

## Position of the Emergency Responder Safety Institute on the Use of Advance Warning Traffic Signs

The CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institute (ERSI) endorses the use of temporary traffic signs for advance warning at roadway incidents.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1500 - Standard on Fire Department Occupational Safety and Health Programs currently calls for the use of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) compliant fluorescent and retro-reflective 48" x 48" signs stating "Emergency Scene Ahead" (with a directional arrow overlay). The recommended signs are fluorescent pink with black text as described in the 2009 Edition of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). ERSI recommends the use of "Emergency Scene Ahead" signs for any incidents that will last more than 30 minutes. ERSI recommends using the sign wording described in NFPA 1500.

ERSI believes it is unnecessary to have multiple early warning signs on fire apparatus, ambulances, and police cars or tow trucks. A single compliant sign is adequate for early traffic control at any type of emergency scene.

We support the use of additional signs and equipment for early warning that can be carried and deployed by DOT Service Patrols or Fire Police Traffic Units especially for incidents of over 30 minutes in duration.

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