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Drive Safely, Be Alert

As we officially say goodbye to winter driving conditions, we welcome Spring and the start of road construction. **Slow down and drive with caution.** Drivers traveling too fast and not paying attention are the main causes of work zone crashes. Follow these safe driving tips:

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| Stay alert, especially at night. | Obey posted speed limits. |
| Stay off cell phones and mobile devices. | Don't make unnecessary lane changes |
| Never enter a road blocked with barriers or cones. | Do the zipper merge. |
| Be patient. Expect delays, especially during peak travel times. | |
| Expect work zones to constantly change. Day to day you could experience lane shifts, closures, etc. | |

Last week's Bonus Question: What are the 7 most common causes of accidents?

Answer: Taking shortcuts, Being Over Confident, Starting a Task with Incomplete Instructions, Poor Housekeeping, Ignoring Safety Procedures, Mental Distractions & Failure to Pre-Plan the Work.

Inspect your equipment (*scaffold, aerial lifts, ladders, fall protection, electrical cords, etc., etc.*) prior to the start of each work shift.

For **inspection packets or repair tags** call **Dave Sangren @ (612) 644-3136** to have some delivered to your jobsite.

Any questions give Sturg a call (612) 221-8603

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME

(Foreman review sheet, verify crew members names are legible)

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Record to beat **378 days!!!**

As of **April 25, 2019** we have worked **37** days without a Lost Time Injury.
We have safely worked **52,980** hours towards our ATV goal of **150,000** hours!

Toolbox Talks winner for last week: **Andrew Erickson @ Vomela & Shane Calfas @ House in Carver**

This week's Bonus Question: **What are 3 key driving habits that can save lives?**

Hint: **See backside of Tool Box Talk**

"Building a Safer Place to Work" one week at a time.

Work Zone Driving

Your driving actions and habits can save lives, including yours!

Know the work zone signs. They are the metal plaques that inform and warn you, but there are other devices and other indicators that tell you about the work underway, marking the path you should follow, and help you navigate the work zone. Look for direction from cones, barrels, pavement markings, and other devices designed to get you safely through the work zone.

Pay attention to other drivers. It is never a good idea to ignore other drivers no matter where you're driving, but in work zones you need to be especially mindful of them. Roadway work zones are less forgiving than normal stretches of highways and streets. They often have narrower lanes and no shoulders to escape to in case you want to take evasive action.

Stay focused. Avoid distractions. Losing focus on your driving is bad in any situation, but it can prove deadly in roadway work zones. Observing what the signs tell you, controlling your speed, steering carefully, and keeping an eye on other drivers—all demand your full attention. Stop eating or drinking. Put down your mobile device. Keep your focus on your driving.

Expect the unexpected. When you drive in work zones, it's always best to prepare yourself for something unexpected, such as aggressive actions by other motorists, construction vehicles that slow down to leave the roadway and pull into the work area, dump trucks that emerge from the work area and enter your lane up ahead, workers operating inches from your path, uneven pavement lanes, and loose gravel on the road surface to name just a few. When you anticipate problems, you are better able to react to them appropriately.

Keep your cool. Be patient. Maintain calm. Don't get rattled by work zone situations. Always make sure, your speed is appropriate to the situation; that could be slower than the posted limit. Finally, don't lose your patience or your temper. If you keep your cool, you and everyone else will make it through the work zone and arrive safely at their destinations.

