



Illinois Department of Transportation

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CIRCULAR LETTER 2020-10

LOCAL AGENCY FLAGGER CERTIFICATION

COUNTY ENGINEERS / SUPERINTENDENTS OF HIGHWAYS
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERS / DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS / MAYORS
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS – DIRECTORS
TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS
CONSULTING ENGINEERS

Local Public Agencies are required by the MUTCD to have trained flaggers. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions on gathering, there are no flagger trainings currently available. In order for new employees to perform the duties of their jobs safely until in person flagger trainings resume, agencies with new employees needing flagger training have a couple of options to consider.

1. The IDOT Technology Transfer Center will provide Local Public Agencies with its flagger training materials – PowerPoint presentation and handouts – for agencies to use in temporarily training new staff.
2. IDOT does not allow flagger certification from online sources for contractors nor for IDOT staff and the Department does not believe online training is the best fit due to the critical role flaggers have in protecting the safety of workers and the motoring public. Under normal circumstances, the Technology Transfer Center provides the same guidance to Local Public Agencies. However, online training is an option which could be consider by Local Public Agencies under our current circumstance.

Because in person training cannot be provided by a trainer with certification recognized by the Department at the moment, the Technology Transfer Center recommends that local agencies consider using these new workers for flagging only as a last resort and not as an agency's primary resource for flagging.

Expiration of all Local Public Agency flagger certifications issued by the IDOT Technology Transfer Center on or after January 1, 2017 has been extended to December 31, 2020. This was done to alleviate problems resulting from expirations of flagger certifications during this time.

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Please expect further communications from the Technology Transfer Center and enroll new and/or originally expired flaggers in T2 flagger certification trainings as soon as in person trainings resume.

If you have specific questions or if you would like to receive our flagger training materials, please contact Stephanie Stoverink, Stephanie.A.Stoverink@illinois.gov.

Sincerely,

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