



# HIGHWAY WORKER KILLED! STRUCK BY TRUCK WHILE PICKING UP TRAFFIC CONES

In a recent incident, a 27-year-old laborer, Manuel H.\*, died when a pick-up truck hit him while he was picking up traffic cones on an interstate highway. Manuel was in a man-bucket attached to the rear of a traffic control truck. The pick-up truck knocked down over 300 feet of traffic cones before running into Manuel.

## WHAT WENT WRONG?

Traffic was moving too fast.

There was nothing to protect Manuel from the pick-up truck.

The driver of the pick-up truck broke several traffic laws.

The highway was poorly lit.

## WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

Reduce the speed limit in work zones.

Use traffic trucks with impact attenuators.

Put Highway Patrol officers near work zones.

Use artificial lighting to improve visibility.

The California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) program has been investigating work-related deaths since 1992. The goal of the FACE program is to prevent these deaths by informing workers and managers of worksite hazards and how to avoid them.

For complete fatality reports of this case (00CA004), or other cases, and additional information on the California FACE program, please contact:

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\* Not the victim's real name

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**FACE stands for "Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation."** The purpose of the **FACE** program is to identify hazards that may cause work-related deaths so that employers and employees can help prevent them. **FACE** is a program run by the Occupational Health Branch within the California Department of Public Health, and funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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