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The famous Szemerédi-Trotter theorem states that any arrangement of n points and n lines in the plane determines $O(n^{4/3})$ incidences, and this bound is tight. In this talk, we present some Turán-type results for point-line incidences. Let \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_2 be two sets of t lines in the plane and let $P = \{\ell_1 \cap \ell_2 : \ell_1 \in \mathcal{L}_1, \ell_2 \in \mathcal{L}_2\}$ be the set of intersection points between \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_2 . We say that $(P, \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \mathcal{L}_2)$ forms a *natural $t \times t$ grid* if $|P| = t^2$, and $\text{conv}(P)$ does not contain the intersection point of some two lines in \mathcal{L}_i , for $i = 1, 2$. For fixed $t > 1$, we show that any arrangement of n points and n lines in the plane that does not contain a natural $t \times t$ grid determines $O(n^{4/3 - \varepsilon})$ incidences, where $\varepsilon = \varepsilon(t)$. We also provide a construction of n points and n lines in the plane that does not contain a natural 2×2 grid and determines at least $\Omega(n^{1 + \frac{1}{14}})$ incidences. This is joint work with Andrew Suk. (Received August 13, 2019)