

WEB/NEWSLETTER BLURB FOR UPLAND BOROUGH RESIDENTS

Unfortunately, aggressive driving and work zones go hand in hand. The frustration from delays and slow-moving traffic can lead to speeding and other unsafe driving behaviors. PennDOT and (Upland Borough Police Department) urge you to stay cool when heading into a work zone with the following tips:

- **EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!** (Normal speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed, and people may be working on or near the road.)
- **SLOW DOWN!** (Speeding is one of the major causes of work zone crashes. Like the speeder who caused the shut-down at Upland Avenue & 21st Street on January 28, 2009.
- **DON'T TAILGATE! KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE CAR AHEAD OF YOU.** (The most common type of crash in a highway work zone is the rear end collision. So, don't tailgate.)
- **KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOUR VEHICLE, THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT.**
- **PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS!** (The warning signs are there to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone. Observe the posted signs until you see the one that says you've left the work zone.)
- **OBEY ROAD CREW FLAGGERS!** (The flagger knows what is best for moving traffic safely in the work zone. A flagger has the same authority as a regulatory sign, so you can be cited for disobeying his or her directions.)
- **STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS!** (Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones while driving in a work zone.
- **KEEP UP WITH THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.** (Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging as soon as possible. Don't drive right up to the lane closure and then try to barge in.)

SCHEDULE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY AND CHECK RADIO, TV AND WEBSITES FOR TRAFFIC INFORMATION. (Expect delays and leave early so you can reach your destination on time. Check the [National Work Zone Safety Information Clearinghouse](http://www.workzonesafety.org/) (website <http://www.workzonesafety.org/>) - for information on work zone delays throughout the country.)

- **BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM.** (Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. Remember, the work zone crew members are working to improve the road and make your future drive better.)

And whenever you're behind the wheel, remember that aggressive driving is the wrong choice.

Upland Police