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Construction workers on I-4 now have a new tool for safety

'Scorpion' trucks hit the road to keep workers and drivers safe

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Truck protects crews on I-4 Project

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ORLANDO, Fla. - Construction workers now have a safer way to work along I-4 thanks to new state-of-the-art work trucks.

Month seven of the I-4 Ultimate means crews are working roadside daily. In fact, FDOT spokesperson Steve Olson announced Wednesday the first big lane shift should happen this weekend.

David Feise, maintenance of traffic manager, says safety is a priority while keeping the flow of traffic moving.

"One thing that's hard to anticipate is driver reaction," he says. "A driver has certain expectations when driving on the road."

To meet those expectations while keeping workers safe, crews are now using what's called "Scorpion" trucks.

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Their name comes from the retractable attenuator on the back. When it extends it resembles the stinger on a scorpion.

It's designed to absorb a crash in the event a car rear-ends the truck.

"The safety isn't just for the workers, it's for the drivers too," Fease says.

You will most likely see the trucks in action as workers set cones to narrow the roadway.

Equipped with three on-board cameras, arrow boards and room for cones and markers, four trucks are in use daily.

Two more are scheduled to arrive next month as work increases.



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