

Work zone safety takes alertness

Albert Horn, Kansas Department of Transportation Supervisor in Edwardsville, knows you have to be alert every second in a work zone.

"On several occasions, most of us have had to run for cover, safety or protection because we heard tires screeching, horns blaring and brakes being applied," Horn said.

Early in his department career, Horn was collecting trash along I-35 in the Kansas City area when a semi-tractor trailer locked its brakes and jack-knifed while avoiding another vehicle.

"The rig slid past me before ending up in the median about 100 feet from where I was standing," he said. "I then realized ... how dangerous this job could be."

Horn told these stories at the statewide safety event Tuesday in Topeka. He was joined by fellow employee Gary Moulin, Transportation Secretary Mike King and Kansas Highway Patrol Major Mark Goodloe.

The event was one of several activities taking place as part of National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 15 to 19, an effort to raise awareness of the hazards and dangers highway workers and motorists face every day.

Last year in Kansas work zones, 608 people were injured and eight killed (one highway worker from R.A. Knapp Construction Inc., one pedestrian and six motorists).

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When traveling through a work zone, motorists should:

- Follow traffic control
- Stay alert
- Watch for workers
- Expect delays
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you
- Change lanes when directed to do so.

Salem Trumbull (David Ketchum, left), Edgar Crocker (Andy Wood), Jake Whippany (Jordan Bixenman), Steve Bullnack (Jayden Richard Hawkins) and Juan (Paige Roopchan) gathered to wait for the stagecoach to come in with a load of dance hall girls right before the song "There's a Coach Comin' In" at the end of Act I. Below, Julio Valveras (Alex Helms) sang "I Talk to the Trees" to Jennifer Rumson (Rachel Myers) in this scene showing the first meeting between the couple.

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'Paint Your Wagon' tonight and Saturday

The Colby Community College production of Paint Your Wagon will be performed tonight and Saturday in the Frahm Theatre located in the Northwest Kansas Cultural Arts Center.

The production, directed by the college's vocal music director Randy Berls, will include college students and community members in cast and orchestra.

Paint Your Wagon, a musical suitable for all ages by Lerner and Loewe, was originally performed on the stage in 1951. It is set in a mining camp in the Gold Rush era. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students college age and under. They are available at the Campus Book Store in the Student Union.

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