Flag Person Run Over

A 41-year-old worker was killed when a car struck him while he was flagging traffic. He was part of a road crew that was replacing a sign on the side of a road. The worksite was located on a wide curve on a county road. The work to the sign was being performed on the side of the road.

The crew had placed three caution signs indicating roadwork was in progress. It also placed two trucks with flashing beacons.

The crew, including the victim, was wearing high visibility clothing. He was standing to the right of the fog line controlling traffic, when a vehicle struck him from behind. The driver of the vehicle had become distracted, and did not see the warning devices and signs.

- Do you regularly train your workers on the hazards of working around traffic?
- Do your workers wear high visibility clothing?
- Do they flag facing traffic?
- Do your flaggers stand behind the fog line, off the road?
- Can you remote flag?
- Can your flaggers stand behind a barrier