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CONN-OSHA Offers Work Zone Safety Session April 9

WETHERSFIELD, April 7, 2014 – It’s a message that should be easily recognizable to every driver, but is unfortunately, too often ignored, leading to tragic results.

The “flagger” figure – depicted on those orange and black triangle signs placed along the roadway to alert drivers about construction work up ahead – is sending out an important message to slow down. The message is that a road crew is on the job up ahead, the workers are potentially in harm’s way, and motorists need to proceed with caution.

Work zone safety and basic guidelines companies involved in road construction should follow to make the worksite safer and more productive for the men and women involved in these types of jobs will be discussed, at an April 9 workshop sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Labor’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (CONN-OSHA). Taking place at the agency’s Wethersfield Central Office, located at 200 Folly Brook Boulevard, the session runs from 10 a.m. to noon.

“Moving vehicles from existing lanes of travel to temporary traffic patterns expose construction workers to life-threatening situations every day,” explains CONN-OSHA Safety Training Specialist John Able. “The implementation of a simple Work Zone Safety Plan can reduce employee exposure, increase productivity and save lives.”

Able noted that the workshop will address basic guidelines for work zone traffic control and the requirements of Part IV of the Manual on Uniform Control Devices, while the discussion will place particular emphasis on short term work sites on roads in rural and urban areas with time set aside for specific questions.

While admission is free, pre-registration is required. Please contact Able at able.john@dol.gov to register or for additional information.

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