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April 15-19 is Work Zone Awareness Week in Washington County

The week of April 15-19, 2024, is Work Zone Awareness Week in Washington County.

National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual spring campaign at the start of construction season to encourage drivers to use extra caution in work zones. The Washington County Board of Commissioners recognized the week at its [April 9 meeting](#).

NWZAW takes place across the United States, with partnerships between state departments of transportation, national road safety organizations, government agencies, private companies, and individuals.

NWZAW is a time to show support for the roadway safety industry, especially to the families of victims who have lost their lives in work zones. On Go Orange Day, Wednesday, April 17, roadway safety professionals across the country are encouraged to wear orange to show their support for work zone safety.

Safe work zones are not only the responsibility of those working within them but also the thousands of drivers who travel through these areas daily.

Washington County recognizes the importance of Work Zone Safety and leads by example in working with stakeholders across the county to educate and strive for the safest work zones possible for staff and the driving public.

Washington County actively participates in the Minnesota Toward Zero Deaths coalition, which aims to reduce traffic crashes, injuries, and deaths on Minnesota roads. The county conducts public outreach at events, such as the Washington County Fair and the Stillwater Fire Department open house, and uses a device called a seat belt convincer that simulates a 5 MPH crash to demonstrate the importance of seatbelt safety. Additionally, the county participates in quarterly Minnesota Toward Zero Death meetings with key players in the traffic safety arena for Washington County.

Learn more about National Work Zone Awareness Week at its website, nwzaw.org.

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