books are approximately 5½ by 8½ inches in size, and are available in both a bound and loose-leaf versions. There are a limited number of loose-leaf (notebook style) books available. The loose-leaf format requires a three ring binder, which is **not** provided by DMV. Requests for loose-leaf books will be filled on a first-come first-served basis until the supply has been exhausted. If there are no loose-leaf books available, requests will be filled with the bound version of the book.

To purchase copies of the book, send your written request, with payment, to:

DMV - Record Services
1905 Lana Ave NE
Salem, OR 97314

Please be sure to include the complete name and physical address (we are unable to ship the books to P.O. Boxes) where you want the books shipped. If the books need to come to a particular person's attention, please include that information in your request. Please state the number of books you are requesting, as well as the format (see above). It is also a good idea to include a phone number and the name of the person to be contacted in case there are any questions about your request. **You must send payment with your request, as DMV is unable to process requests without proper payment.** If you have any questions, please contact DMV Customer Assistance at (503) 945-5000.

Move Over Law ● The Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Police Agencies, Fire Agencies and AAA of Oregon have partnered on the Move-Over Campaign in recent months.

In March of 2008, ODOT Director Matt Garrett and Superintendent Timothy McClain of the Oregon State Police held a press conference on the Move-Over law in the Portland area and unveiled State Highway signs that will be posted all over the state of Oregon.

The ODOT Safety Division and the Oregon Tourism Commission have partnered with DMV and developed media that will feature the Move-Over law in vehicle registration renewals over the next 18 months.

Media and Public Outreach:

Brochures
Posters
Numerous media interviews
Radio Ads
State Highway Signs
Billboards around Oregon
PowerPoint Presentations
Bus Transit Ads

Available Move Over law media can be downloaded by following this link:

http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/TS/Traffic_Enforcement.shtml#Move_Over_or_Slow_Down_Law

To order Move-Over brochures:

Contact Robert Gallagher, ODOT Safety Division 503-986-3883
Reference: "Move Over, It's the Law" brochures with stock number "330540"
Form Number: 737-3461 (6/07)
Stock Number: 330540 (Packets of 25 Brochures- Limited to 8 packets per order)

Contact for questions:

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Need to Check Facts: DMV includes the Move-Over law in the Oregon Driver Manual and has included it as an Oregon driver license/permit test question.

The law text:

811.147 Failure to maintain safe distance from emergency vehicle or ambulance; penalty. (1) A person operating a motor vehicle commits the offense of failure to maintain a safe distance from an emergency vehicle or ambulance if the person approaches an emergency vehicle or ambulance that is stopped and is displaying required warning lights and the person:

- (a) On a highway having two or more lanes for traffic in a single direction, fails to:
 - (A) Make a lane change to a lane not adjacent to that of the emergency vehicle or ambulance; or
 - (B) Reduce the speed of the motor vehicle, **if making a lane change is unsafe.**
 - (b) On a two-directional, two-lane highway, fails to reduce the speed of the motor vehicle.
- (2) The offense described in this section, failure to maintain a safe distance from an emergency vehicle or ambulance, is a Class B traffic violation. [2003 c.42 §2]

DMV and Oregon courts are working together to improve reporting of CDL/CMV convictions ● A new federal requirement will go into effect on Sept. 30, 2008:

When an out-of-state driver who holds a commercial driver license or is driving a commercial motor vehicle is convicted of a traffic offense, the state of conviction must report the conviction to the driver's home state within 10 days of the date of conviction.

This means that courts must report these convictions to DMV much more quickly than has happened historically. In 2006, 0.03 percent of all convictions were received by DMV within five days of conviction, and no convictions of out-of-state drivers were received within five days of conviction (numbers for CDL/CMV convictions are not available). Oregon can meet the 10-day requirement if courts send out-of-state CDL/CMV convictions to DMV within five days of conviction.

DMV is working with the courts to find efficient ways to get CDL/CMV convictions from the courts to DMV. One idea is to use specially marked or specially colored envelopes that the court personnel would use to send CDL/CMV convictions to DMV. The envelopes would make it easier to identify the CDL/CMV convictions so that they can be put into an expedited process by the courts and DMV. A pilot of an expedite process for CDL/CMV convictions will be run with a few courts during June.

If you would like more information about this, contact Lydia Beebe at 503-945-8927 (Tuesday - Friday, 7:00 - 5:30) or lydia.k.beebe@odot.state.or.us.