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Guidelines on Use of Law Enforcement in Work Zones

The National Work Zone Safety Information Clearing House's publication of "Guidelines on Use of Law Enforcement in Work Zones," aims to enhance both traffic and worker safety. The focus of safety includes reducing speeding, discouraging risky and unsafe driving behaviors.

Federal regulations require all State highway agencies to establish policies for enforcement use in work zones on federal-aid projects. This guidance aims to improve safety and ensure compliance with these regulations. Explore the full article for more insights into the impact of law enforcement on road safety in work zones.

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Driving in the Work Zones Fact Sheet

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) highlights safety measures in work zones to ensure both driver and road worker safety. TDI emphasizes the need of precaution and accident prevention knowledge for work zone areas, as they can be hazardous environments for construction employees, motorists, passengers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike. Work zone safety is everyone's responsibility. Read more from TDI's in-depth fact sheet.

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Police Statement and Guidance on Automated Speed Enforcement (Speed Safety Cameras) in Roadway Work Zones

American Road & Transportation Builders Association (ABTBA) advocates for automated



TxDOT Work Zone Safety

TxDOT's Traffic Safety campaign presents informative tips on driver and motorist safety measures. Their main focal point is directed as a means of public outreach efforts to educate people about driving in work zones.

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FHWA's Innovation Exchange Webinar: Engineered Log Jams

Join the Federal Highway Administration Local Aid Support webinar over Engineered Log Jams for Streambanks Stabilization. Thursday, June 20, 2024

speed enforcement (ASE) systems in work zones. Given that speeding contributes to a significant portion of highway fatalities, ASE systems-also known as speed safety cameras- provide an effective and reliable solution to improve safety.

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2:00 - 3:00 PM EST

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Advantages of Law Enforcement in Active Work Zones

Having law enforcement present at an active work zone is crucial for several reasons:

- 1. Safety of Workers and Drivers:** The primary role of law enforcement in work zones is to ensure the safety of both the workers and the motorists. Construction zones often have altered traffic patterns, reduced speed limits, and various hazards. Police presence can help manage these changes and ensure compliance with safety regulations, reducing the risk of accidents and injuries.
- 2. Traffic Control and Flow:** Work zones can cause significant disruptions to normal traffic flow, leading to congestion and delays. Law enforcement officers can direct traffic, helping to maintain a smoother flow and prevent bottlenecks. They can also respond quickly to any incidents that may arise, such as accidents or breakdowns, to minimize disruptions.
- 3. Enforcement of Traffic Laws:** Drivers may tempted to ignore reduced speed limits and other traffic regulations in work zones. The presence of law enforcement serves as a deterrent to such behavior. Officers can enforce traffic laws, ensuring that drivers adhere to the required speed limits and follow signs and signals, thereby enhancing safety.
- 4. Rapid Response to Emergencies:** In the event of an emergency, such as an accident or medical issue within the work zone, law enforcement officers are equipped to provide immediate assistance. Their presence ensures a quick response time, which can be critical in emergency situations.
- 5. Protection of Equipment and Materials:** Construction sites often contain valuable equipment and materials that be targets for theft or vandalism. The presence of law enforcement can help deter criminal activities, protecting the assets and ensuring the project proceeds without unnecessary delays.
- 6. Public Reassurance:** The visible presence of law enforcement can provide reassurance to the public that the work zone is being managed professionally and safely. It can help alleviate concerns about potential hazards and encourage compliance with traffic adjustments.

In summary, law enforcement in active work zones plays a vital role in ensuring safety, managing traffic, enforcing laws, responding to emergencies, protecting assets, and reassuring the public. Their presence is an integral part of maintaining a safe and efficient work environment in areas undergoing construction or maintenance.



Focus on Training:
Traffic Management for First Responders
CCT 700, 6 hours, up to 30 Participants

The Texas population and economic growth have significantly increased the number of vehicles, especially commercial vehicles, on its roads. This results in an increase in primary incidents which in turn heightens the chance of secondary incidents. These secondary incidents can be as deadly and destructive as the initial situation. An appropriate traffic control response by first responders can make a significant difference in the probability of a secondary incident. This SHRP2 National Traffic Incident Management Responder Training based course provides first responders with the knowledge needed to ensure a well-coordinated response to traffic incidents that achieves faster clearance and improved safety for both responders and motorists. This course is eligible for TCOLE, TCFP, TX DSHS EMS, or TDLR TOWING continuing education credits.

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USDOT Funding Resources and Opportunities Dashboard

The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) is offering a range of funding opportunities to support transportation infrastructure needs across communities. The USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard serves as a central hub for these opportunities, including federal grant programs tailored to rural communities. Take note in some of the current funding opportunities, such as the SMART Grants Program, which focuses on advancing smart community technologies, and the Transportation Access Pilot Program aimed at improving accessibility in transportation planning. Additionally, they highlight non-USDOT resources for capacity building in transportation projects, underscoring the breadth of support available for communities.

With a diverse array of funding opportunities and resources available, the USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard serves as a valuable guide for communities seeking to enhance their transportation infrastructure. Visit USDOT for further details and embark on the journey towards transformative transportation solutions.

USDOT Discretionary Grants Dashboard

Instructor Spotlight



Randy Baish

Randy graduated from Sam Houston State University with a degree in Criminal Justice/Behavioral Science, where he continued with graduate work at the University of Houston and Sam Houston State in Criminal Justice Management. Randy worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and the Brazoria County Juvenile Probation Office before joining the Texas Department of Public

Safety as a State Trooper in 1975. During this time, he was in the Highway Patrol Service, what is now the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, during which he also worked with the U.S Department of Transportation doing commercial vehicle safety audits across Texas.

After retiring in 2000, he transitioned into private transportation safety consulting, establishing his own consulting company for several years. In 2006, he assumed the role of Safety Coordinator for the Transportation/Public Works Department at the City of Fort Worth, where he worked until his retirement in 2017. Following retirement, he began instructing for the Public Works Institute at the University of Texas at Arlington, leveraging his experience to educate future professionals in the field.

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TxLTAP Quarterly Magazine

Stay up to date with TxLTAP's Quarterly Magazine! Every quarterly magazine will feature articles pertaining to the four FHWA focus areas:

- Roadway Departure,
- Intersections,
- Pedestrians,
- Bicyclists

Additionally, included are updates on upcoming training activities, and the latest news regarding new developments from TxLTAP.

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