



You Need More Than a Cone to Be Safe in the Zone *May 24 CONN-OSHA Session Addresses Road Construction Safety*

WETHERSFIELD, April 20 – Using proper work zone safety measures will help keep road construction areas safer for the hundreds of road crews who repair and maintain Connecticut roads. The subject of Work Zone Safety will be discussed, in depth, during a May 24 educational session 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 will run from 10 a.m. to noon.

“Drivers maneuvering their vehicles from existing lanes to other paths of travel to pass through road construction areas create safety risks and expose construction workers to life-threatening situations every day,” explains John Able, CONN-OSHA Safety Training Specialist. “The implementation of a simple Work Zone Safety plan can reduce employee exposure, increase productivity and save lives. We can’t stress strongly enough the importance of this issue. According to statistics compiled by the Federal Highway Administration, 835 work zone fatalities and more than 40,000 injuries were recorded in 2007, the most recent year for which statistics were available,” he added.

According to Able, adequate time for questions will be allotted during the training session. While admission is free, pre-registration is required. To register, or for additional information, please contact John Able by email at able.john@dol.gov.

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