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FLAGGING TRAFFIC

The most important goal of a traffic flagger is to do everything possible, when flagging traffic, to prevent an accident. Because when an accident occurs, everyone suffers: the motorist, Eldorado Rock Inc., and its employees. An accident can mean damaged vehicles and equipment, personal injury, and fatalities.

TRAFFIC SIGNS CAN'T THINK

Traffic signs normally do a good job of giving messages or direction. But they have one disadvantage. They can't think. And if a situation changes suddenly, signs can't automatically adjust. A flag person is used where conditions are constantly changing and traffic instructions must change, too. For traffic control to be effective, the job has to be set up properly. The necessary signs must be placed in advance to warn motorists they are entering a construction area, and to let them know that a flagger will be giving directing traffic.

As drivers enter a construction zone, they should be able to spot the flagger quickly. That is one reason you wear a fluorescent safety vest. So you will stand out. Avoid unsafe vehicular traffic conditions following these few basic rules:

1. As a flag person, you should understand what the operation involves (equipment, workers, and actions being performed), so that you know what to anticipate when directing traffic.
2. A flagger should be properly dressed and neat in appearance. Foot wear is important. Remember that pavement can get mighty hot or cold, depending on the season. Comfortable and sturdy boots are advisable.
3. Depending on state requirements, signs of the correct size must be used. In Nevada, signs should be at least 24" square.
4. Only designated flag persons should be directing traffic using a standardized set of signals, except in emergency situations. These individuals must be alert to traffic conditions and the construction operations at all times.

5. Never turn your back on traffic. Many a flag person has been injured or killed because of this.

6. Flag persons should be firm but courteous with the public at all times. The general public could well form an opinion of the construction industry as a whole by the impression they receive from you.

THEIR HIGHWAY

Always remember that it's the public's highway, not Eldorado Rock's. So, we do want to be courteous. But at the same time, we want to make sure that an accident doesn't happen. We may have to be especially firm with some motorists to keep them from hurting themselves or others. Being a flag person is a very important job, because you have the responsibility of protecting the public, your fellow workers, and yourself. •