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Highway Department Receives Comprehensive Work Zone Grant through PERMA's Intervention Program – September 4, 2024

The Cairo Highway Department is honored to announce its recent award of a full work zone package from the Public Employer Risk Management Association (PERMA), facilitated through a grant from PERMA's risk management interventions. This award highlights the commitment of both Cairo Highway Department and PERMA to uphold the highest standards of safety and efficiency in public work zones, ensuring the wellbeing of workers and the public alike.

“Our members continue to be leaders in safety, but often have difficulty getting work zone equipment, especially when it's stolen or damaged due to circumstances beyond their control. Many of those member organizations also face reduced funding,” states Ed Starowicz, Public Works Risk Management Specialist at PERMA. The awarded work zone grant resolved that issue by including cones, safety vests, work zone signs, and stop-slow paddles for setting up a proper work zone – all to enhance operational effectiveness and mitigate risks in these public work environments. This initiative is a testament to PERMA's dedication to fostering secure and productive work conditions across its' member organizations and represents another investment in the health and safety of the Cairo Highway Department's workforce.

“We are deeply grateful to PERMA for this recognition and the resources provided through their workers' compensation program,” stated Art Evans, Highway Superintendent of the Town of Cairo. “This award not only equips us with essential tools to further our safety protocols but also reinforces our shared vision of creating safer work zones for our employees and the communities we serve.”