

News Bulletin

You are invited to attend:

What: FHWA Webinar on Work Zone Fatality Reduction Strategies



When: May 23, 2012 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm EDT

Why: Work zone fatalities have decreased every year from 2002 to 2010, with an overall decrease of 51% since reaching a high of 1186 in 2002. Overall, work zone fatalities are at their lowest point since 1982. While much progress has been made in making our work zones safer, there were still 576 lives lost in work zones in 2010 and practitioners continue to work every day to reduce that

loss of life. State DOTs, FHWA, and other partners continue to actively pursue improved work zone safety and mobility through better engineering, education, enforcement, partnerships and coordination, research, outreach, and regulation and can benefit from sharing their approaches

Agenda: Some states have seen a significant reduction in work zone fatalities in recent years. This webinar will include presentations from a few of these states, including North Carolina and California. Presenters will discuss work zone planning, management, and outreach efforts that they have undertaken to enhance work zone safety in their state that have likely contributed to the reduction in work zone fatalities. They will also illustrate how it takes a combination of strategies to make work zones safer and will offer suggestions based on their experience on how other agencies can enhance work zone safety.

The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters.

How to Register: There is no cost to participate in this webinar and it is open to anyone who is interested. Advance registration is required. Once you register you will receive an email with the login instructions. The only equipment needed to participate are a computer with an Internet connection, and a telephone (optional, as audio can be heard over the computer as well).

Registration link:

http://www.nhi.fhwa.dot.gov/resources/webconference/web_conf_learner_reg.aspx?webconfid=24495

Questions: Contact <u>Tracy.Scriba@dot.gov</u> or <u>Jennifer.E.Symoun@saic.com</u> with any questions.

Get updated on Retroreflectivity Standards

The following link provides additional information on managing sign retroreflectivity. The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) has published a document titled "Practices to Manage Traffic Sign Retroreflectivity."

http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/nchrp/nchrp_syn_431.pdf

The objective of the document is to provide examples of effective and advantageous practices that illustrate how different types of agencies

can meet the retroreflectivity requirements. The aim of the study is to document the state of the practice and identify content that will assist other agencies that are exploring different methods for maintaining sign retroreflectivity.

FHWA Peer-to-Peer Program

FHWA established the Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Program as a form of one-on-one technical assistance for public sector agencies that need guidance with technical issues pertaining to the MUTCD. Transportation professionals with expert knowledge of the MUTCD volunteer their time to provide assistance to their peers requesting help. Whatever MUTCD issue your agency is facing, there is a Peer ready and willing to help. Information on the program can be accessed by clinking on the link below.

http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/peer2peer/brochure/

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