

SAFETY METER HOURS: 111,086

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SAFETY FIRST NEWSLETTER



Cell Texting While Driving, and Teens Using Cells While Driving Banned in Colorado...

Thinking of sending out a **text message** to your spouse while waiting at the light?

Think again. A new Colorado law that takes effect December 1, 2009, makes **texting** on your phone while driving illegal. This includes text messages, emails, tweets--and bans anyone under the age of 18 from using a **cell phone** while driving.

Colorado Governor Bill Ritter signed the bill in Fort Collins, where last year 9-year-old Erica Forney was killed by a driver who had been distracted while talking on a **cell phone**.

Violators of the law can expect a \$50 fine for the first offense (which is a class-A traffic infraction) and \$100 on a second offense.

Although the legislators who sponsored the bill are pleased with a renewed protection for the safety of Colorado people, they are also frustrated that it doesn't more aggressively address [the problem of using a cell phone while driving](#). Supporters of the bill would like to see, in the future, all Colorado drivers who talk on a cell while driving to use a hands-free device instead of a normal phone.

RMS wishes you and your families a very Merry Christmas!!!!

Safety First at RMS

- Remember when driving all RMS Company vehicles to not use any electronic devices while driving.
- You must always follow all of Colorado's driving laws.
- Always follow all of the driving laws while in a work zone.
- Always be alert.
- Never turn your back to traffic.
- Always have several escape routes.
- Always come to the job site prepared for work.
- Never leave your paddle on the barricade truck.
- Do not use your cell phone or IPOD while you are working.
- Always wait until the barricade truck has stopped moving before getting off or on the truck.
- Always wear all of the required PPE at all times and replace as needed.
- Remember you are representing RMS while you are working please be professional at all times.

RMS HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE: *Gary Hickman*

NOVEMBER SAFETY AWARD: *Ken Kracke*

Be the first person to call **Suzanne** with last month's Safety Meter Hours and win a RMS Sweatshirt.

More work is coming soon...we have one new job starting this month #9035 SH 119 and two new jobs starting in **January**.

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