

## Injuries and fatalities unfortunately do happen

- a. In 2014 there were 30,500 people injured as a result of motor vehicle crashes in work zones.
- **b.** The majority of fatal **work zone** crashes occur on roads with speed limits of 55 miles per hour or greater.
- **c.** On average, approximately **15-20%** of the fatalities resulting from crashes in work zones involved non-motorists (pedestrians and pedal cyclists).
- d. 669 people were killed in work zone crashes in 2013.



431 were in construction zones

 $76\,$  were in maintenance zones

7 were in utility zones

155 were in an unknown type work zone

- **e.** Over the 10 years from 2005 through 2014 work zone deaths have ranged from 576 to 1074 and averaged 733 per year.
- f. According to the Governors' Highway Safety Association, nearly all states have laws that increase the penalties for speeding or committing other traffic violations while in a construction work zone. The penalties often involve doubled fines, but can also be a fixed dollar amount. In some cases the penalty is applicable only when workers are present and/or if signs are posted. Currently, 32 states and the District of Columbia double the fine for speeding or other traffic violations in a work zone. Twenty four (24) states and the District of Columbia require workers to be present in the construction zone for the increased penalties to take effect.

(SOURCE: http://www.ghsa.org/html/stateinfo/laws/sanctions\_laws/html