

# VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE ASSISTS THE ROAD COMMISSION** **ENFORCE A ROAD CLOSURE**

#### ***THE ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .***

On July 18, 2023, deputies from the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office assisted in enforcing the Road Commission's "Road Closed" signs on 73<sup>rd</sup> Street north of M43 in South Haven Township. Dispatching police to areas to enforce closures typically changes the attitudes of most drivers. "We will continue to work together with the Road Commission in all construction zones and will do directed patrols, at times, with zero tolerance," said Sheriff Daniel Abbott.

The Van Buren County Road Commission uses full closure of a road for a variety of reasons including improving safety for workers and travelers, expediting project completion, maximizing workspace available to the work crews, and increasing productivity.

"We would like to acknowledge the cooperation and assistance of Sheriff Daniel Abbott, along with his staff, in the enforcement of this and other road closures", said Bret Witkowski, Managing Director of the Van Buren County Road Commission. "To ensure the safety of road workers and road users - always slow down, follow all posted signs, and be alert. Work zone safety is everyone's responsibility!"

Work in the area included the replacement of a 36" road cross-pipe that was failing. Patching the roadway and restoration will require an additional closure at a later date yet to be determined.

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