

Bennett Stein

From: Louizou, Tom <NHTSA>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2009 10:36 AM
To: Geraci, Michael <NHTSA>
Subject: RE: Information Requested...Construction Zone Protocol

You are th' best! And the Chief loves you more than I do – no not that way!

Tom

Tom Louizou

From: Geraci, Michael <NHTSA>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2009 10:14 AM
To: Louizou, Tom <NHTSA>
Subject: RE: Information Requested...Construction Zone Protocol

It appears the FROG just had to be nibbled a bit and not completely eaten!
You're still my favorite,
Mike

From: Louizou, Tom <NHTSA>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2009 10:04 AM
To: Hardy, Earl <NHTSA>
Cc: Morford, Garrett <NHTSA>; Geraci, Michael <NHTSA>
Subject: RE: Information Requested...Construction Zone Protocol

Earl:

Thank you very much for the hardy reply. This information is useful and will help with my presentation on Thursday.

You are an earl among men,

Tom Louizou

It's not like you haven't heard any of these lame puns a thousand times, but I couldn't resist. Jim Wright suffers with you.

From: Hardy, Earl <NHTSA>
Sent: Monday, April 06, 2009 9:51 AM
To: Louizou, Tom <NHTSA>
Cc: Morford, Garrett <NHTSA>; Geraci, Michael <NHTSA>
Subject: Information Requested...Construction Zone Protocol

Tom,

Regarding your inquiry to Garrett date March 6, 2007, for the PA State Police:

**They are interested in finding a way to use LPRs or photo radar in construction zones.
Do you have any information on that?**

No information received.

Guidelines for position patrol cars in construction zones? The LT Col wants to position them facing traffic instead of in the same direction. He believes members will be afforded better crash protection should their vehicle be struck by a passing motorist.

I have attached policy and guidelines received. I have also included the point of contact for each responding agency.

Highway construction work zones?

Arizona Department of Public Safety - Sgt. Gail Spore at 602-223-2069 or gspore@azdps.gov.

- Vehicle placement in construction zones would be the same as for any road restriction or closure. AZ DPS allows the patrol vehicle to face oncoming traffic. Section V.G, page 5-1, relates information regarding when the patrol vehicle is parked facing traffic.

California Highway Patrol - Jim McLaughlin, Chief, Planning and Analysis Division, at 916-657-4098 or JMcLaughlin@chp.ca.gov

- Any CHP personnel working in COZEEP/MAZEEP or any other construction or maintenance detail shall not position their patrol vehicle directly behind a stationary or mobile vehicle equipped with a truck mounted attenuator.
- During the pre-job safety meeting conducted prior to entering the work zone, CHP personnel shall agree upon and have a clear understanding of their respective on-site duties. If CHP personnel determine the requested vehicle placement to be unsafe, their concerns shall be immediately addressed with the Caltrans Field Supervisor. If safety concerns are not resolved, the CHP supervisor shall be notified immediately.

Do you allow patrol vehicles to be positioned facing oncoming traffic in highway construction work zones or along side the roadway while on stationary or observation patrol?

California Highway Patrol - Jim McLaughlin, Chief, Planning and Analysis Division, at 916-657-4098 or JMcLaughlin@chp.ca.gov

- Officers monitoring traffic from the side of the roadway shall not use the technique of parking on the wrong side of the highway facing oncoming traffic.
- Parking in the center median to monitor traffic for any reason, including radar use is discouraged. However, there may be situations where it becomes necessary. For example, enforcing high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane laws.
 1. Monitoring traffic from the center median requires Division approval, and requests will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis.
 2. Officers shall not face the wrong direction while monitoring traffic from the center median.
 3. Officers shall maintain reasonable, continuous patrol of their assigned beats. Traffic collision trends by hour of day and location may require officers to concentrate on specific portions of their beats during periods of high traffic collision frequency.

New Jersey State Police - Mike Gallagher at 609-882-2000x2127 or LPPGALLM@gw.njsp.org

- NJSP does not allow patrol vehicles to be positioned facing oncoming traffic in highway construction work zones and/or along side the roadway while on stationary or observation patrol. And although the NJSP does not have any specific policy with regard to vehicle positioning in construction work zones, our training program recommends where to be positioned and does give latitude.
- Specifically, members may position their cars in advance of the work zone, in the work zone (near the activity area) or after the work zone. The NJSP recommends looping the zone often.

Orange County (FL) Sheriff's Office – MDFC Paul S. Anderson at 352-735-2233 or PaulS.Anderson@ocfl.net

- Our deputies are trained to park their cars in such a way that it blocks them or other emergency workers from being struck by an approaching car. When our deputies are employed to work construction zones, they are usually positioned by the employer.

Washington State Police - Stephanie Bryant at 360-596-4136 or Stephanine.Bryant@wsp.wa.gov

- Construction Zones – Emergency Vehicle Turn Around may sit at 90 degree angle to roadway or if median were wide enough on occasion may monitor traffic flowing in both directions.

West Virginia State Police – POC: Lt. Joe White at 304-746-2193 or planning@wvsp.state.vw.us

- Troopers position their vehicles in the position that will allow the most visibility and protection for both the Trooper and the construction workers.

<< File: 060806_constzonebasic.pdf >> << File: flip-chart-guide.pdf >> << File: 932-02078 Highway Operations Manual.pdf >>

Do we have anything on pre-emptive highway closures due to bad weather (snow)?

No information received.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me...

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Earl Hardy

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