



Wozniak Wants Hearings On MDOT Worksite Crashes

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Rep. [Douglas C. WOZNIAK \(R-Shelby Township\)](#) today called on the House Ethics and Oversight Committee to look into a recent report that found the Michigan Department of Transportation didn't complete investigations on worksite crashes (See "[MDOT Work Zone Crash Investigations Lack Follow Through, Audit Finds,](#)" 8/8/24).

[The audit](#) found that 73 percent of all fatal crashes in a work zone had no analysis conducted by the department. Of the 30 fatal crashes auditors looked at, eight stated something could have been done.

"Any time a construction worker is injured or killed in a worksite accident, MDOT must do everything it can to ensure that whatever failures led to the death are corrected to prevent future tragedies," Wozniak said. "I hope that MDOT leadership is similarly concerned about these findings and would appreciate the opportunity to participate in a hearing to collaborate with lawmakers and help identify meaningful changes to protect workers and drivers."

The Work Zone Management Unit within MDOT is responsible for performing field investigations following worksite crashes. They also conduct field reviews of worksites to identify potential safety and mobility concerns.

Wozniak said he would like to hold a hearing this summer, as this is the time of year when most road work is done. He added that this is too important a matter to allow it to languish until fall.

House Ethics and Oversight Committee Chair [Erin BYRNES \(D-Dearborn\)](#) said in response to Wozniak's statement, "Construction professionals build and maintain the roads and bridges we all use to get to and from work, back and forth from school, and to transport our goods all over the state.

"These workers do an incredibly hard job and a critically necessary one — they absolutely need to be safe on the job site. I will continue reviewing the recent performance audit to determine the appropriate next steps."