



## GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# Media Alert

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## I-85 OPEN TO TRAFFIC IN GWINNETT COUNTY AFTER H.E.R.O. OPERATOR WAS INJURED

**WHERE:** I-85 southbound at Old Peachtree Road

**WHEN:** Approximately 4 p.m. today

**WHAT:** A Georgia DOT Highway Emergency Response Operator (H.E.R.O.) Operator was injured while he was outside of his vehicle removing debris from the interstate.

### UPDATED INFORMATION:

All lanes of I-85 south are now open to traffic following a 4 p.m. incident in which a H.E.R.O. Operator was struck and injured by a passing vehicle.

H.E.R.O. Operator, Troy Moore of Conyers was conscious at the scene. He was transported to Gwinnett Medical Center with non-life threatening injuries for further evaluation.

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly.

Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone.

Additional information will be made available as it develops.

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