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Ohio Turnpike hosts the National Work Zone Memorial Wall

Berea, Ohio – (Sept. 13, 2013) Beginning today, individuals will be able to see the National Work Zone Memorial, which is on display until Sunday, September 22nd at the Ohio Turnpike’s Vermillion Valley Service Plaza (Milepost 139.5 eastbound or 7998 Leavitt Rd., Amherst OH 44001).

The National Work Zone Memorial pays homage to thousands of people who have died in work zones over the years. Those lost not only include work zone workers, but also motorists, pedestrians, law enforcement officers, and public safety officials. These men, women, and children now have a fitting memorial to commemorate their lives.

This traveling exhibition is appropriately titled “Respect and Remembrance: Reflections of Life on the Road.” The exhibition is a memorial on which the names of those killed in work zones across the country are inscribed.

“The Ohio Turnpike is pleased to be hosting this Memorial wall, not only as a reminder to motorists to use caution when traveling in work zones, but also to honor some of our own who have lost their lives while performing their duties on the Ohio Turnpike,” explained Executive Director Rick Hodges.

The National Work Zone Memorial stands as the only monument to the loss of roadway workers, drivers, and public safety personnel in all states. It has traveled to communities across the country, and has helped raise public awareness of the need to slow down and be aware of the hazards associated with America’s roadway work zones. Since its creation, the Memorial has traveled to 50 sites across the country.

Those interested in seeing the Memorial wall can stop into the Vermilion Valley Service Plaza any time between Friday, Sept. 13 and Sunday, Sept. 22. The wall is situated in a unit across from the Travel Mart in the main lobby area.

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The American Traffic Safety Services Foundation is responsible for the National Work Zone Memorial tour. The Foundation is the education arm of the American Traffic Safety Services Association, a trade group representing the roadway safety construction industry.

