

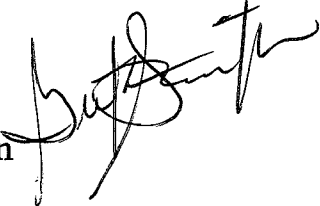
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION JOINT MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Guidance for the Use of Uniformed Law Enforcement
Officers in Highway Work Zones

In conjunction with the regulations set forth as part of SAFETEA-LU, Subpart K to 23 CFR Part 630, attached is the "Guidance for the use of Uniformed Law Enforcement Officers in Highway Work Zones". As can be seen from the guidance document, KYTC's project teams should address the use of Uniformed Law Enforcement Officers in Highway Work Zones as a component of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) prepared for each project. Please begin to address this item in the TMP no later than the July 2008 project letting.

Any questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Division of Highway Design or the Division of Construction.

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Attachment

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

Guidance for the Use of Uniformed Law Enforcement Officers in Highway Work Zones

Overview: A number of conditions may indicate the need for or benefit of uniformed law enforcement in highway work zones. The presence of uniformed law enforcement officers and marked law enforcement vehicles in view of the motorized traffic on a highway project may have beneficial affects on driver behavior and alertness, thus helping to maintain appropriate speeds within the highway work zone.

Guidance: The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) will consider the use of uniformed law enforcement officers to assist in the maintenance of traffic for KYTC highway construction and maintenance work zones on a project by project basis. KYTC will address this consideration as a component of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) prepared by KYTC's Project Team for each project. Specific project conditions, such as duration of the construction work zone, complexity of the construction work to be performed, and existing traffic speeds and volumes will be given due consideration by the Project Team when making the decision on whether to use uniformed law enforcement officers as a component of the Traffic Control Plan. In general, the officers shall be required to use a "marked" law enforcement vehicle when working within the construction work zone as a part of the maintenance of traffic operation approved by KYTC for the plan. Methods of payment for this service shall be determined by the Project Team.

The presence of law enforcement is not intended as a substitute for temporary traffic control devices as required per the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).