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Criteria and Guidelines for Roadside Memorials

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001 DEFINITIONS

001.01 Department - Department shall mean the Nebraska Department of Transportation

001.02 Immediate Family Member - Shall be defined as:

- 001.02A Grandparents
- 001.02B Parents
- 001.02C Spouse
- 001.02D Son(s)
- 001.02E Daughter(s)
- 001.02F Sister(s)
- 001.02G Brother(s)

001.03 Memorial Sign - Shall mean a sign erected by the Nebraska Department of Transportation to honor a person who lost their life due to a vehicle crash on the state highway system.

001.04 Private Memorial - Any decoration(s) including but not limited to flowers, balloons, crosses, wreaths, and non-approved signage placed or erected on the State Highway System by a person other than an employee of the Department.

001.05 State Highway System - As defined in §39-1302(37) Neb. Rev. Stat.

002 ELIGIBILITY

002.01 Any person who is killed as the result of an motor vehicle crash on the State Highway System shall be eligible to have a Memorial Sign erected in their honor, except in cases where:

002.01A Such person was the operator of a motor vehicle and was found to have a blood alcohol content equal to or above the legal limit set forth in §60-6,196 Neb. Rev. Stat.

002.01B Such person was the operator of a motor vehicle and was found to have been impaired by any recreational or other illicit substance which is illegal in the state of Nebraska.

002.02 All test results must be completed prior to an application's acceptance by the Department.

003 APPLICATION

003.01 Following are the requirements to apply for a Memorial Sign:

003.01A There shall be a limit of one name per application. If multiple names are to be displayed, each name shall be submitted on separate applications.

003.01B An application will only be accepted by the Department when signed and filed by an immediate family member of the deceased;

003.01B1 If any member of the deceased's immediate family protest, the application will be denied without prejudice.

003.01C The application must be filed with the Department no more than ten years from the date of the crash.

003.01D The application form may be completed electronically on the Department's website at https://appengine.egov.com/apps/ne/roadside_memorial_sign or printed and filed with the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Communication and Public Policy Division, Government Affairs Section, PO Box 94759, Lincoln, NE, 68509-4759

003.01E There shall be a \$50 fee per application. If an application is denied, the fee shall be refunded.

004 SIGN SPECIFICATIONS

004.01 The Memorial Sign assembly shall have a blue background with white lettering (See Appendix A).

004.02 Each Memorial Sign assembly shall consist of one Safety Message Sign and one or more supplemental Memorial Message Plaque.

004.02A Safety Message Sign

004.02A1 Each Safety Message Sign shall measure 24"x 24" and include one of the following safety messages which shall be chosen by the applicant:

- 1) Please Drive Safely
- 2) Seat Belts Save Lives
- 3) Don't Drink and Drive
- 4) Don't Text and Drive
- 5) Don't Drive Impaired

004.02B Memorial Message Plaque

004.02B1 Each Memorial Message Plaque shall measure 24" x 12" for one name or 24"x18" for two names, be placed directly below the Safety Message Sign and include the following text:

In Memory of

[Recipient's Name Here]

Or

In Memory of

[Recipient's Name Here]
[Recipient's Name Here]

005 PLACEMENT

005.01 Placement location of the Memorial Sign shall be located near the State Highway System Right-Of-Way line and at the sole discretion of the Department. However, the Department will make every effort to place the Memorial Sign as close to the requested location as possible.

005.02 Memorial Signs will not be placed within municipal boundaries.

005.03 Memorial Signs shall not be placed on the National System of Interstate Defense Highways or Freeways.

006 DURATION AND REMOVAL

006.01 Each Memorial Sign shall be left in place for two years from the date the sign is erected.

006.02 At the end of the two-year period, the sign shall be removed and stored at the nearest Department maintenance yard for thirty days. The applicant may retrieve the Memorial Message sign during that time. After thirty days, the sign will be recycled.

006.03 After a victim has been memorialized for a full two-year duration, no further applications will be accepted to memorialize said victim.

007 MISCELLANEOUS

007.01 Private memorials will not be allowed on any state highway. All private memorials, whether placed alone or in addition to the official Memorial Sign will be removed without notice.

007.02 Multiple applications for separate fatalities seeking placement at the same location will be erected using one Safety Message panel. One Memorial Message panel for each of the applications will be placed below the Safety Message panel in a stacked arrangement. The victim's names will be organized in alphabetical order from the top down.

APPENDIX A - SAMPLE SIGN

*Please
Drive
Safely*

In Memory Of

John Doe Smith

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Application for a Roadside Memorial Sign

CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME OF APPLICANT	RELATIONSHIP TO THE VICTIM	
MAILING ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER

CRASH INFORMATION

DATE OF FATAL CRASH	LOCATION OF CRASH
VICTIM'S NAME AS IT APPEARS ON THE CRASH REPORT	VICTIM'S NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON THE SIGN

SAFETY MESSAGE - PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:

PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY - SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES - DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE - DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE - DON'T DRIVE IMPAIRED

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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SIGNATURE

DATE

Please complete this application and send it along with a check for \$50.00 via US Mail to:

Nebraska Department of Transportation
Attn: Government Affairs
PO BOX 94759
Lincoln, NE 68509-4759