

2013 National Work Zone Awareness Week

**We're All In This Together**



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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RECOGNIZES  
WORK ZONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK**

*~Roadway Work Zone Safety: We're All In This Together~*

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) recognizes April 15 - 19, 2013, as Work Zone Safety Awareness Week. Serious injury and death can occur in areas of roadway construction. In order to raise awareness and educate citizens on the dangers of work zones, FDOT has collaborated with partners to drive down fatalities. On Florida roads in 2011, there were 65 fatalities and 3,553 serious injuries in work zones. Some simple tips for improving safety include: be alert, slow down, avoid distraction, don't tailgate, don't change lanes, and expect the unexpected.

**FDOT Secretary Ananth Prasad said, "Safety is our top priority with our increased investments in highway, bridge and other transportation infrastructure improvements throughout the state. FDOT's vision is to serve the people of Florida by delivering a transportation system that is fatality and congestion free. The department is dedicated to making our roadways safe for all who work in and travel through our work zones."**

**"It's important to comply with the speed limit wherever you drive. That means slowing down in posted work zones where you're likely to encounter uneven pavement, limited space and people working nearby," said Florida Highway Patrol Director, Col. David Brierton. "If a trooper catches you speeding or breaking another law in a work zone, expect not only a ticket, but enhanced penalties because you're in a work zone."**

See attached proclamation. For more information, please contact the Florida Department of Transportation's Public Information Officer at 850-245-1519.

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