

## LEWIS COUNTY TRAFFIC SERVICES – MEMORIAL SIGNS

The Lewis County Roadside Memorial Sign Program was developed in response to requests received from people who have lost family members to automobile accidents caused by drunk drivers or other unsafe conditions. The Lewis County Traffic Engineering & Operations Division believes this program may help reduce roadway fatalities.

The following seven messages, related to the cause of the collision, are available for standard roadside memorial sign installation.

“PLEASE DON’T DRINK AND DRIVE”

“PLEASE DON’T DRIVE WHILE DISTRACTED”

“PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY”

“SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES”

“PLEASE WATCH FOR PEDESTRIANS”

“PLEASE WATCH FOR BICYCLISTS”

“PLEASE WATCH FOR MOTORCYCLISTS”

A secondary plaque displays the message “In Memory of” together with the victim’s name, or “Sponsored by” together with the sponsor’s name. The signs and plaques may be placed at one or two locations near the scene of the accident. If the collision occurred at an intersection, the sign(s) are located on the major roadway.

The Lewis County Roadside Memorial Sign Program includes sign(s), plaque(s), and post(s), as well as installation and maintenance over a maximum period of two years. The cost of the program is \$400 per posting, which is paid for by the sponsor. Renewal of the sponsorship will be offered at maintenance and replacement cost (\$200). In the event no replacement or maintenance was necessary during the two year period, sponsorship can be extended for an additional year.

Citizens interested in sponsoring a memorial sign should write or e-mail Geoff Soderquist, County Traffic Engineer, at [Geoff.Soderquist@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:Geoff.Soderquist@lewiscountywa.gov), and include a brief statement of the incident with the collision date and road location. Written consent from the immediate family of the victim is required.

For more information, contact:

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