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## **Work zone safety is EVERYBODY'S responsibility**

### **WHAT:**

A news conference and public event at PK Contracting in Troy to kick off National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW), April 9-13. Safety experts from around the state are coming together to create awareness and discuss challenges and solutions for work zone safety. Officials from MDOT, the Michigan State Police (MSP), American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), Consumers Energy, and the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA) will speak about work zone and roadway issues, and innovations in transportation.

### **SPEAKERS:**

Tony Kratofil - MDOT Metro Region Engineer

Spl/F/Lieutenant Jim Flegel - MSP

Rachelle VanDeventer - MITA Vice President of Industry Relations

Eric Allen - MIOSHA Safety Manager

Kurt Shea - ATSSA Michigan Chapter President, PK Contracting Division Manager

Julie Hegedus - Consumers Energy Executive Manager of Gas Distribution

George Heath - SEIU Labor Union

Jeff Bartlett - Surveying Solutions Inc., Principal & Project Manager

### **WHEN:**

Monday, April 9, 2018

11 a.m.

### **WHERE:**

PK Contracting

1965 Barrett Ave.

Troy

**Special accommodations** can be made for persons with disabilities and limited English speaking ability. Large print materials, auxiliary aids or the services of interpreters, signers, or readers available upon request. Please call 517-373-9534 in advance of the meeting to request.

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the nationwide Toward Zero Deaths safety campaign, a vision of eliminating fatalities on our nation's roads, NWZAW became a national event in 2000 and awareness has grown ever since. MDOT, along with numerous traffic safety partners across the country, supports NWZAW to raise awareness and further improve roadway safety for all workers, drivers and their passengers.

This year's NWZAW national campaign theme is: "Work zone safety is everybody's responsibility".

For more facts, stats and information about work zone safety, visit:

[http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/outreach/wz\\_awareness.htm](http://www.ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/outreach/wz_awareness.htm).

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