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### **Traffic Safety Reminders: Work Zone Safety**

**Kennewick, Wash.** – On December 10, 2025, at approximately 10:17 a.m., a red Dodge Dakota traveling northbound on SR 395 near Yelm Street in Kennewick struck the median concrete barrier, crossed into the oncoming southbound lanes, and continued onto the southbound shoulder of SR 395. Three WSDOT employees working on the southbound shoulder were struck. All three employees, along with the driver of the Dakota, were transported to local hospitals. Further investigation revealed that the driver had suffered a medical event while behind the wheel. Although collisions of this nature are rare, they can occur without warning. Detectives are seeking additional witnesses to the incident.

Our goal is to keep everyone safe, and we remind all drivers to exercise caution when approaching work zones or emergency vehicles. We each play a role in keeping our roadways safe.

#### **Safety reminders:**

- Move Over or Slow Down when approaching emergency vehicles with emergency lights activated.
  - This includes tow trucks, WSDOT vehicles, and city service utility vehicles.
- Reduce speed in posted work zones and never exceed the reduced speed limit.
- Avoid following traffic too closely.
- Give workers space and follow traffic control signs and instructions from flaggers.
- Avoid distractions such as texting, handheld phone use, or interacting with passengers.

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