



Who are Those First Responders and What Are Their Roles?

First Responders are the people who are first on scene for emergency situations. These people are responsible for the safety for all involved when performing roadside assistance and emergency services.

- **Police** – Control and manage the incident, clear the road for the traveling public
- **Fire** – Contain and manage fire, provide safety for all involved
- **Rescue** – Ambulance services, care for the injured and administer first-aid
- **Towing** – Remove vehicles from the scene, clean-up and assist all other agencies
- **PennDot, Township and all other Municipal Workers,** – Maintain the Right-of-Way and assist all other agencies in performing their services
- **Media** – Reports the news, performs personal interviews, and assist all other agencies

First responders will report to work during all types of weather conditions, day or night. They perform their work in the rain, snow, ice and other severe weather conditions. The traveling public continues to travel through many of these roads when first responders perform their work. This sets up a very dangerous condition for all involved. When all first responders are called for an incident together the risk becomes minimal as compared to when first responders are called out individually. We have lost many first responders throughout the year and in the past performing their jobs. **This is a very dangerous job and this is why the mover-over law has been enacted in Pennsylvania for emergency responders.**

We need to respect these people for their efforts and when possible assist them when we can or when we are called upon as a first responder. Working together will minimize the dangers involved for roadside service and emergency services.

The Pennsylvania Towing Association (PTA) is committed to roadside safety and protecting the traveling public. We encourage all other first responders to work together and respect each other's role when performing our jobs.

