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State police boost scrutiny of work-zone speeders

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With highway construction season starting, Illinois State Police are out in force to stop speeders in work zones.

For the second year, troopers are snapping photos of speeding vehicles from special patrol vans.

"We know that driving too fast for conditions is one of the biggest contributors to crashes in general and work-zone crashes in particular," said ISP Director Larry Trent. "Photo enforcement has given us an additional tool for enforcing work-zone speed limits, and drivers across the state should expect aggressive enforcement — whether it is by photo enforcement, regular patrol cars or our motorcycle unit."

Work-zone speeding fines are \$375 for a first offense and \$1,000 plus 90-day suspension for a second.

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mustang guy wrote:

I agree that we need to slow down in work zones. But some of those zones are miles long and you hardly see anyone working in them just 4 guys standing around watching 1 guy work. Why cant the cops try spending their time finding real criminals? I hope they just have rookies taking radar instead of our good policemen and policewomen. who would be better for them to be hassling truckers and motorcyclists. I guess the state sees it as easy money seems as all roads in this state are in shambles since most of our taxes will go to stupid projects like metro centre upgrades for a hockey team .

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Troopers also will be strictly enforcing "Scott's law," which requires motorists to slow down and, if possible, change lanes when approaching a police car or other emergency vehicle on the shoulder.

Bob Ham wrote:


Is this story just a joke and is Illinois really going to have road construction during the summer of '07? We who use their highway 75, and there are many others, are used to slowing down. In fact we are trying to find a better better way to travel east and west, one that doesn't constantly test our shock absorbers.


You see we are traveling well below the speed limit since the highway has begun to disintegrate and we do not want our autos to as well. The troopers will not need to be taking pictures there for it would only be evidence of Illinois's reluctance to keep their highways in decent condition and bad press for the Guv.

Maybe the cost of this program would be better spent ON the roads. Oh, I forgot they probably will get big bucks writing tickets. Besides it appears that highway quality is not an item included in Illinois Safe Driving, it only considers the drivers.

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