

National Work Zone Awareness Week:

From today through to Sunday, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Leon County Sheriff's Office will celebrate National Work Zone Awareness Week, said Chris Chase, LCSO spokesman. The goal of the campaign is to reduce crashes, injuries and fatalities in highway work zones. The Sheriff's Office will be in construction zones conducting enforcement throughout the week. FDOT urges motorists of all ages to drive safely in highway work zones by following these safety tips:

Stay alert. Expect anything to occur when entering a work zone.

Pay close attention. Signs and work-zone flaggers save lives.

Turn on your headlights. Workers and other motorists must see you.

Don't tailgate. Unexpected stops frequently occur in work zones.

Don't speed. Note the posted speed limits in and around the work zone.

Keep up with the traffic flow. Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and those traveling around you.

Don't change lanes in the work zone. The time saved just isn't worth the chance.

Minimize distractions. Avoid changing radio stations and using mobile phones while driving in the work zone.

Expect the unexpected. Keep an eye out for workers and their equipment.

Be patient. Remember, the work zone crewmembers are working to improve your future travels.

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