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National work zone memorial visits Portland

ODOT and OSP officials will pay their respects Friday morning, May 11

The National Work Zone Memorial Wall will be on display next to the ice rink in Portland's Lloyd Center Mall **Tuesday, May 8 through Thursday, May 17**. ODOT Director Matthew



Garrett and Oregon State Police Captain Gerry Gregg are scheduled to pay their respects at the wall from **10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Friday, May 11**. The wall, called **"Respect and Remembrance: Reflections of Life on the Road,"** is a traveling memorial to people who have died while working or traveling through work zones. Among the hundreds of names on the wall are more than 50 people killed in Oregon work zone crashes from 1939 to present.

"The memorial wall visits Oregon as the state is performing the most extensive highway and bridge work in half a century," Garrett said. "I want to pay respect to the highway workers, police, drivers, passengers and pedestrians who have lost their lives in work zones. I also urge Oregonians to slow down. Lower speeds give drivers more time to react to detours, changes and narrowed traffic lanes, as well as highway workers and equipment."

Highway work is one of the most dangerous occupations in the nation. But in fact, **drivers and passengers are more likely to be killed or seriously injured in a work zone crash.**

"The three most common factors in fatal crashes in Oregon are excessive speed, driving under the influence of intoxicants and failure to properly use safety restraints," said Captain Gerry Gregg, director of the Patrol Services Division of the Oregon State Police. "We concentrate on these factors to save lives and prevent injuries on Oregon's roads."

Editor's Note: *This event was rescheduled to these new dates due to difficulties in shipping the wall to Oregon.*

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