**Work Zone Awareness**

Safe Work Zones For All: Protect workers. Protect road users.

**From 2014 to 2018 in Illinois**

On average, each year there were:

- **5,114** work zone crashes
- **1,390** people injured as a result

Workers are not the only ones injured or killed by work zone crashes.

Of the **168** work zone fatalities in Illinois from 2015 to 2019...

- Only **4** were worker fatalities.

**Penalties**

- **Speeding**
  - 1st offense = **$250**
  - 2nd offense = **$750**

- **Hitting a worker**
  - A fine of up to **$25,000** & **14 years** in prison.

**Safety Tips**

- Drop it and drive.
- Slow down and obey speed limits.
- If possible, move over for workers.
- Pay attention. Conditions can change quickly.
- Give heavy vehicles room to adjust to conditions.
- Remember: Traffic backups can occur at any time.
- Despite the stay-at-home order, our crews are out working.

**Merging Safely**

- If lanes are reduced due to road work and
  - the road is **not heavily congested**, merge early into the open lane.
  - there is **heavy congestion or slow traffic**, use either lane up to the reduction, then take turns merging.

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