

### **35 Struck by car while changing tire – Inspection #1200698**

A **30 year old male** TDOT employee was fatally struck by a car while changing a tire. On the day of the incident, the victim, a Help Truck Operator, was stopped on the shoulder of Interstate 40 West, near mile marker 221, assisting a motorist who had a flat tire. The victim was working alone at the time of the accident. The investigation revealed the TDOT truck was parked behind the stranded motorist on the right shoulder of Interstate 40 approximately 3 feet from the travel lane, with red lights flashing on the rear of the truck. The arrow board on top of the truck was engaged with the caution blocks turned on in each corner of the message board. While the victim was changing the tire, another motorist traveling west on the interstate lost control of their vehicle and struck the victim.

### **Violation(s) as Originally Issued**

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

No violations of the TOSHA standards were found on the day of the investigation.



Photo 1 of 1 – The victim’s truck on the shoulder of the road (yellow arrow) with the red flashing light turned on and the message board showing the caution signal as required by the MUTCD, Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.