# Safety Briefing

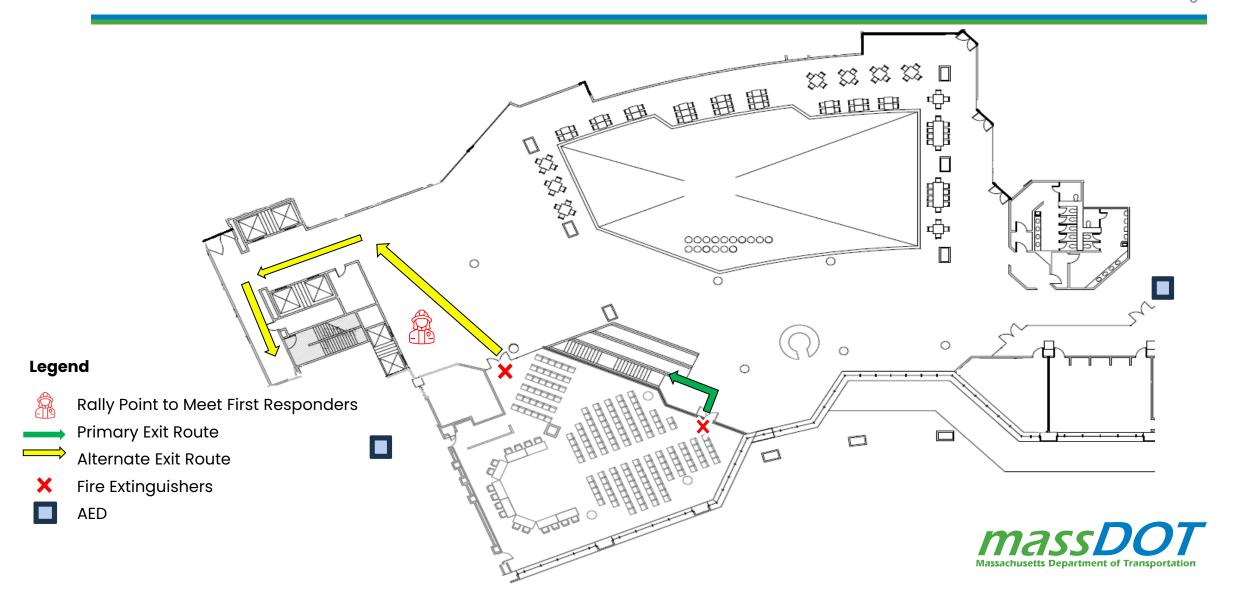
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### **Safety Contact**



### Crash Responder Safety Week

- Crash Responder Safety Week is a national initiative sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to highlight the risks faced by traffic incident responders, including law enforcement, fire & rescue, EMS, public works, towing & recovery.
- Governor Healey issued a proclamation recognizing November 17<sup>th</sup> through November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to be Crash Responder Safety Week in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.



### A Proclamation

Whereas, Winter, inclement weather, and increased holiday travel lead to a higher risk of roadway crashes; and

Whereas, Each year, nearly 7 million roadway crashes occur in the United States, putting the lives of roadway crash responders at risk; and

Whereas, Adherence to Move Over Laws saves lives, requiring drivers to slow down and move over to give responders safe space on the road; and

Whereas, Remaining alert to roadway incident response activity on the road is critical to ensuring safety; and

Whereas, The title of traffic incident responder encompasses the wide scope of law enforcement officials, fire and rescue, and emergency medical services; and

Whereas, The MassDOT Highway Assistance Program monitors the state's busiest highways, guaranteeing 24/7 road-side assistance; and

Whereas, Crash Responder Safety Week will aid in reminding the public to slow down and move over when approaching a traffic responder incident on the roadway,

Now, Therefore, I, Maura T. Healey, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim November 17th through November 21st, 2025, to be,

### CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

And urge all the residents of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this first day of October, in the year two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

BY HER EXCELLENCY

MAUNA T. HEALEY
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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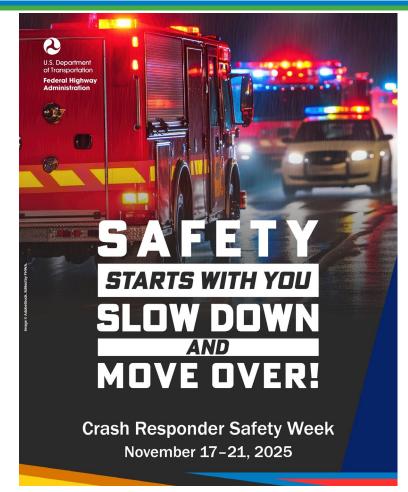
God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts



### Why It Matters / How You Can Help

Improving responder safety improves public safety and speeds up clearance, reducing secondary crashes.

- Each year nearly 7 million motor-vehicle crashes or roadway incidents require clearance. Every responder minute counts.
- We invite everyone, drivers, agencies, communities, to commit to simple safety steps: Slow Down, Move Over, and follow traffic incident management (TIM) practices.
- Drivers: When you see flashing lights or blocked lanes, Slow down, Move over a lane if safe, or reduce speed and increase following distance.





## Thank You

