

# Uniformed Officer Use in Work Zones

- FHWA Final Rule
- 23 CFR Part 630, subpart K.
- Effective Date 12/05/08





## FHWA Rule 630.1106(c)

### Uniformed Law Enforcement Policy

- “Each agency, in partnership with FHWA, shall develop a policy addressing the use of uniformed law enforcement on Federal-Aid highway projects.”



# FHWA Rule 630.1106(c)

## Uniformed Law Enforcement Policy Components

- When & how officers are used
- Agreements & Communication between DOT and law enforcement agencies
- Reimbursement procedures

• **Training**



# Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training

**What do we tell them?**

How do we tell them?

How do we track them?



# Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training

What do we tell them?

- ❖ Aspects of a work zone?
- ❖ Traffic control procedure?
- ❖ What to do and when?
- ❖ Where do we start?

# Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training

***Welcome!!***

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***Safe and Effective Use of  
Law Enforcement Personnel  
in Work Zones***



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# Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training

## FHWA Training Content:

- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Roles and Responsibilities
- ❖ Understanding Work Zones
- ❖ Recommended Practices
- ❖ Applications

# WZ Traffic Control Committee

## Subcommittee on Police & Flagger Training

- Reimbursement
- Policy & Guidelines on Police Use
- Training:
  - ✓ Went through FHWA police material slide-by-slide
  - ✓ Looked at common police use issues
  - ✓ Brought in police to review and comment



# With a New Hampshire Twist





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# Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training

## How?

### Issues

- 4,500 police officers in the State, where do we start?
- Who does the training?
- What mechanisms are in place to train them now?

# Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training

How are they trained now?

- Police Standards and Training Council  
(Police Academy)
- Local Police Trainers

**In-Person Training**





# **Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training**

## **Remote Training**

- **Consistent Message**
- **Easy to track**
- **Easy for LEO to take**
- **No DOT Personnel Time Required!**

# Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training

## Remote Training Development



# Web Based Training

The screenshot shows a web-based training interface with a dark blue header. The header is split into two sections: 'Course' on the left and 'Progress' on the right. Under 'Course', there is a dropdown arrow and the text 'New Hampshire Work Zone'. Under 'Progress', there is a yellow progress indicator, the text 'In Progress', and a 'PLAY NEXT' button. The main content area is split into two columns. The left column is titled 'Description' and contains a large, light blue abstract graphic. The right column is titled 'Modules' and lists several items with corresponding status icons: 'Course Overview' (green checkmark), 'Pre-Assessment' (green checkmark), 'Module 1: Roles and Responsibilities' (green checkmark), 'Module 2: Understanding Work Zones' (green play button), 'Module 3: Recommended Practices' (red lock), 'Module 4: Application Workshop' (red lock), and 'Final Assessment' (red lock).

Course	Progress
▼ <a href="#">New Hampshire Work Zone</a>	In Progress <a href="#">PLAY NEXT</a>
<b>Description</b>	<b>Modules</b>
	<a href="#">Course Overview</a> ✓
	<a href="#">Pre-Assessment</a> ✓
	<a href="#">Module 1: Roles and Responsibilities</a> ✓
	<a href="#">Module 2: Understanding Work Zones</a> ▶
	Module 3: Recommended Practices 🔒
	Module 4: Application Workshop 🔒
	Final Assessment 🔒

# Web Based Training

## TIPS FOR WORKING IN A WORK ZONE

Officers working in a work zone should:

- Arrive on time
- Stay in communication with the POC
- Perform a drive-through of the project area prior to the beginning of your shift
- Be visible
- Be alert
- Even if you are visible:
  - Be alert, paying constant attention to traffic
  - Determine an escape route
  - Avoid getting blocked by guardrails and other obstacles
  - Do not use your cell phone except for traffic control duty
- Drivers can be distracted by many things
- Stay alert and focus on the task at hand — it could save your life



**UNIFORMED OFFICER  
DUTIES**



# Web Based Training

## Roles and Responsibilities

- ✓ Module 1 Title and Objectives
- ✓ Work Zone Stakeholders
- ✓ Uniformed Officer Duties
- ✓ Tips for Working in a Work Zone
- Module Recap
- Knowledge Check



# Web Based Training

The screenshot displays a web browser window titled "TRN SCORM 2004 Player - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: [http://lms.policecommunity.net/iliias.php?baseClass=ilSAHSPresentationGUI&ref\\_id=1243](http://lms.policecommunity.net/iliias.php?baseClass=ilSAHSPresentationGUI&ref_id=1243). On the left, a navigation pane lists the following items under "Roles and Responsibilities":

- Module 1 Title and Objectives
- Work Zone Stakeholders
- Uniformed Officer Duties
- Tips for Working in a Work Zone
- Module Recap
- Knowledge Check (highlighted)

The main content area features a "KNOWLEDGE CHECK" overlay with the question: "Who is responsible for setting up and removing work zone traffic control devices?". Below the question are five multiple-choice options:

- A NHDOT
- B Control Devices
- C Uniformed Officers
- D Flaggers
- E All of the above

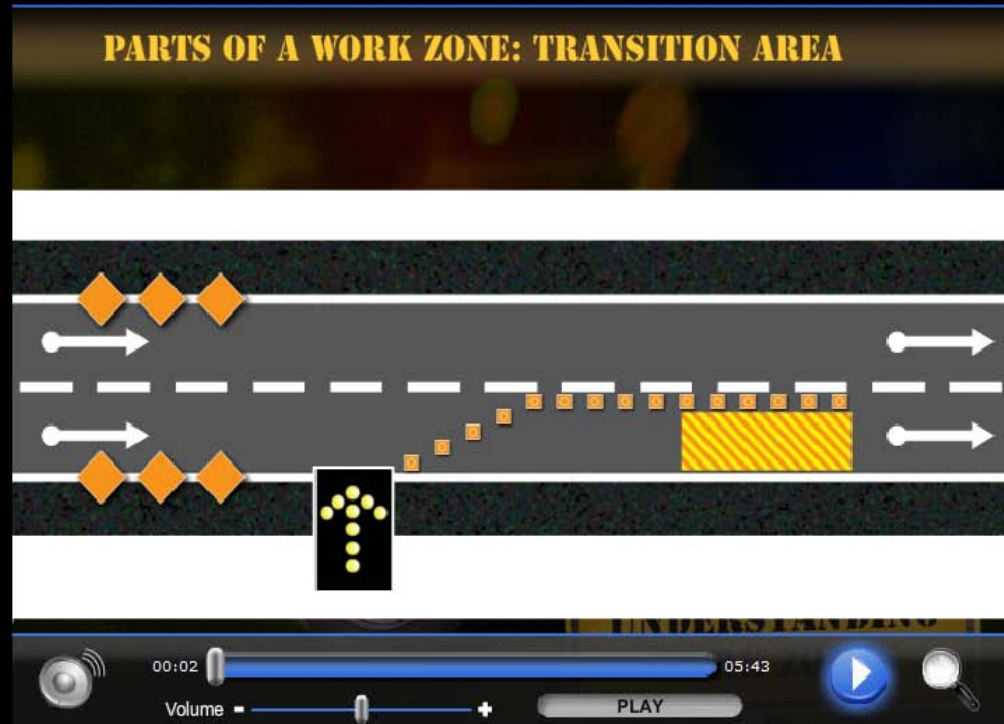
A green "Correct" notification box with a checkmark and a "Next" button is overlaid on the options. The background of the slide shows a car at a construction site with a diamond-shaped sign and a rectangular sign that reads "ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES".

At the bottom of the browser window, the taskbar shows the system tray with the date and time: "4:06 PM 1/19/2012".

# Web Based Training

## Understanding Work Zones

- ✓ Module Title Page and Objectives
- ✓ Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
- ✓ Parts of a Work Zone: Advance Warning Area
- **Parts of a Work Zone: Transition Area**
- Parts of a Work Zone: Activity Area
- Parts of a Work Zone: Termination Area
- Exercise
- Tips for Working in a Work Zone
- Module Recap
- Knowledge Check



# Web Based Training



# **Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training**

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# **Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Training**

## **Tracking**

### **Need**

- **Must cover all officers trained**
- **Must be available all around the State**
- **Available 24/7**
- **Data must be easily searched**
  - **Department/Agency**
  - **Name**
  - **Date**

# Tracking Those Trained

- Web-Based Training
  - Those trained on web are automatically added to the vendor's database - which is made available to DOT for validation purposes
- In-Person Training
  - Tough to track - Requires extra effort by Dept.
  - Certificate is given at completion of course
  - Present plan is to create a State owned data base

# Final Thoughts

## ➤ Will Officers take training?

- All Officers who want to work in an NHDOT work zone as of April 1, 2013, will have to have completed this training.

## ➤ Training required every 4 Years

## ➤ What have we heard?

- Some resistance and some grumbling, but since we pay them and it is voluntary on their part, there is little they can say about this modest requirement.



# Questions?

<http://lms.policecommunity.net/trn-demo/NH-Workzone-Intro-demo.html>

<http://lms.policecommunity.net/trn-demo/NH-Workzone-scenario-demo.html>

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