Traffic Control Person

SAFETY IN WORKZONES

Traffic Control Persons (TCPs), or Designated Signallers, give clear instructions to anyone (motorist, cyclists, and pedestrians) moving through a work zone. Their role is to:

- safely direct traffic through work sites;
- manage the traffic to accommodate the work flow and keep traffic going;
- stop and slow traffic according to the work situation; and
- ensure work can continue safely and efficiently.

Traffic Control Person Requirements

TCPs must:

- complete Traffic Control Persons training provided by the employer;
- be in good physical health, including good vision and hearing;
- be alert and exercise good judgement based on their training;
- be pleasant and cooperative; and
- have no impairment that prevents them from safely performing their duties.

Worker's Responsibilities

TCPs ensure the safety of the public and the work crew. They must:

- know and sign the Traffic Control Plan for their shift;
- have a training card signed by their employer;
- always carry the signed training card with them on the job, and show it to the appropriate authorities when asked:
- wear High Visibility PPE;
- carry an *Incident Report Logbook*, or notebook; and
- report all dangerous situations to the supervisor (wildlife sightings, speeding, or abusive motorists).

Supervisor's Responsibilities

Supervisors ensure that the Traffic Control Plan is on site. Each worker must understand and sign the plan. Supervisors provide:

- the name and contact information for the employer responsible for the work site;
- introductions to the crew:
- schedules for crew changes;
- type of work being performed at the site;
- type of equipment in use, and how it will be operating;
- any special conditions of the job contract and road use; and
- what PPE is required for the environment and working conditions.

Emergency Preparedness

Before starting work, supervisors plan escape routes and clearly communicate them to the crew. Everyone must know what the TCP does in case of an emergency. If a dangerous situation arises:

- Follow the site emergency protocols and be prepared to warn the work crew of the danger according to the plan (yelling, waving, blowing a whistle, or using an air horn or radio).
- Take the planned escape route immediately, (making sure the Stop/Slow paddle doesn't cause any harm).
- Check the safety of the Traffic Control Person.

As soon as it is safe to do so, record the incident in the *Incident Report Logbook*.

Refer to the *Occupational Health and* Safety Regulations, Sections 138 & 139 and the WSCC's <u>Traffic Control Person</u> Code of Practice.

