



# Technical Update

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## Flagger Training Critical for County Road and Bridge

County Road and Bridge employees need to be trained in and hold a current Flagger Certification to legally control traffic in county work zones.

CTSI's Loss Prevention Team are Certified Proctors for CDOT's Flagger Certification Program. Flagger Certification is valid for two years. The class takes two hours including the written test. Certification Cards are issued to those who score at least 80% on the written test.

Why is Flagger Certification important for all county road and bridge employees? Hundreds of workers are killed each year in roadway construction or maintenance work zones. In addition to the tremendous threat to county employee safety, there are huge liability risks.

If a vehicle accident or any related public injury occurs in a county's roadway work zone as a result of a non-certified flagger's decision or actions, both the county and the CAPP Pool could be placed in a difficult position to defend against potential claims of negligence. It also may effect CAPP's ability to successfully assert Governmental Immunity on the county's behalf.

### What This Means for Counties

CTSI highly recommends all county road and bridge departments maintain their Flagger Certifications in order to safely and legally conducted work zone traffic control activities.

As an alternative, CTSI recommends counties consider subcontracting work zone traffic control and flagger duties to a qualified and licensed traffic control or other contractor who employs staff who are Certified Flaggers.

Contact any member of the CTSI Loss Prevention Team for more information or to schedule a Flagger Certification Class.

For more information, contact CTSI at 303-861-0507