

INDOT's Strategy for Law Enforcement in Work Zones

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- Promote Smooth Traffic Flow
- Monitor Delta Speed for Queues
- Relocate if Queue Forms
- Protect Back of Queue When Queue Exists

DON'TS

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- Park in Tapers
- Park in Buffer Space Within Work Zones
- Make Traffic Conditions Worse by Being in Wrong Places

INDOT Goals and Priorities

1. Crash Prevention
2. Queue Prevention
3. Queue Protection
4. Advance Warning
5. Enforcement
6. Traffic Control
7. Presence



The "Move-Over Law":

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