



# WEEKLY SAFETY TOPIC 3/4/2019

## SAFE DRIVING – SLOW DOWN!

Speeding at our sites is more than just breaking the rules. The consequences can be severe and far-ranging:

- Increased danger to pedestrians, *especially at the gates*
- Greater potential for loss of vehicle control
- Increased stopping distance after the driver perceives a danger
- Increased degree of crash severity leading to more severe injuries

**ALWAYS OBEY THE POSTED SPEED LIMITS**

S3 Safety Hotline for SSC: 228-304-2237

S3 Safety Hotline for MAF: 504-390-5695



# SAFETY IN REVERSE

- Motor vehicles can be operated much more safely when they are moving forward than in reverse.
- Don't back up unless you have to. If you miss your destination, do not back up. Instead, go around the block and try it again.
- Before backing a vehicle, make a circle check by walking around the vehicle looking for possible obstructions.



# SAFETY IN REVERSE

- Use mirrors to see as you back, not an open door. Adjust mirrors before backing.
- If there is a passenger, have them act as a guide when it is necessary to back up. The guide should stand to one side where they can be seen clearly by the driver. The guide should have a clear and continuous view of the path the vehicle will follow.



SSC Team 189 Days Without A Lost Time Incident	SSC Record Between Lost Time Cases 891 Days	<p><b>An increase in speeding citations is climbing to unacceptable rates!</b>  <b>Slow down while exiting the Stennis gates.</b>  <b>Do not threaten our Officers fates!</b></p>	
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**Approximately 1,449,704 Hours Without an SSC Team Lost Workday**

**SSC Safety Management Review, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) & Move Over, America**

At the February, Safety Management Review (SMR) meeting, the Office of Protective Services contractor, RiverTech LLC, reported an increase in speeding citations over the past three months. Speeding out of the north and south gates is excessive and RiverTech is concerned for on-duty officer safety.

**Corrective Action**

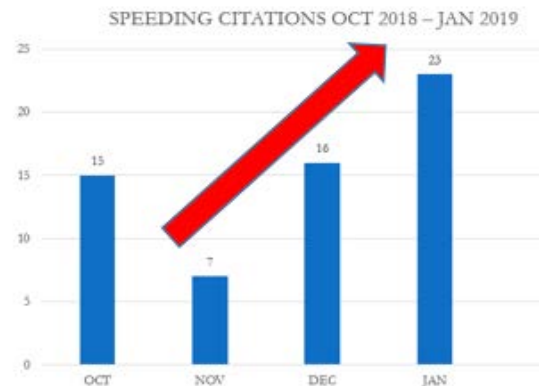
The speed limits were recently raised at the gates after reviewing complaints from personnel about the limits, yet speeding citations have increased. Exceeding the speed is extremely dangerous for other drivers and pedestrians. At the entrance gates speeders are also putting security personnel at increased risk of injury. Possible solutions include lowering the speed limit back down to previous levels, suspending driving privileges on-site for up to six months, reducing the number of traffic lanes to one at the entrances, creating physical barriers to require slowing down or changing the penalty for speeding to a monetary fine rather than points.

**Safety Management Review**

Date: March 26, 2019

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Location: Gainesville Conference Room



**Safety Training**

New Employee Safety & Health Orientation (NESHO)	March 4
Hazard Communication	March 4
Hearing Conservation	March 4
Office Ergonomics	March 4
Lockout/Tagout	March 6
Multigas Detection Meter Awareness	March 6
Personal Fall Arrest System	March 6
Electrical Utilization system	March 7
Scaffold Users	March 7
Lead Awareness	March 7

# Move Over to Protect Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Personnel

Every day, America's first responders—our police, firefighters, and EMS personnel—put their lives on the line to help protect us. When you're out on the road, do your part to help to protect them. If you see them working on the roadside, Move Over to give them the room they need to work safely.

***All 50 States have "Move Over" laws that say that you must change lanes away from a first responder or slow down significantly when they're working on the side of the road.*** That's because, for all their jobs' challenges, one of the biggest dangers they face is being struck by a vehicle when they're helping a motorist who has broken down, responding to a crash, or issuing a citation.

Prior to 2016, traffic-related incidents have been the number one cause of officer fatalities in 15 of the last 20 years. Last year, 135 law enforcement officers were killed in the line of duty. Of the 53 that were killed in traffic-related incidents, 15 were struck and killed while outside of their vehicle.

If you've ever broken down on the side of a highway, you know how unnerving it is to feel traffic closely rushing by at 55 or 65 mph. Now imagine that's part of your workplace, as it is for our first responders. When they're on the side of the road, they're focused on protecting our safety, enforcing the law, even saving a life. We should be looking out for them by making sure we **Move Over** or slow down when they're doing their already-challenging and essential jobs.

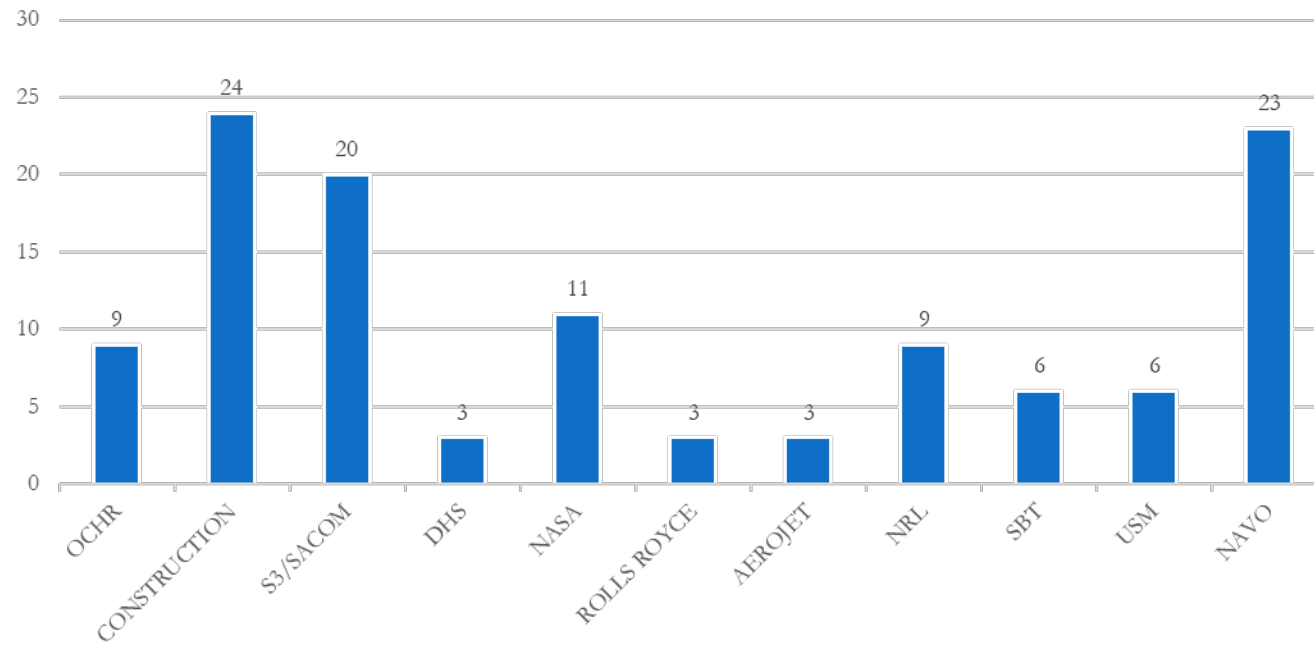


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Move Over, America  
Public Service Video

## SAFETY REPORTS SPEEDING CITATIONS BY AGENCY



SPEEDING CITATIONS BY AGENCY OCT 2018 – JAN 2019





# SAFETY TOPIC

DEC 2018 – FEB 2019

SPEEDING VIOLATION OUTBOUND NORTH AND SOUTH  
GATE (40 MPH Speed Zone)

