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## **National Work Zone Awareness Week kicks off: Drive like you work here**

### **WHAT:**

A news conference and public event at Team Elmer's in Traverse City to kick off National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW), April 8-12. Safety leaders across Michigan are coming together to create awareness and discuss challenges and solutions for work zone safety. Officials from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Michigan State Police (MSP), American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), Consumers Energy, The Foundation, and the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association (MITA) will speak about work zone and roadway issues, and innovations in transportation.

### **SPEAKERS:**

Tony Kratofil, MDOT Chief Operations Officer and Chief Engineer

Rachelle VanDeventer – MITA Vice President of Industry Relations

Spl/F/Lt. Travis House- MSP

Christopher Laird – Consumers Energy Executive Director of West Michigan Electric Operations

Eric Allen – MIOSHA Manager of Construction Safety and Health

Kurt Shea – ATSSA Michigan Chapter President, PK Contracting Vice President and Division Manager

Dave Krahulec – President of The Foundation (ATSSA)

### **WHEN:**

Monday, April 8, 2019  
11 a.m.

**WHERE:**

Team Elmer's  
3600 Rennie School Road  
Traverse City, MI 49685

**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 517-335-4381 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 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 event is Tuesday, April 9, in Washington, D.C. with the campaign theme "Drive like you work here!"

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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