

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Memorandum

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To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction
DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF, Structure Construction
CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS
SENIOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS
RESIDENT ENGINEERS

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From: RAMON HOPKINS, Chief
Division of Construction

Subject: **SAFETY STAND-DOWN FOR CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE FATALITY**

The purpose of this directive is to require Caltrans construction staff to conduct a safety stand-down at the beginning of their shifts due to a recent fatality involving a contractor.

On Wednesday night, December 16, 2020, a contractor employee was fatally injured when struck by a public motorist during a one-way traffic control closure while the employee was performing flagging for a striping operation in District 11, Route 94 in San Diego County.

Regrettably, this is the third contractor employee fatality involving a public motorist entering an active work zone since October of this year. This serves as a reminder to remain aware of your surroundings at all times, especially when working on foot in the work zone.

Section 2-106C, "Safety Stand-down," of the *Construction Manual* defines requirements for implementing safety stand-downs after a significant safety incident. A safety stand-down must be conducted after a serious injury or fatality involving the public, a contractor, a consultant, law enforcement, or Caltrans staff, and should occur immediately after the event or at the beginning of the next shift. We highly encourage you to invite the contractor to participate. Use the Caltrans Form PM-S-0110, "Safety Meeting Report," to document the safety stand-down.

If you have questions or comments regarding this directive, please contact Marvin Guinez, Division of Construction, at Marvin.Guinez@dot.ca.gov or at (916) 764-7957.