

Tool Talk Safety Meeting

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Workzone Speeds are Up

Health & Safety must come first.

Be aware that traffic volumes are down but speeds in the Workzone appear to be up with less adherence to work zone speed limits. All workzones are affected. Speed differentials between motorists and striping operations are greater and the net effect is a higher risk of incidents, near misses and crashes.

An incident occurred Saturday on I75 where a motorist crashed into the TMA follow truck protecting a groover. The motorist was not paying attention and driving recklessly. Fortunately, the attenuator did its job and no one was injured in the crash. Excessive speed was a factor.

There has been an increase in the number of Grabber cones getting knocked over by vehicles travelling at greater speeds making the workzone less secure. The grabber cones may require double stacked bases or more personnel dedicated to "cone patrol" picking up cones that are knocked over. We are looking for a practical solution such as a different base that may make the grabber cones more stable in high winds.

Be alert. Be aware of your surroundings. Be vigilant every day.

We will be using hand held radar to measure motorist speeds in the work zone. Remember to report near misses, incidents and crashes. Doing this will help reduce the risk of incidents recurring.

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