

Drivers in Concord Township can now receive digital alerts when they're approaching active fire department vehicles on the road as part of a new initiative by the Concord Township Fire Department. The department recently equipped its fire apparatus with the collision prevention service Safety Cloud® by HAAS Alert, which automatically delivers notifications to approaching drivers when fire crews activate their emergency lights. The alerts are delivered through the navigation app Waze, which drivers can use for free on mobile devices or in many newer vehicles through Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Fire Chief Matt Sabo says that the alerts will help drivers to better comply with Ohio's Move Over law, which requires motorists to shift over one lane or slow down when passing any vehicle with flashing lights on the side of a road. "We've seen a lot of collisions and struck-by incidents in Ohio involving emergency responders and roadside workers recently, and it's a constant risk our crew faces anytime we're responding on or near a road. Safety Cloud reduces the chances of these collisions by up to 90% by getting the attention of drivers before they reach us. This is an investment in safety for our whole community."