

## ENGINEERING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Work Zone Safety – Concerns with Speeds  
& Distractions and Why Traffic Control  
Plans are Important



## ENFORCEMENTS ROLE

- Traffic Safety!
- Safety for the workers in the zone!
- Safety of other Emergency Workers!
- Your Safety!

Change Behavior through  
enforcement!



# KEY TO SAFETY

Get clear of the zone as soon as possible!



## DISTRACTED DRIVING

Distracted or inattentive driving is when a driver engages in any activity that might distract them from the primary task of driving — and increases their risk of crashing. —MnDPS

Distracted by:

- Cell phone use
- Passengers
- Grooming
- Eating
- Reaching
- Remember these same drivers are in Work Zones!



## SEMI WITH BOULDERS VIDEO





## CRASHES ON THE FREEWAY



# **SPEED**



**169.14 SUBD. 5D.  
SPEED LIMIT IN WORK ZONE  
WHEN WORKERS PRESENT.**



# JEEP CRASHING INTO ZONE VIDEO



## MOVE OVER LAW

- Who does this law apply?
- Defined As: If traveling on a roadway with two or more lanes, keep a lane away when passing a stopped...
- **Ambulance**
- **Law Enforcement Vehicle**
- **Fire Truck**
- **Maintenance or Construction Vehicles**
- **Or stalled vehicles**



## Traffic Violation Fines

- Seat Belt - \$25 + \$85 Admin Fee = \$110
- Move Over Law - \$50 + \$85 admin fee = \$137
- Texting - \$50 + \$85 admin fee = 135
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> offense \$225 + \$85 = \$310
- Speeding - \$300

**Remember: All speed fines DOUBLE in work zones no longer exists! The fine for speed in an active work zone is \$300.**



## STRATEGIES AND SUGGESTIONS FOR WORK ZONES.

- Work with MnDOT, local law enforcement, EMS and tow companies (pre, during and post) work zone!
- Establish shoulders for enforcement
- Establish crash pull off areas within the zone
- Ensure safe areas for extra ordinary enforcement
  - Moving Zones
  - Road Closures
- Discuss special events
  - Grandmas Marathon
  - Tall Ships



## PRESENCE VS. EXTRAORDINARY ENFORCEMENT

- Presence
  - Is used to ensure safe transportation for the public and workers within Work Zones (Reactive).
- Extra Ordinary Enforcement
  - Active enforcement of laws within the Work Zones (Proactive)





## DYNAMIC LATE MERGE SYSTEM “ZIPPER METHOD”

- The purpose of this system is to provide guidance to motorist on proper lane usage



## TOWARD ZERO DEATHS

- MISSION: To create a culture for which traffic fatalities and serious injuries are no longer acceptable.
- State Wide Goal: Fewer than 300 traffic-related fatalities—and fewer than 850 serious injuries—by 2020
- STATS: 2015, 411 people killed



