



S.A.F.E. Patrol Working Extra Hours to Help Kentucky Drivers in Cold Weather



S.A.F.E. Patrol drivers volunteered for extra shifts because of the the cold weather Wednesday night.

S.A.F.E. Patrol driver Leroy Carrol knows he's in a for a long work day when temperatures drop this low.

"A couple years back, we had a rollover at the 52 mile marker," Carrol said. "I actually got to stand out there from 9 o'clock in the morning to 11 o'clock at night."

He's willing to brave any weather for his job with S.A.F.E. Patrol. "I try to go as far as I have to go to make people safe, so they can get back home," Carrol said.

Drivers cover more than 100,000 miles of Kentucky highway, doing everything from jumping dead batteries to tagging vehicles on the side of the road.

"By S.A.F.E. Patrol doing that, it means a police officer, deputy, or state trooper that normally might do that can be out doing other law-enforcement activities that the state patrol take care of — the everyday sort of things," said Kentucky Transportation Cabinet spokesman Keith Todd.

Carrol is often the first one to major crashes. S.A.F.E. Patrol assists law enforcement officers with directing traffic, monitoring suspicious drivers and checking abandoned vehicles. Carrol says helping drivers for free can change someone's entire day.

"When you leave and you're going to a funeral, you don't have extra money to pay for repairs. Times are hard, and I'm just trying to be there," he said. Putting himself in danger every day is worth it, because he says he can pay it forward. "I get to listen to people. I get to talk to people, and when I help people, it makes me feel really good," he said.

S.A.F.E. Patrol is looking for more drivers to cover the Kentucky area. A new sponsorship with State Farm is allowing them to expand their technology and car-gear to help more people. Here are the free services S.A.F.E. Patrol offers:

- Gasoline and oil changes
- Changing flat tires
- Jump starting dead car batteries
- Other small automotive repairs

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4 Safety Best Practices for the Modern Jobsite

New study points out danger points & how to protect against them



To what degree are you taking advantage of best practices to improve safety on your jobsites? Dodge Data & Analytics recently conducted a study for CPWR – The Center for Construction Research and Planning in which contractors

were asked this same question about a series of very specific practices. And the results, published in the Contractor Use of Safety Best Practices SmartMarket Brief, were surprising. Some practices mentioned in the study deal directly with hazards like reducing noise levels from construction equipment and risk of injuries due to falls. Other practices pertain to the hazards associated with materials, such as preventing injuries while lifting or moving materials.

In addition to the adoption of these specific practices, the study also examined larger issues of how to create a safety climate on-site that includes leadership by supervisors and foremen, as well as the use of lean approaches to minimize waste and improve training and communication.

The study's findings share one common feature: They reveal the degree to which the industry can still improve its use of practices known to improve worker safety, health and well-being. In accordance with the results, the following are four safety best practices that need to become commonplace at your worksites.

1. Manage Hazards Before Construction Begins

In addition to broad underutilization of safety practices in general, even with simple practices, such as using hearing protection, there is a clear trend of large companies (with annual revenues of \$100 million or more) to use many safety best practices more frequently than small companies. Despite the financial advantages that large companies have, giving them the

edge on safety, there are still practices that small companies can take advantage of.

One category in which large companies consistently perform better than small ones is advanced hazard planning. This arena extends as far as the advanced planning of ways to reduce noise exposure, which midsize companies (those with revenues of \$10 million to just shy of \$100 million) seem to find particularly challenging. Only 28 percent of midsize respondents reported believing their company handles advanced planning well— compared with 36 percent of small companies and 42 percent of large ones.

Similar gaps in advanced planning are reported in the prevention of musculoskeletal injuries. Seventy-two percent of large companies do worksite planning and task planning to address this issue, but only 51 percent of small and 56 percent of midsize companies do. Yet, this kind of planning can be done by any size company.

A similar pattern emerges when looking at materials-handling best practices. Nearly all contractors from large companies (86 percent) reported that they formally plan for how materials will be handled once work is awarded, and almost three quarters (72 percent) reported that they meet with employees for a discussion on how materials will be moved.

Yet, only around 63 percent of small and midsize contractors develop a formal plan for materials handling, and only 54 percent of them are conducting those meetings with employees. To engage in effective advanced planning, contractors need to draw upon their experiences with previous projects, and having that information captured in a systematic, consistent way aids with the process.

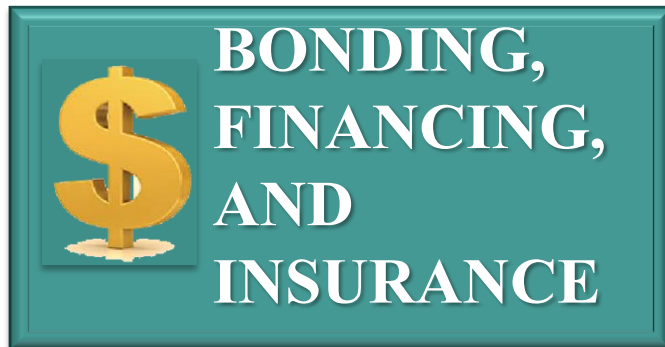
Additionally, few large, midsize or small companies reported that they review how materials were handled after project completion.

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