Renmark Paringa Council

Roadside Accident Markers

Responsible Officer	Adopted
Director Infrastructure and Environmental Services	December 2017
Local Government Act 1999 Reference	**Reviewed**
Nil	
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OBJECTIVE

These posts are standard guide posts painted black with reflective cross (to indicate a fatality) in place of the round reflector, or, painted red with round reflector (to indicate significant injury). The posts are erected on roadsides to mark locations where a fatality has occurred as a result of a road accident. They are to be installed and maintained by Council on Council owned roads.

Injury posts are only erected in conjunction with fatal accidents. These posts are erected as awareness indicators and not as memorials to the victims of road accidents.

A road fatality is classified where, as a direct result of an accident, a death is recorded on the official South Australian road toll register. A significant injury is classified as any bodily injury necessitating treatment by a medical practitioner/hospital as a direct result of a road accident.

POLICY

Accident Marker Posts – Type and Appearance

Fatality marker posts shall be black and significant injury posts shall be red. Reflectors on the accident marker posts shall comply with DPTI's requirements.

Installation Guidelines

On roads that have guard railing or wire rope barriers abutting them, the marker posts should be positioned 300mm behind the rail or wire barrier.

One black marker post shall be installed for each death and one red marker post shall be installed for each significant injury associated with a fatality at any one location. No red posts will be erected for injury only accidents.

Installation of Fatality and Significant injury marker posts will be considered with the appropriate consultation with the victim's families (where possible).

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Installation and Maintenance
Installation and ongoing maintenance are the responsibility of Council. Installation of new posts will only occur after approval from full Council and will be included in Council's maintenance programs.

Removal of Markers
The Accident markers have a 10 year life, whereby families of the deceased or injured will be contacted and informed that the markers will be removed.
A record will be kept of the location, date of accident and installation of marker posts.