

## MEDIA ADVISORY: ODOT, STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, OHIO LECET TO HOLD MEDIA AVAIL AT I-77 OHIO WELCOME CENTER

Westerville, OH -- On September 19, The Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and the Ohio Laborers-Employers Education Trust are teaming up to show motorists the dangers of distracted driving.

During the event, the three organizations will have individuals whose lives were impacted by distracted driving available for interviews.

Thursday, September 19, 2019 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Media Avail during distracted driving outreach I-77 Ohio Welcome Center Marietta, OH 45750

## ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON THE PUBLIC OUTREACH EVENT

In 2018, 14 fatalities occurred in construction work zones. Ten of those fatalities were motorists. The hosts of the event are urging motorists to use caution within work zones as it's not just the workers who lose their lives in these incidents. And as recently as this past March, a State Highway Patrol officer was struck less than a mile from where the event will be hosted.

Many construction jobs will not wrap up until late this year, which means motorists will be seeing crews working for several more months. The public must recognize this; to limit the number of accidents in 2019 and ensure everyone makes it home safe.

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