



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

Ohio Turnpike promotes “Move Over, Slow Down” law

Work Zone Simulation will demonstrate to 4th of July travelers what it's like inside a work zone

BEREA (June 30, 2015) – As part of its Customer Appreciation Day, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission has created and is hosting an innovative Simulated Work Zone at the Vermilion Valley Service Plaza on Thursday, July 2, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Nine highway workers have been killed while on the job on the Ohio Turnpike since 1970. Across the nation, 23 highway workers are killed every month. The Turnpike's Simulated Work Zone will remind travelers that highway workers face injury or death every day because motorists fail to give them room to work safely.

Ohio's "Move Over, Slow Down" law requires motorists to shift over one lane — or slow down if changing lanes is not possible — when passing public safety, emergency and maintenance vehicles with flashing lights on the side of a road.

Join transportation officials as they demonstrate to 4th of July holiday travelers the dangers workers face inside a construction zone (with high-definition, close-up footage and audio from Ohio Turnpike Work Zones) and describe how the Move Over law impacts workers and motorists alike. A distracted driving simulator also will be available to customers to experience and information will be handed out on the dangers of impaired driving. AVI Food Systems and HMS Host will be providing free samples of their products.

WHO: Ohio Turnpike Officials and Ohio Turnpike Customers

WHAT: Work Zone Simulation for Motorists

WHEN: Thursday, July 2, 2015 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Vermilion Valley Service Plaza, Milepost: 139.5 EB (Between Exits 135 & 140), 7998 Leavitt Road, Amherst, OH 44001

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