TOOLBOX TALKS

Work Zone Traffic – Waste Industry

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TOPIC: Work-Zone Traffic

Provide Proper Routing and Direction

– Managers must determine traffic-control plans and use appropriate means to communicate them to drivers, workers on foot, and anyone else walking or driving near the work zone
– Use signals, message boards, and other devices to inform drivers and direct them away from workers
– Use approved traffic control devices, such as cones, barrels, barricades, and delineator posts inside work zones

Provide Physical Barriers

– Place concrete, water, sand, collapsible barriers, crash cushions, truck-mounted attenuators, and other devices to prevent motorists from intruding into work zones

Protect Flaggers

– Be sure all flaggers are trained and certified and use authorized signaling methods
– Flaggers should always wear high-visibility clothing with fluorescent backgrounds and retro-reflective material so that they will be visible for at least 1,000 feet in any direction (Check the label or packaging to ensure that the garments are performance class 2 or 3)
– Use signs to warn drivers that there are flaggers ahead
– Use STOP/SLOW paddles with lights. Use flags only in emergencies.
– Illuminate flagger stations with candles of five feet or greater height. Use flares or chemical lights if necessary to provide adequate lighting and control or eliminate glow.

Protect Operators and Drivers

– All vehicles must be equipped with seatbelts and rollover protection, and all occupants must use seatbelts

Discussion Date: ____________________  
Employee Participants: 

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