



Alabama Struck By Alliance “Who we are and what we do...”

The Alabama Struck Alliance is an organization of business persons and governmental officials who share information and conduct activities to promote the safe travel and operations in and around the work zones along the highways in the state. The organization is more of a cooperative educational fellowship than a professional or trade association, as there are no dues or financial transactions. Persons or organizations who are asked to participate, or who have asked to participate, are encouraged to do so on a voluntary basis and support the activities of the Alliance with their own time and resources.

The Alliance was founded as a part of the activities of the Mobile Section of the Associated General Contractors of Alabama in order to increase the awareness of safety measures in and around highway work zones. A signatory document was prepared with the US Department of Labor Occupational Health and Safety Administration offices in Birmingham and Mobile for the first members of the Alliance in 2003. Their purpose was to use the collective expertise of the members to help foster a culture of crash and injury prevention while sharing best practices and technical knowledge. The first members were:

- Alabama Associated General Contractors of America
- Alabama Road Builders Association
- DOL Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- UA Safe State of Alabama at the University of Alabama

Soon thereafter, additional organizations have joined including:

- Alabama Division of the Federal Highway Administration
- Alabama Department of Transportation
- The 3M Company
- Alabama Technology Transfer (T²) Center at Auburn University

As activities have been conducted around the state, participation increased and other organizations joined, including:

- Alabama Asphalt Pavement Association
- Alabama Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Alabama Power Company
- Lamar Outdoor Advertising
- Alabama Public Employee Safety Council (PESCA)
- Alabama Associated Building Contractors
- Mobile Gas—A Sempra Company
- Alabama Rural Electric Association (AREA)
- Alabama County Commissioners Association

Activities of the Alliance have included both field and office functions. Safety Stand-Downs are encouraged at work sites to promote on the job safety activities. Billboards are posted throughout the state to make the motoring public aware of concerns about travelling through highway work zones. An annual meeting is held to promote the National Work Zone Awareness Week and a Governor’s Proclamation has been obtained declaring a specific time in April to be set aside for activities in coordination with the national activities. Business meetings are held each year to prepare for these activities, distributing information between the members and summarizing the impact of the activities for each year. Training classes have also been held free of charge on the requirement for temporary traffic control in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Safety messages have also been distributed in DVD format. Posters and rack cards have been made available at ALDOT rest areas.

Officers of the Alliance include a presiding officer, John R McCarthy of the City of Montgomery, and a secretary, James Giddens of The 3M Company. Both individuals volunteer their time with the consent of their employers. The website of the Mobile Section of the Alabama Associated General Contractors is used to maintain a list of current activities of the Alliance. Visit the website at:

<http://theconstructioncenter.org/struck-by-alliance-alabama/>