



Proclamation

Colorado Crash Responder Safety Week

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, firefighters, public service utility, emergency medical personnel, road crews, and tow operators conduct valuable and often life-saving operations at the roadside; and

WHEREAS, these on-scene personnel provide a critical public service and they are called to duty at all hours, in adverse weather conditions, and in a dangerous roadside environment; and

WHEREAS, Colorado responders use Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training and skills to safely and quickly clear scenes to improve the safety of all road users; and

WHEREAS, as of September 2024, 28 first responders who were working on the roadway have been struck and killed, including 13 law enforcement officers, 3 Fire/EMS professionals, 7 tow operators, 1 road safety professional, and 4 Department of Transportation workers; and

WHEREAS, one death is too many and drunk, drugged, drowsy, distracted, and dangerous drivers are a threat to our responders' safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brighton asks all road users to do their part to keep everyone responding to traffic incidents on our highways safe by slowing down, moving over, and driving safe; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has a "Move-Over" law requiring drivers to slow down and move over when approaching an emergency vehicle, a tow truck or a highway maintenance vehicle when their emergency lights are activated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Gregory Mills, Mayor of the City of Brighton, on behalf of the City Council, proclaim Nov. 18 – 22, 2024 as Colorado Crash Responder Safety Week.

DATED this 19th day of November 2024

CITY OF BRIGHTON

Gregory Mills, Mayor
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