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**MORE THAN 500 WORK ZONE SPEED VIOLATIONS ISSUED DURING  
*OPERATION DRIVE SMART 2009***

**RALEIGH** — The N.C. Department of Transportation and the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety announced today that 540 citations were issued for speed violations in work zones across the state during *Operation Drive Smart 2009*. The most citations, 302, were issued in work zones on I-40/I-85 in Alamance and Guilford counties.

“The safety of motorists and construction workers is the top priority of the department,” said Transportation Secretary Gene Conti. “Speeding is the number one contributing factor in work zone crashes and the results of this partnership should remind motorists that it will not be tolerated.”

“Our troopers remain committed to enforcing all traffic laws in and around highway work zones to make them as safe as possible,” said CCPS Secretary Reuben Young. “I encourage motorists to do their part to reduce work zone fatalities by slowing down and paying attention at all times when driving through these areas.”

The number of work zones will increase significantly this year due to projects awarded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, as well as through Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles, or GARVEE bonds, which allow NCDOT to borrow against future federal funding to complete needed projects.

The work zone safety enforcement campaign, which ran from April 6-12, was a joint effort between the two state agencies to encourage motorists to slow down and pay attention when traveling through North Carolina work zones.

During the week-long campaign targeting speeding and aggressive driving, state troopers logged more than 5,000 patrol miles in 10 major work zones across the state.

In addition to work zone speeding violations, troopers also cited six motorists for driving while impaired, 98 for seat belt violations and 17 for making unsafe movements.

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