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MoDOT Observes National Work Zone Awareness Week

This week is National Work Zone Awareness Week. With MoDOT crews out in full force it's a good time to remind motorists that they need to slow down and pay attention when driving through work zones.

MoDOT workers make every effort to be safe when on the road, but it's also up to drivers to pay attention, slow down and use caution when driving through work zones.

Remember, work zones can be moving operations, such as striping or pothole repair, or longer term lane closures to make road repairs.

It is state law that motorists slow down and/or change lanes when they approach MoDOT vehicles, law enforcement or other emergency vehicles that have their lights flashing.

Work Zone Crash Stats

- Seven people were killed in 2014 in work zone crashes on state routes.
- Forty-six people have been killed in work zone crashes on state routes since 2010 and another 2,614 people have been injured.
- Since 2000, 16 MoDOT employees have been killed in the line of duty.
- Following too closely was the number one cause of work zone crashes in 2014. Driver inattention was number two.



The aftermath of a work zone crash. On the left, a MoDOT vehicle that was struck and on the right the vehicle involved in the accident.

Did You Know? The average text takes five seconds to read. Traveling at 55 mph, that is like traveling the length of a football field while blindfolded. Some of MoDOT's slow moving maintenance operations can move as slow as 10 mph and if you aren't paying attention to the road then you will come up on the closed lane very quickly. For more information on work zone safety, go to <http://www.modot.org/workzones/index.htm>