

## State Troopers Cracking Down on Dangerous Drivers

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State troopers will be keeping a close eye on speeders and aggressive drivers in eight North Carolina work zones beginning this week.

Operation Drive Smart is underway. Included in the crackdown will be commercial motor vehicle drivers committing serious traffic violations. The violations include speeding, following too closely, improper or erratic lane changes, careless and reckless driving and any violation of the motor vehicle laws that result in serious injury or death. The state Department of Transportation says there were almost 45-hundred work zone crashes resulting in more than 15-hundred injuries and 30 deaths in 2005. Speeding and driver distraction account for more than half of all work zone crashes. More than 800 citations were issued during a similar operation in 2006.