

**17 AAC 08.005 PURPOSE OF MEMORIAL SIGN PROGRAM.** The purpose of the memorial sign program is to (1) provide friends and relatives of persons fatally injured in highway accidents with the opportunity to memorialize them by sponsoring a memorial sign to be erected near the scene of the accident; and (2) combat drunk driving and to increase the public's awareness of the need to drive safely and responsibly.

**17 AAC 08.010. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR A MEMORIAL SIGN FOR A FATALLY INJURED VICTIM OF AN ACCIDENT CAUSED BY A DRUNK DRIVER.**

Under this section, a person may apply to the department to sponsor a sign memorializing an individual who was fatally injured in a highway accident, in which another driver is alleged to be at fault and alcohol is alleged to be involved. The applicant must complete a memorial sign application furnished by the department.

The applicant must submit the completed application to the department representative stated on the application, and must include with the application (1) the date and location of the highway accident; (2) the name of the driver alleged to be at fault; (3) an affidavit by the applicant that the individual to be memorialized was fatally injured in the highway accident, that the other driver is alleged to be at fault, and that alcohol is alleged to be involved; and (4) the name of the individual who was fatally injured as it should appear on the memorial sign.

**17 AAC 08.015. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR A MEMORIAL SIGN FOR A DRUNK DRIVER WHO WAS FATALLY INJURED IN A HIGHWAY ACCIDENT.**

A person may apply to the department to sponsor a sign memorializing an individual who was fatally injured in a highway accident in which the fatally injured is alleged to be the driver at fault and alcohol is alleged to be involved. The applicant must complete a memorial sign application furnished by the department.

The applicant must submit the completed application to the department representative specified on the application, and must include with the application (1) the date and location of the highway accident; (2) the name of individual who was fatally injured; (3) an affidavit by the applicant that the individual who was fatally injured is alleged to be the driver at fault and alcohol is alleged to be involved; and (4) the name of each sponsor as it should appear on the memorial sign.

**17 AAC 08.020. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR A MEMORIAL SIGN FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS FATALLY INJURED IN A HIGHWAY ACCIDENT THAT DID NOT INVOLVE ALCOHOL.**

A person may apply to the department to sponsor a sign memorializing an individual who was fatally injured in a highway accident that did not involve alcohol by completing a memorial sign application furnished by the department. The applicant shall submit the completed application along with the (1) date and location of the highway accident; and (2) name of the individual who was fatally injured as it should appear on the memorial sign.

**17 AAC 08.025. DEPARTMENT REVIEW OF MEMORIAL SIGN APPLICATION.**

(a) Within 30 days after the department receives a correctly completed application submitted under 17 AAC 08.010, 17 AAC 08.015, or 17 AAC 08.020 and the department has inspected the proposed site for the memorial sign, the department will send a written decision to the applicant as to whether the proposed sign installation is in compliance with this chapter. (b) A person who has applied for a memorial sign under 17 AAC 08.010, 17 AAC 08.015, or 17 AAC 08.020 may appeal a decision denying an application under 17 AAC 85.

**17 AAC 08.030. LOCATION, PLACEMENT, AND OWNERSHIP OF MEMORIAL SIGNS.**

(a) A memorial sign that the department approves under this chapter will be placed in the highway right-of-way, without cost to an applicant, near the location of the accident and facing the oncoming traffic. However, a memorial sign will not be placed nearer than 200 feet from an existing traffic sign or where the memorial sign obstructs the visibility of an existing traffic sign. (b) Memorial signs may be placed in a highway right-of-way under the jurisdiction of the department except for a controlled access highway. For purposes of this subsection, controlled access highways include freeways, expressways and on-ramps and off-ramps of freeways and expressways. (c) The department will furnish, install and retain ownership of a memorial sign.

**17 AAC 08.035. WORDING ON MEMORIAL SIGNS.**

(a) If a memorial sign is applied for under 17 AAC 08.010 and approved by the department under this chapter, the department will install a cautionary sign that reads "PLEASE DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE", and a separate name plaque that reads "IN MEMORY OF (the victim's name)". (b) If a memorial sign is applied for under 17 AAC 08.015 and approved by the department under this chapter, the department will install a cautionary sign that reads "PLEASE DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE" and a separate name plaque that reads "SPONSORED BY (the sponsor's name)". (c) If a memorial sign is applied for under 17 AAC 08.020 and approved by the department under this chapter, the department will install a cautionary sign that reads "PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY" and a separate name plaque that reads "IN MEMORY OF (the victim's name)".

**17 AAC 08.040. NAME PLAQUE LIMIT ON A SINGLE MEMORIAL SIGN INSTALLATION.**

No more than three name plaques of victims or sponsors may appear below the memorial cautionary sign on a single memorial sign installation.

**17 AAC 08.045. TIME ALLOWED FOR MEMORIAL SIGNS IN THE HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY.**

Unless it determines that public safety requires removal, the department will keep a memorial sign installation in its designated location for 10 years after the date of its installation. After the 10-year period ends, the department will remove the memorial sign installation.

**17 AAC 08.050. MULTIPLE MEMORIAL SIGN APPLICATIONS.**

(a) If more than one sponsor applies for a memorial sign to be located near a single accident site, the department will consider the multiple applications in the order in which they are received. (b) If the department approves, under this chapter, the application of additional sponsors who apply for a memorial sign for additional victims who were fatally injured as the result of the same or a different highway accident at a single accident site, the additional sponsors may apply to (1) attach name plaques to the first sign installation, if the requirements of 17 AAC 08.040 are satisfied; or (2) have a memorial sign installed across the highway from the first sign installation so that the second sign installation faces the traffic approaching from the opposite direction. (c) For the purposes of this section, "single accident site" means the site of all accidents that occur within 1,000 feet from each other, regardless of when they occur.

**17 AAC 08.055. APPLICATION FILING DEADLINES.**

(a) A person may file an application under 17 AAC 08.010, 17 AAC 08.015, or 17 AAC 08.020 until January 15, 2003 to memorialize a death in a highway accident that occurred before that date. (b) On or after January 16, 2003, a person may file an application under 17 AAC 08.010, 17 AAC 08.015, or 17 AAC 08.020 to memorialize a death in a highway accident that occurred within the two years before the date that the department received the application.



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# Memorial Sign Program

Supportive and helpful contacts:  
MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)  
Anchorage area: 907-562-6890  
Juneau area: 907-463-2562  
Fairbanks area: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mat-Su area: \_\_\_\_\_



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Department of Transportation & Public Facilities

More information:  
Anchorage Area 1-800-770-5263  
Fairbanks Area 1-800-475-2464  
SE Alaska Area 1-800-575-4540

<http://www.dot.state.ak.us/permits/index.html>

### In General ....

Every year, more than 70 people lose their lives on Alaska roads and highways. Frequently, loved ones and friends choose to honor the memory of these individuals by requesting a memorial sign be placed near the site of the crash. The memorial sign may remain for a period of 10 years. An application for a memorial sign is usually made within two years of the time of the crash. DOT&PF will manufacture and erect these signs at no cost to you.

We hope this program will help combat drunken driving and increase the public's awareness of the need to drive safely and responsibly.

### Information needed ...

For a sign in the memory of a victim of an accident caused by a drunk driver, the following attachment is required: An affidavit from you that the individual to be memorialized was fatally injured in a the highway accident, that the other driver is alleged to be at fault, and that alcohol is alleged to be involved; the date and location of the highway accident; and the name of the person who was killed as it should appear on the memorial sign.

For a sign sponsored by the family or friends of a fatally injured drunk driver, the following attachment is required: An affidavit from you that the individual who was fatally injured is alleged to be the driver at fault and alcohol is alleged to be involved; the date and location of the highway accident; the name of individual who was fatally injured; the name of each sponsor as it should appear on the memorial sign.

For a sign in the memory of a victim of traffic accident where alcohol is not involved, the following is required: An affidavit from you detailing the date and location of the highway accident; and the name of the person who was killed as it should appear on the memorial sign.

**PLEASE KEEP YOURSELF AND OTHERS SAFE!** Our foremost concern is that you, our employees, and the traveling public are safe after the memorial sign is placed.

When visiting a memorial sign, you should park safely and completely clear of the travel lanes, even if it means walking some distance.

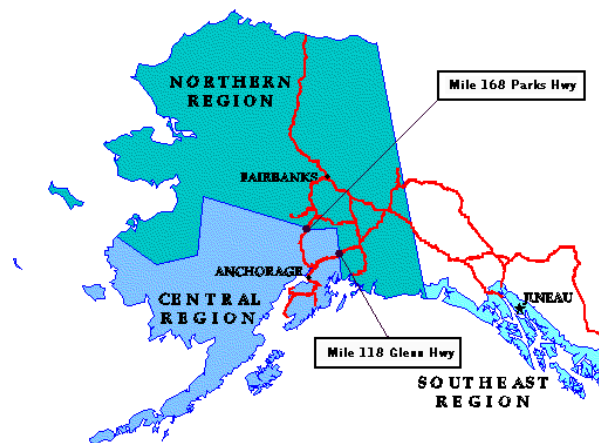
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More information:

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Northern Region 1-800-475-2464

Southeast Alaska Area 1-800-575-4540



Types of Memorial Signs:

