

## National work zone safety awareness week

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For the past eight years, the New York State Department of Transportation has been waking us up to the importance of driving slow in work zones.

Statistics show one fatality occurs every 8.2 hours in these areas, nationally. National Work Zone Awareness Week seeks to deplete that number. And there are plenty of ways the New York State DOT alerts us of upcoming zones.

"Technology also is used to enable motorists to avoid work zones by taking alternate routes. Including highway message signs to give advance warning of work zones, better web information that provides real time construction information and, in some locations, the use of highway advisory radio that can broadcast work zone information," says Carl Ford, the NYSDOT Regional Director.

"I wish there was no need to highlight this week. But the sad reality is that almost every worker out here that has spent any amount of time out here has a story to tell about a close call or knows a colleague who was actually hit due to a careless or selfish motorist," adds New York State Police Captain Jeffrey Raub.

Extra trooper cars will be assigned along road construction routes.

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