

April is Work Zone Awareness month

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If you have driven in Tuscaloosa lately, you have probably seen the electronic billboards bearing a friendly message.

That is because April is work zone awareness month and road crews are "Counting on you to slow down" through construction sites. The theme for this year is "signs of change."

Workers want drivers to realize that they want to work in a safe environment just as much as drivers want to feel safe on their jobs. Lt. Jack Freeman who says driving safely through work sites is important because last year more than 1,000 road workers died from being hit on the job.

Some other tips for driving in work zones include: driving slowly, checking radio, t.v., and web sites for traffic information, obeying road crew flaggers, using headset if you must talk on the phone, expect the unexpected and always pay attention to signs.