

Media advisory

Workers hit in Oregon work zones will speak at work zone safety awareness press conference in Portland area

When: 10 a.m. Tuesday May 2, 2017

Why: To draw attention to the serious issue of distracted driving and speeding in Oregon work zones.

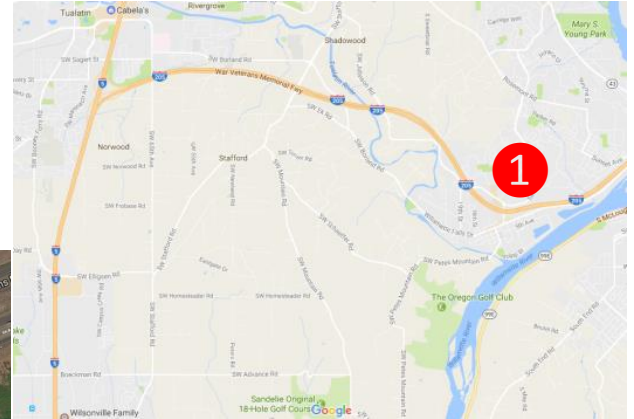
On average, a crash happens in an Oregon work zone every 18 hours.

Inattention, speed and driving too fast for conditions are the main contributing factors.

Where: ODOT construction site just off I-205 southbound, milepost 6.5

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Stay in the right lane of I-205 southbound; about half a mile before the 10th St/West Linn exit (milepost 6), you'll see a wide pull-out area on your right **1**. Pull over into that area to slow down; continue to the far end of the area, to see the road to your right with a gate **2**. Drive up the hill through the gate, turn left and park near the big pile.



Who: Representatives from ODOT and the highway construction industry will speak briefly. Private contractor construction workers and ODOT maintenance workers who have been hit in work zones will be available for 1-on-1 interviews.

What else: Following the press conference, the OSP will provide media work zone ride-alongs.

For more information:

- Contact Dave Thompson, ODOT, 503-860-8021, david.h.thompson@odot.state.or.us.
- Contact OSP PIO Capt. Bill Fugate, OSPPIO@state.or.us, to arrange ride-alongs.

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