

Mesa Transportation Division Urges Drivers to Stay Safe Through Work Zones

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In conjunction with National Work Zone Safety Week, Mesa Transportation Division urges drivers to stay safe through work zones. In observance of National Work Zone Safety Week, the first week of April, the City of Mesa Transportation Division is reminding citizens to drive safely through work zones. The purpose is to reduce the number of crashes, injuries and fatalities in work zones, and to raise public awareness of this issue. Every year, nearly 900 people are killed as a result of work zone crashes, and an additional 25,000 people are injured.

Nearly 80 percent of those hurt or killed are motorists. "Work zone safety is a concern among our staff, and we want to remind citizens to be cautious and alert while driving through work zones in Mesa," said Jeff Kramer, transportation director.

Transportation staff urges all motorists to drive safely through work zones by following these guidelines:

- Stay alert and expect the unexpected
- Slow down; speeding is one of the major causes of work zone accidents
- Keep plenty of space between you and the driver in front of you
- Avoid changing lanes
- Pay attention to and obey all signs and flaggers
- Minimize distractions, such as changing radio stations or talking on your cell phone
- If you know you will be driving through a work zone, allow plenty of time between destinations.

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