Safe and Effective Use of Connecticut Law Enforcement Personnel in Work Zones

The course curriculum provided below provides law enforcement personnel a working knowledge of traffic control work zones, and defines roles and responsibilities when working in work zones. The State Police, the Police Officer Standards and Training Council, and each municipal police department are encouraged to include in each basic or review police training program a session on highway work zone safety that covers at least:

- Enforcement of criminal laws on highway worker endangerment
- Techniques for handling unsafe driving incidents in a highway work zone
- Risks associated with unsafe driving in a highway work zone
- Safe traffic control practices, such as the proper location of officers and wearing high visibility safety apparel
- General guidelines, standards, and applications in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), including training on the proper use of traffic control devices and signs and a one hour annual refresher on the guidelines, standards, and applications.

PowerPoint Presentation Links:

- Introduction
- Module 1 - Roles and Responsibilities
- Module 2 - Understanding Work Zones
- Module 3 – Recommended Practices
- Module 4 – Group Exercises
- Module 5 – Wrap Up

Complete PowerPoint Presentation – All Modules
Additional Educational Resources/Handout Links:

- Officer Safety at Accident Scenes (PowerPoint)
- Connecticut T2 Center Work Zone Safety Guidebook for Local Municipal Agencies (for local roads)
- Field Checklist for Law Enforcement
- Stakeholder Responsibility Matrix
- Common tasks to be performed by Law Enforcement Officer
- Acronym List
- Pocket Guide for Law Enforcement Personnel in Work Zones
- Website links and other essential information

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