**Texting While Driving National Statistics:**

* Distracted drivers cause nearly 3,000 deaths and nearly 400,000 injuries every year.
* While teenagers are texting, they spend about 10 percent of the time outside their driving lane.
* Young driver’s reaction time, while talking on a cell, may be as slow as a 70-yr. old.

**Beware of Distracted Drivers – Stay vigilant and watch for these signs:**

* Swerving.
* Taking extreme wide turns.
* Driving too slow.
* Following too closely.
* Braking erratically.

**Three main types of distracted driving:**

* Visual – taking your eyes off the road.
* Manual – taking your hands off the wheel.
* Cognitive – taking your mind off what you are doing.

**Talking on cell phones and texting behind the wheel both lead to distraction. Driver inattention is the leading cause of accidents.**



**Regulations to Follow:**

All traffic control operations and devices must conform to Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and State DOT Design Standards. MUTCD Available on- line from DOT -- [http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov](http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/)

**Preventing Struck-By Accidents**

* Properly plan traffic control and follow applicable rules.
* Use proper lighting and road signs.
* Trained/certified flaggers.
* Utilize proper work zone barriers.
* Wear high-visibility clothes.
* Wear seat belts and use rollover protections.
* Never position yourself between moving and fixed objects.
* Plan yourself an escape route.

**What is a Work Zone?**

Temporary traffic control zone; change from normal traffic patterns where people & equipment are at risk.

**Work Zone Traffic Safety**

Transportation incidents and workers struck-by vehicles or mobile equipment account for the highest number of fatal work injuries, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Workers such as emergency responders, clean-up, utility, demolition, construction, and others in areas where there are moving vehicles and traffic are exposed to being struck-by moving vehicles. Work zones are used to move traffic in an approved direction and are typically identified by signs, cones, barrels, and barriers.

**Operations in a Work Zone:**

Construction; maintenance; utility work; emergency response; and environmental sampling.