



Public Safety Committee

Good morning members of the Committee.

My name is Timothy Vibert; I reside at 90 Main Street Unionville, Ct.

Today I am here wearing several hats. First I am the Chief of the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department. Secondly I am the owner of a locally owned towing company called Farmington Motor Sports Inc., and lastly I am a board member with the Towing and Recovery Professionals of Ct representing some 300 towing companies throughout the state.

I am here today in support of bill # 6453 an Act concerning the duty of motor vehicles when approaching stationary emergency vehicles. Simply put, a move over law. Connecticut is one of five states in the country that does not have this legislation. In both the Fire Department and my towing company, we are out on the side of the roadway daily trying to assist motorists, as cars speed by us at 60 -70 miles per hour. This bill will indeed make our work on the roadways safer!! Nationwide, the number of emergency workers and there apparatus that are hit along the roadway is staggering. Just last year there were 55 towers that were killed in the line of duty on our nation's highways. We are striving to bring this number of deaths down, this bill will help in the fight.

Lastly, the towers of the state of Connecticut would like to applaud the department of Public Safety for including the towers in their "move over" bill.