Prevent Struck-by Incidents at Crash Scenes

More than 200 law enforcement officers died due to struck-by incidents from 2005-2019 (24% of motor vehicle-related officer deaths).* You can lower your risk of being struck by a passing vehicle while outside the patrol vehicle.

1. MAINTAIN situational awareness
   - Keep your head on a swivel
   - Work within traffic control zone
   - Avoid the gap between vehicles
   - Don’t turn your back to traffic
   - Always have an escape plan

2. WEAR your ANSI-approved tearaway high visibility safety vest any time you are exposed to vehicle traffic or working a crash scene.

3. FOLLOW your agency’s standard operating procedures (SOPs) on temporary traffic control zones.

4. UNDERSTAND the incident command structure and work collaboratively with other responders.

*Source: National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF.org)

Access fatality reports involving officer motor vehicle deaths www.cdc.gov/niosh/face
Find more law enforcement motor vehicle resources www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/leo