

Traffic-Related Fatalities Involving Law Enforcement Officers

Crashes Involving Violations of
“Move Over and Slow Down”
Between 2015-2019





Traffic Related Fatalities From 2015-2019

- During the period from 2015-2019, there were a total of **249** fatalities related to traffic.
- **26** of those crashes involved a violation of each of those state's "Move Over and Slow Down" laws

“Move Over” Crashes by Agency Type

- There were **26** confirmed cases that involved a violation of the “Move Over and Slow Down”
 - State/Highway Patrol=**12**
 - Municipal/County=**10**
 - Sheriff’s Offices=**3**
 - Tribal Agency=**1**





Circumstances of “Move Over” Violations

What Officers Were Doing When Crash Occurred



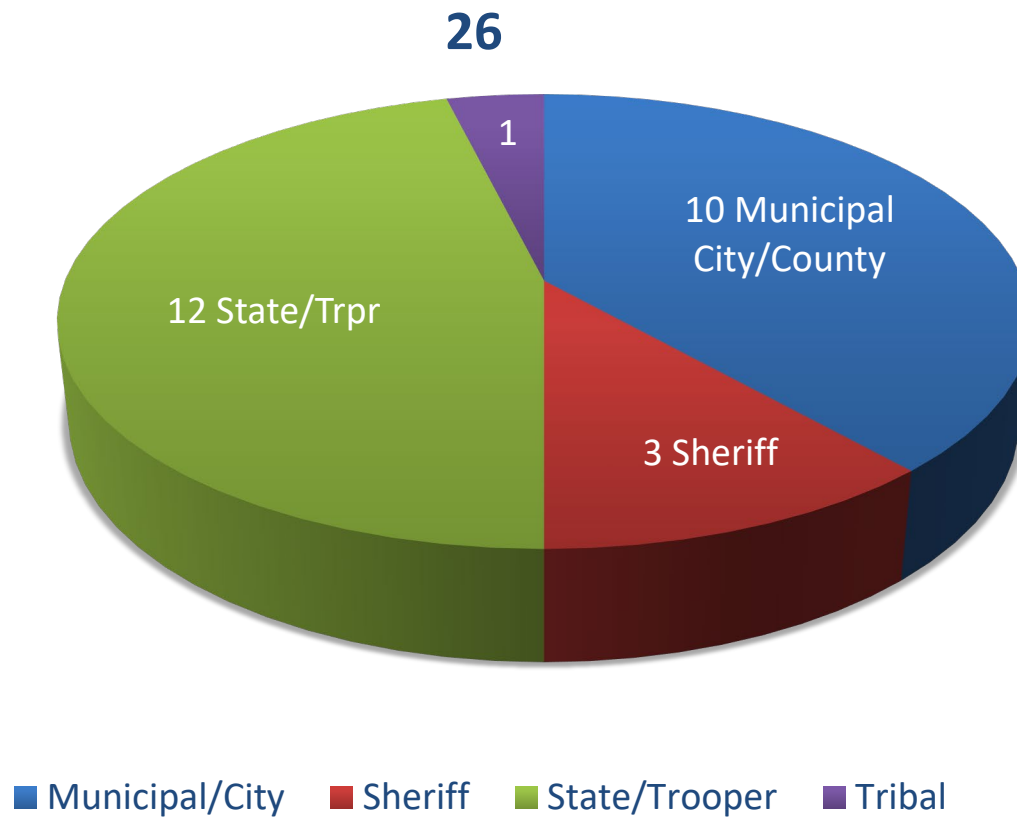
Impairment and Distraction

- **11** of the crashes involved impaired drivers
- **5** involved confirmed distracted drivers



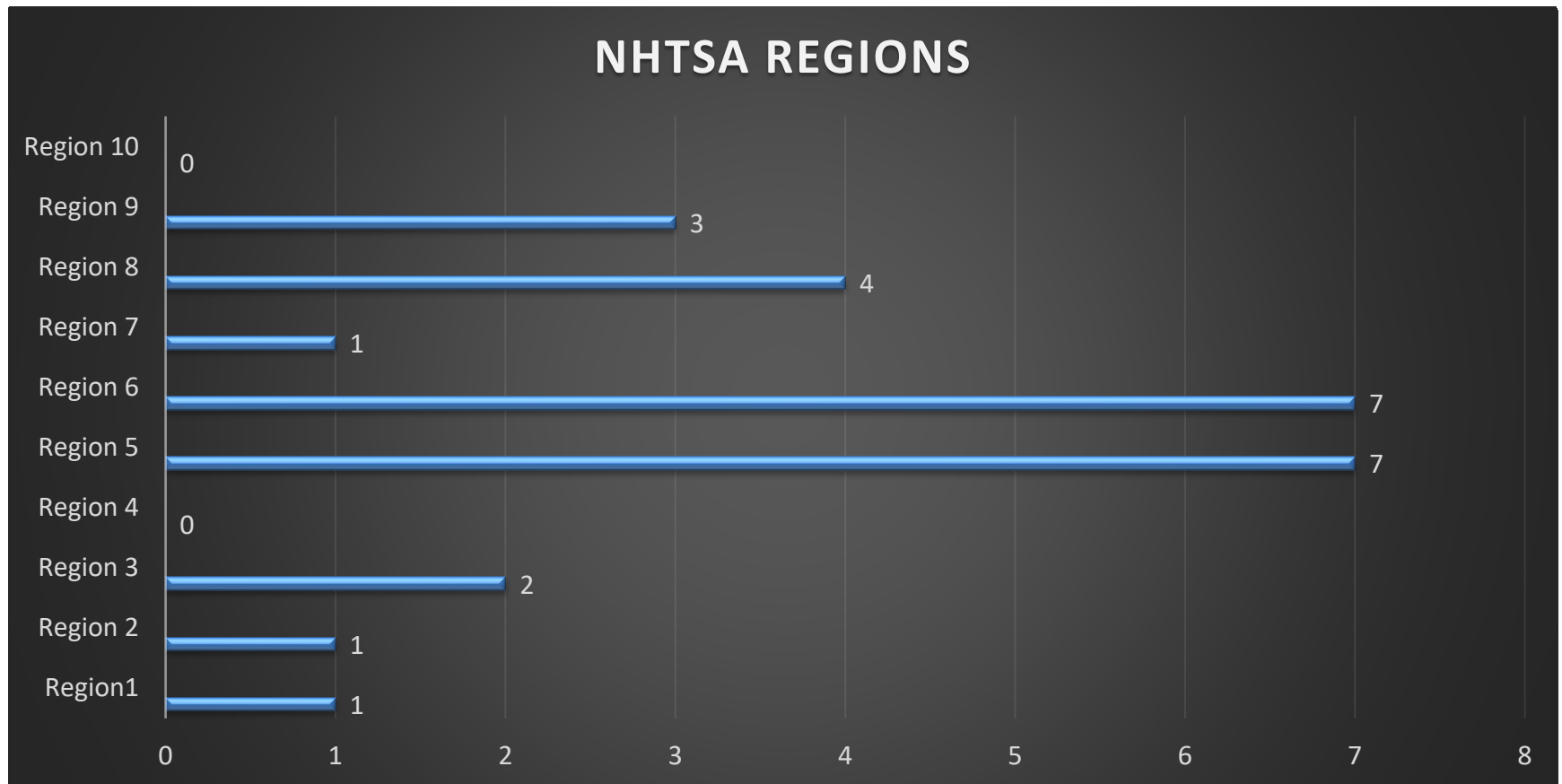


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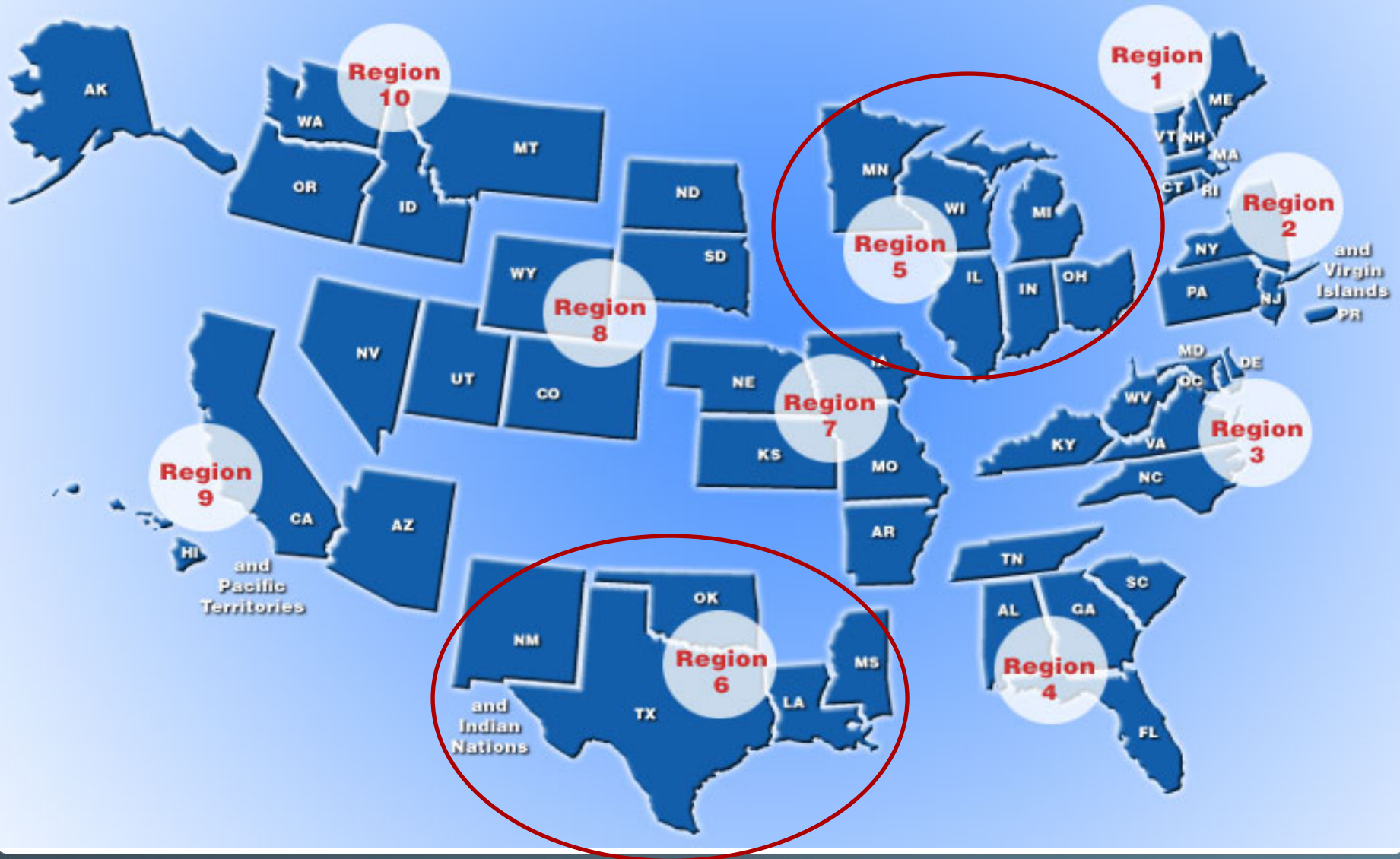


“Move Over” Crashes by NHTSA Regions





NHTSA Regions



Key Take-aways

- 46% of the crashes involved officers on the scene of an existing crash
- 46% of the crashes occurred while officers were engaged in traffic enforcement
- 42% of the crashes involved impaired drivers





Solutions

- Learn and employ the TIMs principles of crash scene management and safety.
- Require reflective bright colored clothing to have officers stand out.
- Work with other first responders to coordinate scenes and use vehicle and variable message boards to create safety zones.