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RE: Mandatory Safe and Effective Use of Law Enforcement Personnel in Work Zones
Policy Memo 29

**Mandatory Training
Safe and Effective Use of Law Enforcement Personnel in Work Zones**

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CDOT is always striving to improve work zone safety. One component of a safer work zone is the safe and effective use of law enforcement. The goal of Safe and Effective Use of Law Enforcement Personnel in Work Zones Training is to provide awareness and guidance to law enforcement officers for their assigned roles in active work zones. Upon completion of the course, participants will:

- Understand that national standards and guidelines existing for uniform treatment of temporary traffic control for work zones
- Understand the role and responsibilities of law enforcement officers in work zones and safe procedures for undertaking their role
- Understand the terminology and proper communication channels associated with executing their role in work zones
- Recognize the different work zone types (long-term construction, short-term, maintenance, mobile operations) and configurations
- Recognize the component parts of a typical work zone

In order to help achieve the goal of improving work zone safety, the FHWA has published a new final rule regarding work zone safety and mobility. This rule requires this training for law enforcement officers who provide uniformed traffic control on federal-aid projects.

Law Enforcement Personnel

By January 1, 2010, all Law Enforcement Personnel who provide uniformed traffic control on federal-aid projects must have a Certificate of Completion to work on CDOT projects for the course. Personnel will need to arrange for their own training through either their local training office or American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA).

All projects that have bids opened after January 1, 2010 will include a Standard Special Provision that will require the uniformed traffic control officer to have the Certificate of Completion.

Continuing Training and Specifications

Continuing Training Requirements

No requirements at this time.

If there are questions relating to the training, please contact K.C. Matthews at 303-757-9543 or k.c.matthews@dot.state.co.us.

Specification Requirements

The Standard Special Provision that will require the uniformed traffic control officer to have the Certification of Completion for the course will be posted on the following web site prior to January 1, 2010:

http://www.dot.state.co.us/DesignSupport/Construction/2005SpecsBook/2005SSP/2005_SSP_Index.htm

If there are questions regarding the specifications, please contact K.C. Matthews at 303-757-9543 or k.c.matthews@dot.state.co.us.

Since these Specifications may undergo change through use, it is suggested that the link above be used at the time Plans are finalized.

I Concur



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