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SUBJECT: Training Requirement for Law Enforcement Officers in KYTC Work Zones

The Division of Construction, in partnership with the University of Kentucky's Transportation Center, has developed a new training requirement as a continuation of **Construction Memo 01-2024: Best Practices for the Use of Law Enforcement Officers in KYTC Work Zones** (dated February 14, 2024).
(Link: [CM 24-01.pdf](#))

In Kentucky, the primary role of a **Law Enforcement Officer (LEO)** in work zones is to provide a visible presence—to alert motorists, protect workers and equipment, discourage unsafe driving behaviors, and promote safe navigation through the work zone. To perform these duties effectively and safely, LEOs must receive proper training.

Effective January 1, 2026, all law enforcement officers utilized under the **Law Enforcement Officer -(LEO)** contract pay item on KYTC contracts must complete the certification course referenced in this memo to be considered properly trained in work zone traffic control as per the Standard Specifications. This certification includes training on the appropriate positioning of officers and patrol vehicles within active work zones. Kentucky State Police (KSP) working within KYTC contracts are trained for work zone traffic control internally via KSP and are exempt from this requirement.

Before beginning any assignment, officers hired and paid by the contractor must submit proof of course completion to the hiring contractor. Since KSP services are billed directly to the contract and not utilized under the LEO contract pay item, they are exempt from this requirement. Certification is provided to the successful trainee through the Kentucky Transportation Center's Technology Transfer Program. The training is offered on-demand, is self-guided, and is free of charge to all law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth.

- **Course Link:** [Law Enforcement Officers in Work Zones | Kentucky Technology Transfer Program](#)
- **Step by Step Enrollment Instructions Link:** [Canvas Help For Law Enforcement Officers](#)

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