



Lessons Learnt – LL055

Car almost hit worker

This Alert is applicable to:

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Date of issue: 22/10/2015

Incident	Description
<i>Date incident happened</i>	11 September 2015
<i>Where it happened</i>	Welcome Bay Road, Tauranga
<i>What happened</i>	Northpower (NP) crews were carrying out electrical works on a large roading project for Fulton Hogan (FH). FH had established the traffic management set-up including shoulder closure and had left the site before NP workers arrived. The NP crew had been working on the shoulder closure and later in the day the team leader moved out onto the road to stop the traffic so that the EWP could reverse out to leave the site. As he turned to direct the EWP back onto the road, a car pulled out and passed the other stationary vehicles, passing close to him, brushing his overalls as it went by.
<i>Why it happened</i>	As there was no Traffic Management representative on site, and he did not have the contact details to organise it, the team leader took it upon himself to stop the traffic and then attempted to direct the truck back out onto the roadway. He has no formal Traffic Management training and no extra signs or precautions were placed to advise approaching traffic.
<i>The important things you should remember about this</i>	<p>Identify any issues with your Supervisor or Project Manager if your job is not set up to proceed as planned.</p> <p>If Northpower has no direct control of traffic management, the work crew should be provided with the contact details for the STMS or Traffic Management Controller before work starts.</p> <p>Push Back when you have any concerns.</p>
<i>What you must do in future</i>	Only attempt work for which you have been trained and deemed competent to do unless you are supervised by someone who is.
Northpower Risk Register SM-EI	Risk Register ID No.104 - Uncontrolled traffic affects work site 2.1206 Work on or near roadways
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