

## **Marlow Vol. Fire Department** **Traffic Control Safety S.O.G.**

1. Minimum P.P.E.- Full turnout gear or a traffic vest with a hand light.
2. Plan an escape route from the area in which you are directing traffic. This should be a safety zone that you can run, jump or move to quickly in the event a vehicle does not see you or yield to your command to stop.
3. When in doubt or scene safety is compromised, especially in the action circle, completely shut down all traffic.
4. Use a transition zone on each side of the incident. Minimum distance should be 60 feet and maximum distance should be 150 feet. The longer of the two lengths of advanced warnings should be utilized on four lane roads, and on two lane roads with speeds over 35 miles an hour.
5. Communicate clearly with second member on traffic as to the first and last vehicle and who is going to send or hold traffic. Advise command when the wrecker gets on scene.
6. Utilize cones and flares as a defensive advantage forming an early warning system.
7. Immediately notify command if a vehicle breaches a traffic control point.
8. Keep traffic control established until an Anderson County Sheriff Officer or a THP Trooper assumes traffic control, or until the incident is terminated by command.
9. Do not establish a traffic control point on the blind side of a curve or hill or in a corner. This may mean you could be out of sight of the scene and what's going on. Use good radio communication.
10. Do not assume the driver of any vehicle is going to see you or follow your instructions. Never turn your back to oncoming traffic. Stay alert, visible and be safe.
11. In the event heavy radio traffic is necessary by firefighters working the scene, traffic control should use the small Motorola FRS radios located inside the drivers side door compartment to keep channel 73 clear.