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#### **Awareness Training Aimed at the Safety of Others**

#### **Road Workers are Often at Risk from Careless Drivers**

#### **Article by Alan D Quilley**

*Reprinted from Alan's book "Creating and Maintaining a Practical Based Safety Culture"*

Spring is here...time to look out for our fellow humans who are working on our highways and byways!

All across the country, on our highways and byways, our fellow Canadians are working hard doing their jobs. As you read this, it's guaranteed that: a police officer is investigating a "fender bender", an emergency crew is responding to a call, a construction worker is rebuilding a section of roadway, a tow truck driver is helping a stranded motorist or a utility crew is ensuring that we have the essentials to be safe and comfortable in our homes and offices. Anytime of the day or night, 365 days a year, we can find these fine folks in our paths as we drive to our destinations.

Every law-abiding employer of workers who do this type of work has an on-street occupational health and safety-training program. I know this to be true from working with utility companies, roadway construction companies, police and fire departments. They train their staff on the all-important safety procedures to follow when working by and on roadways and highways. They have numerous signs and flashing lights to warn us to slow down. It's made clear that on-street workers need to ensure they're properly dressed in their reflective gear and that proper signage warning oncoming drivers of their presence is in place. They are also taught that they need to be alert to just how close they come to their own barricades and traffic cones.

I'll admit that since I've had the frightening experience of working on a highway while my fellow workers and citizens were speeding past me at over twice the posted reduced speed limit, I've gained a new respect for this problem. I find it incredible that some of us don't show our fellow workers more respect. Why is it that our governments must enact traffic laws threatening to double

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the fines when we are passing these construction, utility and emergency crews who are, for the most part, there to ultimately make our lives easier and safer?

So last week as I drove through yet another construction zone, as I passed the “Construction Ahead”, “Reduce Speed - 50 km/hr.” and “Fines Doubled” signs, I wondered to myself why most of my fellow drivers were not slowing down as I had? Was it that they didn’t see the signs? Not likely since the size of the sign alone ensured that you’d have to be blind not to see them. I wondered if it was that they couldn’t read. Not likely since even if you can’t read you need to pass a driver’s test on symbols before we give you a license. I wondered why the professional truck driver who passed me and the guy in the delivery van with a company logo proudly painted on the side of the door didn’t recognize how much others’ safety depends on them following the rules.

Sure, I’ll also admit that I get a bit frustrated when my usual route is disrupted and I’m told to “slow down” by those flashing lights or those bright orange signs telling me that there is something happening ahead on the road. We need to rise above this feeling of frustration to realize that since we have to share the road during these times of emergency and construction, the safety of these fine folks logically becomes our shared responsibility.

Since it’s a shared responsibility, we can all do our part to educate our employees and ourselves that, even if you don’t work on a roadway, how you drive affects others. So, at your next safety meeting, when you are wondering if you should pull out your worn and tattered “Camping Safety” talk for the fourth summer in a row, think about teaching your

employees that the part they play in making others safe on our roads is extremely important. That your employees arriving home or to their appointment on time is not more important than their fellow Canadian’s safety.

I’m going to assume that the majority of the readers are NOT on-street workers, so here’s what I call On-Street Safety 101. Please consider discussing this at your next safety meeting. It could make a difference.

The facts:

1. Each year Canadian workers are injured and killed while they work on or by our roadways;
2. When we choose to speed through their protected work zones, we significantly increase their risk of being injured or killed;
3. If you don’t want to slow down because it’s the law, at least slow down because our fellow workers are all someone’s father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister;
4. Don’t become overly frustrated by barricades and flashing lights. Ask yourself which is more important...their safety or your schedule?
5. If you are on the road that’s being repaired or built, then you are benefiting by those workers’ efforts...so treat them with respect...SLOW DOWN!

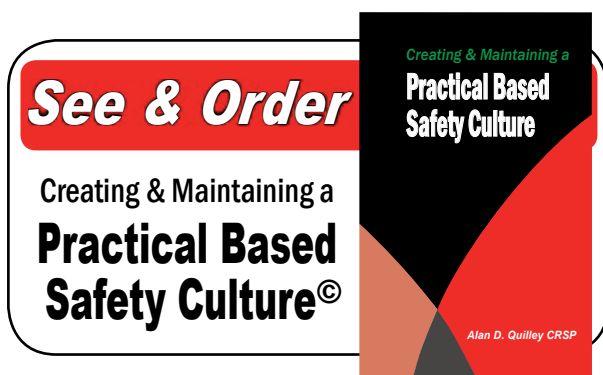
There are some great resources available on the Internet about the safety of those who have to work on or by our roadways. If you want to spice up your safety talks, just do a search for on-road construction.

So, next time you slow down at an on-road construction site or while you pass an emergency vehicle, or a flag person, take the time to congratulate yourselves for doing your part in getting those folks home safely. You may even want to smile and wave as you make eye contact with them. You see, safety is personal.

### **On The Net**

From Canadian Occupational Safety

[\*How do I deal with violence in the workplace?\*](#)



## NEW! CRST Examination Preparation Workshops and Material

Safety Results does it again! We are very excited to announce that our first CRST Examination Preparation Workshop is now available for booking! The Workshop will be held May 29 - 31, 2019 in Sherwood Park.

Our CRST Examination Preparation Manual and Workbook are also now available for purchase on our website. For more information, please visit this page. For more information and to register for our CRST Workshop, please visit this [page](#).

### CSSE Member Discount!

We are pleased to offer a 10% discount on our CRSP and CRST Workshops as well as study material to current members in good standing of the CSSE. Please contact [Marie](#) for more details.

### Canada-Alberta Job Grant - Using towards our CRSP Workshops

A few participants in our CRSP Examination Preparation Workshops were able to, via their employer, obtain funds from the Alberta-Canada Job Grant to use towards the registration fee for our Workshop! In each case, the employer paid 1/3 and the Grant picked up the balance of the registration fees. The Applicant Guide, Application Form and more information is located at this [website](#).

Our involvement was quite limited, other than providing letters to the employers confirming details of our Workshop. This may be a viable option for employees that fit within the grant's criteria.



## Compliments for our CRSP Examination Preparation Workshops

*"Taking the prep course was instrumental in my passing of this exam as it gave me a structure to work with and not be overwhelmed by the information that has to be covered. Without Alan's guidance on how to prep for the exam, I would have gone down many rabbit holes that would have taken away valuable study time that would be better utilized in other areas of the material. Thank you very much for the assistance and I will recommend the prep course to anyone who is planning on writing the exam".*

*"The course was extremely well organized, which was greatly appreciated! I think you have done an excellent job putting together materials for candidates who are looking to write the exam. I also found your study materials really helpful, and I have especially enjoyed the flash cards. I will definitely recommend the course to others".*

*"Thank you Alan, and Marie, for a wonderfully well organized course and greatly contributing to my success. I used your material, stuck to the plan developed from the course and passed!"*

*"I wrote and I passed. The learning from the workshop contributed to re-defining my strategic approach in preparing for the exam. Thanks!"*

*"I enjoyed taking your course as it showed my weak areas and helped me to hone in on the areas I needed to focus. Your books were my guide and helped me to organize my thoughts and study notes. I truly don't think I could have done it without your study material as a guide".*

Congratulations and thank you for your wonderful comments! We really enjoy receiving testimonials such as these!

## CRSP EXAMINATION PREPARATION WORKSHOPS

Sherwood Park                      July 19 - 21, 2019

Sherwood Park                      September 20 - 22, 2019

Our intense 3 day CRSP Examination Preparation Workshop fee is \$999.00 + GST. Here's why we know we can help and why you should thoroughly investigate before choosing your CRSP Examination Preparation Workshop and product provider.

Our Workshop price includes the following:

- Material updated to the current 2015 BCRSP Blueprint
- Our Manual, Workbook, Series 1 & 2 Multiple Choice and Long Answer FlashCards (\$910.00 value)
- Our Handbook that contains more practice questions and answers (Handbook is available *only* to participants at the workshop)
- Material is enclosed in a coveted Safety Results canvas attaché bag which includes pen, highlighter, calculator, notebook for notes and Post-its.
- Lunches and refreshment breaks
- Special offer – We are the only workshop provider that has a special offer for participants of our Workshop: If you challenge the CRSP exam and are unsuccessful, you may attend another sponsored Safety Results Ltd. CRSP Examination Preparation Workshop for a nominal fee. (Workshop must be based on the 2015 BCRSP Blueprint and further conditions apply- please check with us for more details.

***When broken down, the value added features of our Workshops cannot be beat.***

### ***What makes us different?***

- If you learn better by sitting and listening to a lecturer drone on and on, this is not the Workshop for you.
- If you learn better by sifting through mountains of paper presented in a random and an illogical manner, this is not the Workshop for you.
- If you learn better by sitting and answering hundreds of practice exam questions without direction, this is not the Workshop for you.
- If you learn better by reviewing regurgitated copies of the BCRSP's Study Guides (that you've already paid for!), this is not the Workshop for you.

How do we know all this? Students who have taken other providers' Workshops have told us. Ours always wins, hands down, every time.

Why not learn from Alan Quilley CRSP, our dynamic instructor who engages participants, and teaches you how to study, truly demonstrating that you can enjoy learning? He's a proven industry leader who actually works with companies, helping them create their Health and Safety programs worldwide. He's a working CRSP who consults and also trains internationally.

### ***We don't just teach it, we live it.***

Our course format is often imitated but never surpassed. Don't be fooled by cheap imitations of our process, format and content. Safety Results Workshops are the gold standard of preparation workshops.

For more details and to register, please visit our [CRSP Workshops](#) page.

And remember that if you are unable to attend one of our Workshops, you can purchase the very same Manual, Workbook, Multiple Choice/Quick Answer and Long Answer FlashCards that our students receive in our Workshops. Visit our [CRSP Exam Prep Materials](#) page for more details!