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# **Tool Box Safety Talks # 16 Week Ending 04-14-2024.**

**Topic: Work Zone Safety**

To ensure the safety of motorists, highway construction and maintenance workers, everyone needs to raise awareness. Driving in constructions zones can be dangerous to the workers and yourself, which is why the speed limit decreases in these areas. Driver responsibilities require them to slow down, be alert and drive carefully to prevent work zone injuries and fatalities. In addition, motorists are required to move over a lane if safely possible for emergency response vehicles, tow trucks and highway construction and maintenance vehicles. Failure to remain aware and comply could result in significant fines and penalties.

**Work Zone Speed Enforcement Programs**

Multiple programs have been implemented to keep workers and motorists safe around construction zones. The most recent addition is the Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement program. AWZSE system uses radar and cameras to identify and record any vehicle traveling equal to or faster than the posted speed limit in a work zone.

**What to Know**

Work zone speed enforcement will be located in construction or maintenance zones on State controlled access highways and parkways. Work zones with Automated Work Zone Speed Enforcement will have clear signage leading up to the work zone. The DOT and the STA (State Agency) may impose a fine on the registered owner of a vehicle speeding in a work zone on a controlled access highway.

**Penalties and Fines**

Work zone speeding tickets can cost a lot of money because fines are doubled to heighten awareness of the increased risk being posed to workers and motorists. Tickets generated by AWZSE will be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle. Failure to pay fines may result in a registration hold placed on the vehicle. Some companies are extending the cost of all fines and penalties received to the employee responsible. Speeding in a work zone could also result in license suspension.

**Give Them a Brake/Give Us a Brake**

Each day, many of our crews put themselves in harm's way by working within inches of high-speed traffic. Set the example by slowing down and paying attention to help protect the other workers, drivers, and yourself. We need to ensure that we do everything we can to get our work done safely and efficiently. This includes remembering that it’s important to remain aware and respect what’s at stake for other companies like us and the traveling public.

Safety Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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