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Users of the *Wisconsin Flagging Handbook*

Subject: 2020 Flagger Certification Requirements on State Highways (including connecting highways & local program projects)

Effective January 1, 2020, all flaggers working on Wisconsin State Highways are required to be certified, which includes connecting highways and local program projects. The requirement is to ensure flaggers get the proper training to keep themselves, as well as the traveling public, safe while performing their duties.

Flagger training requirements are identified on page 29 in the recently updated Wisconsin Flagging Handbook that was published in October. Flaggers will need to show proof of certification if asked by WisDOT or other state inspectors. Failure to show proof may result in a shutdown of the operation until a certified flagger can take over the duties.

WisDOT developed a Flagger 'Train the Trainer' Course in conjunction with the Transportation Information Center (TIC) to teach a county/contractor/agency representative to learn flagging operations to properly train their co-workers/personnel. If your agency would like to host a 'train the trainer session' you may work with Andi Bill from the TIC (bill@wisc.edu, 608-890-3425).

It should be noted that flaggers do not need to be certified through the WisDOT program or certified as a trainer to provide the training to staff. If the training the flagger attends meets the requirements identified in the Wisconsin Flagging Handbook, the flagger may become certified. Your agency may provide their own training or use another training, like ATSSA.

WisDOT has also published Wisconsin Flagging Handbook Training and Certification Materials online at the following website: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/local-gov/traffic-ops/programs/workzone/workzone.aspx>

Within the link you will find:

- Flagger training presentation that can be given to your staff which includes an agenda for the training, scenarios to go through, checklist of what to bring to the training, quiz, sign in sheet and certificate.
- A PDF of the 2020 Wisconsin Flagging Handbook along with the recent addendum.
- Where to buy the 2020 Wisconsin Flagging Handbook.
- FAQ sheet with questions and answers from previous trainings.

Some of the main flagger requirements are identified below:

- 4 hours in classroom training
- 8 hours in the field/on the job training
- Refresher course every 2 years

The 8 hours in the field/on the job training is to make sure the flagger can demonstrate the techniques properly, understands their roles and can ask questions, if needed. They do not need to be monitored the entire 8 hours but should be checked in on regularly to ensure they are properly flagging.

Any questions can be directed to DOTDTSDFlaggerCertification@dot.wi.gov.