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Most Ohio Turnpike construction suspended over Memorial Day weekend

Reduced speed limit in Work Zones remains in effect over holiday weekend

BEREA (May 21, 2014) – With seven major extended work zones* along the Ohio Turnpike this Memorial Day holiday weekend, the Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) reminds travelers to Slow Down and Move Over or face doubled fines.

Ohio's Move Over Law is designed to protect the lives of everyone who works on or uses the state's roadways. It requires motorists to cautiously shift over one lane — or slow down if changing lanes is not possible — when passing any vehicle with flashing lights on the side of a road.

This issue is so serious that fines are doubled for failing to move over or slow down in a work zone when passing any vehicle with flashing lights on the side of a road. Violators are fined \$300 for the first violation (a minor misdemeanor), \$500 for the same violation within a year of the first, and \$1,000 for more than two violations in a year.

“Increasing public awareness of the penalty for failing to move over for a stationary emergency, law enforcement or highway maintenance vehicle will save lives,” said OTIC Executive Director Richard Hodges. “The penalty is doubled inside work zones so avoid a fine by moving over one lane or slowing down if moving over safely is not possible.”

The original Move Over Law took effect in 2004 to reduce risk to law-enforcement officers, emergency responders and tow operators. It was expanded in December 2013 to apply to every stationary vehicle with flashing lights, including road construction, maintenance and utility crews.

Across the nation, hundreds of people are killed or injured every year when they're struck by a vehicle after pulling over to the side of the road or highway. On average, these "struck-by" crashes kill one tow-truck driver every six days; 23 highway workers and one law-enforcement officer every month; and five firefighters every year. Tragically, stranded motorists are also struck and killed.

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***EXTENDED WORK ZONES OVER THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND THAT MAY AFFECT TRAVEL:**

MILEPOST	CLOSURE DETAILS	COUNTY
59.5-64.1	Estimated Completion Date: Nov. 17, 2014 Eastbound left lane & left shoulder are closed for third lane construction.	Lucas
64.1-59.5	Estimated Completion Date: Nov. 17, 2014 Westbound left lane & left shoulder are closed for third lane construction.	Lucas
101.2-107.2	Estimated Completion Date: Oct. 1, 2014 Eastbound right and center lanes are closed for base pavement replacement. Traffic will be maintained in the left lane and a bi-directional zone in the westbound left lane.	Sandusky
107.2-101.2	Estimated Completion Date: Oct. 1, 2014 Westbound left lane & left shoulder are closed for a bi-directional zone. This closure is due to base pavement replacement in the eastbound lanes.	Sandusky
159.8-164.8	Estimated Completion Date: Oct.1, 2014 Eastbound right and center lanes are closed for base pavement replacement. Traffic will be maintained in the left lane and a bi-directional zone in the westbound left lane.	Cuyahoga
164.8-159.8	Estimated Completion Date: Oct. 1, 2014 Westbound left lane & left shoulder are closed for a bi-directional zone. This closure is due to base pavement replacement in the eastbound lanes.	Cuyahoga
217.0-218.0	Estimated Completion Date: May 31, 2014 Eastbound right lane is closed for pavement repairs.	Mahoning



The Ohio Turnpike is a 241-mile toll road offering one of the safest, best and most convenient routes for motorists to reach east/west destinations along the northern corridor of Ohio. The Ohio Turnpike & Infrastructure Commission provides excellent customer service and amenities to meet travelers' wants and needs, including state-of-the-art service plazas, a variety of restaurant choices, and routine maintenance for a smooth, pleasant trip. For a better travel experience, choose the Ohio Turnpike.

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