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Interested Parties

RE: County Road Crash Victim Memorial Signing Program

The following constitutes Road Department policy regarding implementation of the Road Crash Victim Memorial Signing Program on roads under County jurisdiction.

A two year test implementation of this program was recommended by the County Road Advisory Committee (10/14/02) and approved for implementation by the Board of Commissioners (10/28/02). If the test implementation is not continued past the two year point, any signs authorized by the current policy will be allowed remain in place consistent with details of this policy.

The intent of this policy is to help enhance the awareness of traffic safety issues which contribute to accidents.

Upon the request of the family of a victim of an impaired driving crash and when certain requirements are met, a sign can be installed on a County jurisdiction road at the site of a fatality caused by an impaired driver. Request for placement of a memorial sign is initiated by a written request to Public Works indicating the name of the deceased party and payment of construction / placement fee.

The following are minimum criteria that should be met in order for Public Works to construct/place a sign:

1. Indication of concurrence with the proposal by the relevant family (of the deceased).
2. Indication of concurrence of adjacent property owners near proposed sign regarding the sign placement. Adjacent means those owners of property abutting the right of way location on both sides of the road at the sign location.
3. Proof of conviction (unless driver is deceased)
4. Name or names, as they should appear on the sign.

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5. Final location approved by Public Works shall not create a hazard to traffic or others utilizing the right of way.
6. The basic fee shall be in the form of a check made out to "Tillamook County Road Department". Fee for each requested sign shall be \$200.
7. This amount is intended to cover expenses incurred, such as time spent on review of the application by the program coordinator, investigation of the proposed site by Road Department personnel, manufacture of the sign by the County Sign Shop, and installation by the County Sign crew.
8. Signs will remain in place until they are weathered (usually seven to ten years). At that time, they will be removed. If a sign that is still in serviceable condition is stolen, vandalized, or otherwise badly damaged, it will be replaced one time at County's expense.
9. Road Department standards for signing are attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Suko". The signature is stylized with a large, prominent initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Aaron D. Suko  
Director of Public Works, PE

Enclosure: Signing Standards/Guidelines

**TILLAMOOK COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT  
ROAD CRASH VICTIM MEMORIAL SIGNING PROGRAM  
SIGNING STANDARDS/GUIDELINES**

The following standards/guidelines are developed to augment the Tillamook County Road Crash Victim Memorial Signing Program.

GUIDELINES

- Road Department staff will investigate all proposed installation sites and make a recommendation to the Director regarding sign placement. If the investigation determines that a location other than the one requested in the application is more appropriate, a distance of as much as one-half mile away will be acceptable, with variations as approved by the Director. In no case, however, will the alternate location be on a highway other than the one on which the accident occurred.
- Signs installed will be black on white, 30" X 24" with a legend which reads "DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE", below which will be a 24" X 18" plaque with the message "IN MEMORY OF (Victim's Name)".
- Normally up to three names can be listed, but more than one name will require a larger plaque.
- Each successful applicant will be entitled to one sign assembly as described above, mounted on one side of the post only (no back-to-back signs), facing oncoming traffic, and only on the side of the road nearest the lane of that oncoming traffic. In special situations where a sufficiently large turnout or wayside is available as determined by the Director [of Public Works], and if acceptable to the applicant, a sign may be mounted parallel to the roadway rather than facing oncoming traffic.
- Signs will be installed along County jurisdiction roads only in rural areas