

August 24, 2012

Re: Frank T. Donson

Dear Construction Angels,

*Right after midnight, early Wednesday morning, August 15, 2012 the driver of a pick-up truck was driving northbound in the inside lane of a six lane highway with a turn lane down the middle (7 total lanes). Due to our work zone, the middle turn lane and the inside lane of the southbound side were closed. The driver proceeded past our subcontractor's active milling operation and our active paving operation (including 15+ trucks) all moving southbound. (This included approximately 4000 feet of orange reflective cones barricading the work zone). All 3 lanes on the northbound side were open to traffic. Immediately after passing our foreman's pick up and the inspector's pick up, (parked with head lights and strobe lights on in close proximity to a roller), the driver immediately veered through the cones into the turn lane and struck our employee who was walking toward the roller to begin rolling the freshly laid asphalt. The pick-up came to rest after striking the stationary roller.*

*All traffic control measures were in place in accordance with the plans and specifications. Signs, cones, arrow boards, and 2 law enforcement vehicles were present with operating strobe lights. All appropriate PPE was being worn by all employees.*

*There were no skid marks present which leads us to believe that the driver was either distracted or unconscious at the time he veered into the work zone. Based upon the damage to the pick-up, it is appears that the vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed. The speed limit in this area is 40 mph. There was no time to warn our employee.*

*Our employee Frank T. Donson lost his life because of the accident described above. Frank joined our company in 2007 and was very dedicated and proud of his profession. He was a man who got up each morning put his work boots on and reported to work with a smile on his face and a prideful heart. He was eager to help his fellow employees and was willing to do whatever it took to get the job done. He leaves behind five children and five grandchildren that he was very dedicated to. He was a son, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, and caretaker, and a proud member of our APAC MID SOUTH family. He will truly be missed by all.*

Sincerely,



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