ATSSA Mid Year Conference
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Best Practice for Cone Setting Operations
February 9, 2002 - John Maronic meets with the ATSSA Safety Committee at the ATSSA Convention and Traffic Expo in Dallas, TX.

Information on cone setting practices received by OSHA from ATSSA Members

Decision made to go with the use of a platform with guard rails attached to the rear of a truck

Draft proposal completed and sent to Region V OSHA Office
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June 3, 2002 - Proposal sent to the Directorate of Construction at OSHA National Office

August 2, 2002 - National Office gives their OK to have the best practice presented at the ATSSA Mid Year Conference
What is contained in the best practice

Hazards associated with setting cones from the back of a truck unprotected

Recognition that the cost of equipment and having a truck designated solely for cone setting would be prohibitive to many contractors

Use of a platform with guardrails attached to the back of a truck

Structural strength of the cone setting platform
What is contained in the best practice

Use of warning devices

Acceptance by OSHA of the work platform for cone setting

Does not prohibit employers from developing other means of setting and retrieving cones as long as employees are protected
Examples of platforms that are in use and that have been accepted by OSHA.
Platform fixed to the back of the truck
Guard rail system attached to the lift gate
Maintenance Coatings Co.

Guardrail system (that is under development) attached to the lift gate
Other Acceptable Ways of Setting and Retrieving Cones
Lowered platforms built into each side of the truck bed.
Minnesota Department of Transportation

Automatic cone setting and retrieval truck
Truck has a platform on each side that can be raised even with the bed