

## **Construction Zone Safety : Our Responsibility**

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Scott Gabrio knows the dangers of construction work zones all too well. A MnDOT maintenance worker, Scott was seriously injured when a distracted driver collided with his safety truck during a recent road patching operation. Scott's story reminds drivers that work zones are dangerous places. In the past three years, there has been an average of 2,000 crashes and seven people killed per year in Minnesota construction zones. "When you're out in traffic, you never know what's going to happen," says Scott. "No matter how hard we work at making it safe, no matter how well the work zone is set up, there is always a chance that something can go wrong."

Scott shares his story in a YouTube video, "Construction Zone Safety: Our Responsibility." Produced by the LRRB, the video aims to prevent similar crashes from happening in the future. "Bad things can happen in a hurry if you're not very careful," says J.P. Gillach, public affairs coordinator for MnDOT in District 3.

Please visit <http://youtu.be/jhUVNVzrlv8> to watch the video.