

Fall 2010 Road Rules: Construction Zones

In each issue of the Township Newsletter, the West Goshen Police Traffic Safety Unit will provide information for drivers, focusing on sections of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code or on other traffic safety issues.

With the many roadway improvement projects being conducted on the area roadways, drivers are reminded to use caution in active work zones. An "Active Work Zone" is defined by the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code as the portion of a work zone where construction, maintenance, or utility workers are located on the roadway, berm, or shoulder. Section 3326 of the Vehicle Code further defines (in part) the duties of drivers when approaching these areas to include "yield(ing) the right-of-way to any authorized vehicle or pedestrian actually engaged in work upon a highway within any highway or utility construction or maintenance area indicated by official traffic-control devices placed in accordance with department regulations, including advanced warning signs or a vehicle having flashing or revolving yellow lights." In other words, not only must traffic slow down to posted reduced speed limits in construction areas, but drivers must give right-of-way to construction personnel working on the road.

Fines are doubled and operating privileges may be suspended for certain offenses when committed in an active work zone. Please use extreme caution in these areas.