

19 Struck by car – Inspection #1165112

A **63 year old male** employee was fatally injured, while flagging traffic at a highway construction project, when he was struck by an oncoming car. On the day of the accident, the victim was assigned to a highway road maintenance crew milling down a bump on the West bound lane of Tennessee Hwy 88. The victim was standing in the West bound lane attempting to direct traffic around the work zone. A vehicle approaching the work zone did not see the victim standing in the road and struck him. During the investigation it was determined that the victim did not stand to the shoulder to stop the first vehicle, and possibly was not positioned far enough from the work zone to increase a driver's visual awareness. A driver's visual awareness increases if they see another vehicle stopped or if the flagger is far enough away from the work zone that they do not blend into the back ground.

Violation(s) as Originally Issued

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

Violation 1 Item 1

29 CFR 1926.201(a)(1)	Signaling by flaggers and the use of flaggers did not confirm to Part VI of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, 1988 Edition, Revision 1993, or Part VI of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Millennium Edition. In that on 7/27/16, the employer did not confirm to Part VI of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Signaling methods in the following two instances: a) 6E.01- An employee was not provided with adequate training in safe temporary traffic control practices. b) 6E.05 – an employee was standing in the center of the road controlling traffic before the first vehicle had come to a complete stop
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Photo 1 of 1 – The red arrow indicates the location of impact, and the yellow arrow indicates the location of the road maintenance.