

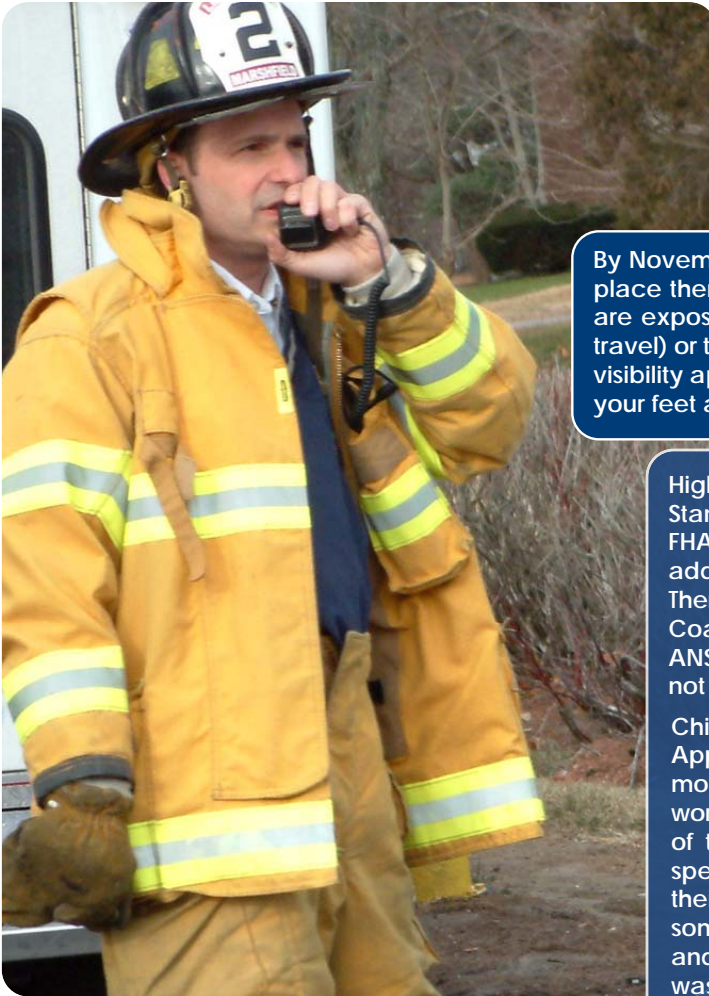


VITALS

Mike Szczygiel (Segal)
888-969-8033
meszczygiel@thomcoins.com

A Weekly Safety Newsletter For Medical Transport Professionals

High Visibility Law(23 CFR Part 634): November 24,2008



Battalion Chief Ron Moore of the McKinney, Texas Fire Department gave his presentation about this law for duplication and free distribution to www.respondersafety.com. Chief Moore does an excellent job of giving the details of what this law means and provides outstanding photographs to illustrate his points.

By November 24, 2008, all WORKERS, that is "people on foot whose duties place them within the right-of-way of a Federal-aid highway," and "who are exposed either to traffic (vehicles using the highway for purposes of travel) or to construction equipment within the work area shall wear high-visibility apparel." Chief Moore's distillation of this legalese is the policy "If your feet are on the street....Your vest is on your chest!"

High Visibility Apparel is that which meets the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 Standard. Jeff Paniti, Associate Administrator of Operations for the FHA, wrote the CVVFA Emergency Responder Safety Institute to address the options available to medical transportation providers. There are three: (1) ANSI 107 Class 2 Vests; (2) Class 2 or Class 3 Coats or Ensembles (Class 2 Vest or Coat with Class E Pant); or (3) ANSI 207 Vests. (These are "break away" vests that are probably not suitable for load bearing or radio carrying)

Chief Moore's presentation has good pictures of Class 2 and 3 Apparel. Class 2 apparel is designed to make workers visible to motorists traveling 25 mph or more in inclement weather. It is for workers whose attention will be distracted from traffic by the nature of their work. Class 3 is for workers constantly exposed to high speed traffic and can't pay attention to it because of the intensity of their work. Selecting the apparel that meets your need will take some thought. Each product must be marked ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 and must show the Class (1,2,or 3). It is critical to take note of washing instructions and put policies in place to follow them. The useful life of the product may be limited to a specific number of washings. For example, if the maximum number of washes is 25, tracking and replacement methods must be in place.

Avoid the rush. Think this through, develop a plan, create policies and select product. This is such a good idea why wait until November?

Sponsored By:  THOMCO

This publication is provided for information purposes only and is not intended as a complete or exhaustive source of compliance or safety information. This "Safety Brief" is advisory in nature and does not warrant, guarantee, or otherwise certify compliance with laws, regulations, requirements, or guidelines of any local, state, or Federal agency.



Sign Up for The
EVOC - "T3" Train-the-Trainer Course

August 19 - 21, 2008

American Integrated Training Systems, Inc. (AITS) in cooperation with STAT EMS, Flint, Michigan will be conducting a Train the Trainer (T3) course August 19 - 21, 2008. This course qualifies EVOC trainers to conduct the National Standard Curriculum. The course will qualify instructors to present the classroom portion of the training and provide an orientation to the practical driving exercises. Each participant will act as a student and coach for ambulance driving exercises.

This course is appropriate for Wheelchair Van, Ambulance and Fire Apparatus training. The cost for this course is \$575.00 for each participant. Registration form and brochure may be downloaded at www.aitstraining.com. For further information contact Billy Rutherford at 703.440.0914 or brutherford@aol.com