

## **25. Struck by truck**

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A **28-year-old** member of a roadway crew was killed while the crew was working on an interstate highway replacing damaged reflectors on the road with new ones. The process involved a moving operation where trucks moved along in procession. The first vehicle was an attenuator truck located off the shoulder of the road about one-half mile behind the second truck. It was equipped with a sign reading "Left Lane Closed" and flashing arrows to warn oncoming traffic to move to the right lane. The second truck, driven by the victim, was located in the left lane with a sign stating that the left lane was closed and was also equipped with flashing arrows directing traffic to move to the right lane. The next vehicle in the procession was a Tennessee Highway Patrol car equipped with police blue lights that were on and flashing. The work truck, which was a pickup, was located in front of the patrol car. The employees in the pickup replaced reflectors while sitting in a seat that was located off the side of the back of the truck. At the time of the incident, the crew was in the process of a changeover, whereby the seat on the pickup that the employees worked out of was moved to the other side of the truck. The victim left his truck (the second in line) and was helping with the changeover. The time was between 3:30 and 4:00 am. A tractor trailer carrying a load of chickens entered the left lane and struck the rear of the second truck (the victim's) in the procession. The second truck was thereby pushed into the median between the lanes of traffic. The tractor trailer continued and struck the patrol car which was pushed forward. The pickup was not struck. The victim's exact location at the time of the crash is not clear. He was apparently somewhere between the first truck that was struck (the truck he drove) and the back of the pickup. It is also unclear which vehicle struck the victim, but his injuries were fatal.

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