



“When the dust settled, I wasn’t sure if it was the clouds of heaven or the smoke of hell” said Israel Ortegon, describing a horrific work zone crash that could have killed him. Luckily, he was able to run, jump, and roll under his 10-yard dump truck as an out of control vehicle flipped and rolled toward him. “Lots of people have life changing events like marriage, having children, or divorce, but this incident was my life changing event. When I realized that I still had two arms and two legs, I knew God had spared me that day,” he added. Israel, who is the San Angelo Maintenance Section Supervisor, spoke at the National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week Kickoff event held in San Angelo on April 19, 2012.