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WORK ZONE SAFETY: PROCEED WITH CAUTION

With the road construction season underway, now is the time to review work zone safety. According to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) statistics, 1074 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes in work zones in 2005. Of those 1074 fatalities, 235 occurred in crashes involving large trucks.

The following are some work zone safety tips everyone should know:

- Slow down. Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes.
- Stay alert/minimize distractions. Dedicate your full attention to the roadway.
- Expect the unexpected. Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people may be working on or near the road.
- Follow the posted speed limit. Reduce speed to well below the posted limit in adverse conditions.
- Do not change lanes unless absolutely necessary. Avoid sudden lane changes.
- Keep a safe distance between you and the car ahead. Don't tailgate. Expect sudden stops.
- Keep a safe distance between your vehicle, construction workers, and construction equipment. Use the lane furthest from the work zone when possible.
- Pay attention to all posted signs.
- Obey road crew flaggers. A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign, so you can be cited for disobeying his/her directions.
- Keep up with the traffic flow. Drivers can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging as soon as possible. Don't drive right up to the lane closure and then try barge in.
- Use headlights and/or four-way flashers when traveling at slow speeds or if stopped in traffic.
- Schedule enough time to safely make your trip. Stay informed on current conditions.
- Be patient and stay calm.
- If possible, use an alternate route.