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State Police Services for Work Zone Safety

State Police Officers may be used in accordance with the Contract Maintenance and Protection of Traffic special provision, to provide various services when assigned to a specific highway construction project (HCP).

The types of State Police services provided for under Project assignments are:

- a) **Presence** This involves officers on voluntary overtime assignment to passively monitor the traffic and provide safety in construction work zones, which is considered a HCP assignment.
- b) **Enforcement** This involves on-duty officers to actively enforce the traffic laws in the construction work zones. This assignment is considered an Overtime Project Assignment (OPA).
- c) **Traffic Control** This involves the assigned police officer directing traffic for safe mobility and managing incident areas to minimize potential for crashes in the work zone. This is considered a HCP assignment.

The following guidelines must be adhered to for the use of State Police Services for work zone safety.

- 1) Construction staff must follow the steps outlined in the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) "State Police Services (HCP) Procedure" available at the following link: [State Police Services Procedure](#)
- 2) If Work Zone Safety Enforcement is deemed to be required in order to reduce speeding and other unsafe driving behavior by motorists on a specific project, a separate request will be sent to the DESPP Special Duty office after a prior concurrence from the Office of Construction, Construction Administrator or Division Chief. The prior authorization will be about 4 to 8 hours per week for the enforcement period.
- 3) In order to avoid recurring issues with the DESPP – HCP protocols, it is imperative that all project staff or contractors do not directly contact individual police officers to request them to take the HCP assignment. This practice is strictly prohibited.

Any project-specific concerns should be directed to the District or OOC Management.