

## **TRAFFIC CONTROL VEHICLE**

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### **Problem Statement:**

The Bloomfield Public Works Department has always stressed the safety of its employees. Following training, one employee found it challenging to properly apply Work Zone Safety to his work environment. With consultation and assistance from CONN-OSHA, and some additional training with the crew chiefs, it was determined the best way to integrate work zone safety was to make it part of the job, and as easy as possible.

### **Discussion of Solution:**

Much Traffic control was stored in the building in various locations, or on various trucks, and shuttled around on an as needed basis. A step van surplus to our needs was very slightly modified with some additional exterior lighting, a step platform and grab handles, and some interior lighting for night use.

### **Cost:**

Exterior lighting and lettering cost maybe \$600.00. The van and all the contents were already here, in various locations and it took 2 to 3 workdays in the shop for the step and up-fitting.

### **Savings & Benefits:**

Each traffic control device stores in the van, so it is simple to deploy and the truck itself is usable as a barrier to traffic. While a single function

vehicle, it is usable as is by Public Works, Police, the Fire Departments, etcetera, so all town traffic control events are serviced by one unit.

