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News Advisory

APRIL 4 – 8, 2011 IS WORK ZONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IN CONNECTICUT **Press Conference is Tuesday, April 5, 1:00 p.m. at DOT**

Governor Dannel P. Malloy has proclaimed April 4 -8, 2011, Work Zone Safety Awareness Week in Connecticut. "Connecticut and the nation are committed to increasing motorist and worker safety in work zones and reducing highway fatalities and injuries. Our safety partners understand the risks and are committed to doing whatever needs to be done to protect the people that not only work on our roads but also the people that drive on our roads."

At this year's event, the winners of Connecticut's first Roadway Safety Poster Contest will be presented with their awards. The poster contest was sponsored by the Connecticut Technology Transfer Center at the University of Connecticut and the winners were selected by the Connecticut Highway Work Zone Safety Advisory Council. Students in grades kindergarten through six were invited to submit their impressions of the daily life of America's roadway workers. Tolland Intermediate School in Tolland and Lincoln School in New Britain participated in the contest. All the posters submitted will be on display at the press event and the winning posters are being submitted for consideration in the national American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) Poster Contest.

Connecticut, like other states and organizations, promotes work zone awareness not only during **National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week** but all year long. This year's national theme is "Whose Life Is On The Line? Safer Driving, Safer Work Zones For Everyone."

Governor Malloy, representatives from the Connecticut Departments of Transportation, Motor Vehicles and Public Safety; the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, and Federal Highway Administration will be speaking at the event. The event will also be attended by highway construction and maintenance workers, private contractors, public utility companies, construction industry associations, and state and local police to help increase the awareness and importance of safe driving by the motoring public. The Connecticut Work Zone Safety Press Conference will be held:

April 5, 2011
1:00 p.m.
Department of Transportation
Conference Room A&B
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131

Connecticut Work Zone Safety Press Conference
Tuesday, April 5, 2011 @ 1:00 p.m.
Connecticut Main Building, Berlin Turnpike, Newington



INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Terri Thompson

Department of Transportation
Work Zone Safety Awareness Group Chair

GUEST SPEAKERS

Opening Remarks

Mr. James Redeker

Acting Commissioner
Department of Transportation

Honorable Dannel P. Malloy

Governor
State of Connecticut

Colonel Danny Stebbins

Commanding Officer
Connecticut State Police
Department of Public Safety

Chief Douglas Fuchs

Town of Redding
Connecticut Police Chiefs Association

Melody Currey

Commissioner
Department of Motor Vehicles

Amy Jackson-Grove

Division Administrator
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Poster Contest Presentation

Donna Shea

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