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PUBLIC EMPLOYER SAFETY ALERT #11

WORK ZONE SAFETY FOR ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

ATTENTION: ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYERS

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Many public employees may be subject to the hazards of vehicular traffic due to motor vehicle accidents or other motor vehicle related dangers encountered during the course of performing their job duties. Protection from traffic hazards is most important.

The New Jersey State Safety Council has received numerous complaints from its various Committees concerning the safety of municipal, county and state workers who were exposed to vehicular traffic hazards and were not wearing reflectorized vests.

Additionally, numerous federal OSHA investigations have revealed that victims who were injured by vehicular traffic were not wearing high visibility or reflectorized vests.

It is therefore the recommendation of the Commissioner that all public employees, including but not limited to, police officers, refuse collectors, public works employees, particularly grass cutters and litter patrollers while involved in traffic control or other duties resulting in exposure to vehicular traffic, wear safety vests or other suitable garments marked with or made of reflectorized or high visibility material.