



**HIGHWAY FACTORS**

**GROUP CHAIRMAN'S FACTUAL REPORT**

**FATAL MULTI-VEHICLE REAR-END ACCIDENT IN A WORK ZONE**

**CRANBURY, NEW JERSEY**

**HWY14MH012**

**ATTACHMENT 7, NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE POLICY ON WORK ZONE**

**OVERSIGHT**

**(3) PAGES**

## **Training and certifications for Law Enforcement personnel involved in Work Zone and construction sections of the NJSP:**

- While attending the NJSP Academy, recruits receive training in Construction and Work Zone safety.
- Upon assignment to Troop D, Troopers must attend Troop D Orientation. Troop D Construction Incident Management Unit provides training relating to Construction Zones and Incident Management. Once a Trooper attends the Orientation, they are then eligible to work Supplemental Patrols.
- Troopers must complete an annual online refresher pertaining to Work Zone Safety. This course is Emergency Responder Training provided by the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.
- When a Trooper applies and is subsequently selected to the Troop D Construction Incident Management Unit, they are subject to extensive field training in all aspects of construction and incident management. The field training takes place in all Station areas along the New Jersey Turnpike. C.I.M.U. Troopers have attended additional training in Work Zone Safety, such as Traffic Control Coordinator Course and Traffic Incident Management, thru Rutgers University. OSHA training has been attended as well. This additional training is not a requirement.

## **Description of the Troopers duties and responsibilities:**

- C.I.M.U. Troopers duties and responsibilities are as follows :
  - 1) Responsible for all construction activities on the New Jersey Turnpike
  - 2) Install and pick up lane closings
  - 3) Conduct escorts and slowdowns
  - 4) Enforce all Turnpike policies and procedures
  - 5) Close Roadways
  - 6) Investigation of industrial accidents
  - 7) Training and administering of Troop D Overtime program
- C.I.M.U. specialize in temporary traffic control throughout work zones. The State Police directly control all traffic and personnel on the NJTP. Traffic control is done in coordination the NJTP Operations Department.
- Supplemental Patrols help achieve and maintain the integrity of a safe environment in reduced speed construction zones for construction personnel as well as the motoring public. Patrols will utilize marked vehicles. Required to patrol zone with overhead lights activated every 20 minutes when traffic conditions warrant. Patrols will enforce all motor vehicle laws. Overall goal is to ensure worker safety and allow for smooth flow of traffic for those vehicles traveling in and around the construction zone.

**Copies of all photographs taken of the work zone traffic control by the NJSP:**

- No photographs were taken by Troop D C.I.M.U.

- Any and all requests for videos are referred to:

Criminal Justice Records Bureau  
Division Headquarters  
P.O. Box 7068  
West Trenton, New Jersey 08628-0068  
(609) 882-2000

**- Patrolling the Construction Zone and Termination of lane closures for Widening Project:**

- The Construction Zone is patrolled by Supplemental Patrols. Supplemental Patrols help achieve and maintain the integrity of a safe environment in reduced speed construction zones for construction personnel as well as the motoring public. Patrols will utilize marked vehicles and are required to patrol the construction zone with overhead lights activated every 20 minutes when traffic conditions warrant. Patrols will enforce all motor vehicle laws. Overall goal is to ensure worker safety and allow for smooth flow of traffic for those vehicles traveling in and around the construction zone.

- The Construction Zone traffic is monitored by NJTP Traffic Control Supervisors. The TCS's regularly give traffic updates to the NJTP Operations Department. The NJTP Operations Department also utilizes fixed cameras to monitor traffic as well.

- C.I.M.U. does not keep any records of lanes that were terminated for any condition.