



News from the Ohio Turnpike

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****MEDIA ADVISORY****

Ohio Turnpike promotes “Move Over, Slow Down” law

New Work Zone Simulation Room will demonstrate what it's like inside a work zone

BEREA (March 25, 2015) – As part of National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission has created and is hosting an innovative Simulated Work Zone at its Vermilion Valley Service Plaza on Friday, March 27 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the Work Zone Simulation Room.

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 recently expanded “Move Over, Slow Down” law requires motorists to shift over one lane — or slow down if changing lanes is not possible — when passing any vehicle with flashing lights on the side of a road.

Join transportation officials as they demonstrate the dangers workers face inside a construction zone (with high-definition, close-up footage from Ohio Turnpike Work Zones) and describe how the Move Over law impacts workers and motorists alike.

WHO: Ohio Turnpike Officials (including Executive Director Randy Cole)

WHAT: Work Zone Simulation for Motorists

WHEN: Friday, March 27, 2015 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Simulation Room Open)
Friday, March 27, 2015 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Director Cole Available)

WHERE: Vermilion Valley Service Plaza, 7998 Leavitt Road, Amherst, Ohio,
Milepost 139.5 eastbound

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