TALKING POINTS

**Move over for utility workers**

In 2011 the state’s Move Over law was revised to not only include police, firefighters and other first responders, but utility workers as well.

* **Lineworkers have a dangerous job.** They often work high above the ground near energized lines. Their work demands their full concentration. Distractions can be terribly dangerous.
* **Motorists pose a significant threat to utility workers.** Each year we hear stories of linemen who are injured or even killed as a result of being struck by cars. We routinely see drivers passing through work zones at high rates of speed, often distracted by phones and other devices.
* **The Move Over Law requires motorists to slow down and move over when possible.** On a four lane road, if safety and traffic conditions allow, a driver approaching a utility vehicle with flashing lights should move into the far lane. On a two lane road or when changing lanes is not possible, a driver should reduce their speed.

[CO-OP NAME]’s lineworkers do an important job for our community. Each day they get up, put on their boots, and go make sure the lights come on. Help us keep them safe.

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