

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the criteria for eligibility?

Eligibility requirements are shown on inside of this brochure.

Who can request a sign?

The applicant must be an immediate family member of the crash victim. Or a non-family sponsor may apply for a sign with written concurrence from an immediate family member.

What happens if someone objects to the sign?

Only immediate family members may object. The objection needs to be in writing, and then the sign will not be installed.

How much does it cost?

Cost is a one-time fee of \$200 to help offset the cost of the program.

How long does the sign remain up?

A sign will remain in place for three years. At the end of those three years, the applicant may request a one-time extension of an additional three years.

How do I apply?

Contact the Larimer County Road and Bridge Department by phone or web to obtain an application.

How soon can the sign be installed?

Once a completed application has been submitted, it can take up to 30 days for review. Upon approval, sign ordering, fabrication, and installation can take up to an additional 60 days.

What types of roads are eligible for a sign?

Only accident locations along mainline County roads are eligible. Signs will not be placed on local or private roads, and accidents that occurred on a state highway need to be processed through CDOT's memorial signing program.

Can I have the sign installed where I want?

The specific location of the sign is determined by County staff and is based upon a number of items including local, state, and federal regulations. If you have a specific request, County staff will work with you to accommodate your preference to the extent possible.

What happens if the sign gets vandalized, stolen or knocked down?

The initial fee covers the cost of replacing the sign one time.

What happens to the sign at the end of the three (or six with extension) year period?

The sign will be donated to the applicant if he/she so wishes.

Additional information, program specifics, and applications for a memorial sign are available by contacting:

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Roadside Memorial Signs

A Larimer County Signing Program In Memory Of Those Who Died In Fatal Crashes



Purpose

This program allows commemoration of crash fatalities on Larimer County roads through the placement of a memorial roadside sign.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible for a roadside sign, the following criteria must be met:

- The accident must have occurred within six years of application;
- The accident occurred on a County maintained mainline roadway;
- The accident resulted in a human death;
- There is no written opposition to the installation of a memorial sign from any immediate family member;
- In the case where application is made for an intoxicated driver (alcohol or any other controlled substance) who was fatally injured, the name plaque shall read "Sponsored by (family name or applicant)" and will not include the driver's name.

Sign Specifics

The signs are 24" x 36" blue rectangles with one of the following messages to be chosen by the applicant:

- Please Drive Safely
- Please Ride Safely
- Seat Belts Save Lives
- Please Watch for Pedestrians
- Please Watch for Bicyclists
- Don't Drink and Drive
- Don't Drink and Ride

An additional plaque bearing the words "In Memory Of (Name of Fatality)" or "Sponsored By (Name)" will be installed beneath the rectangular panel. In the event of multiple fatalities, additional names can be placed on the plaque.

Requesting a Sign

An immediate family member (*) of the deceased victim may request a memorial sign by submitting a completed application form.

** An immediate family member is a spouse, child, stepchild, brother, stepbrother, sister, stepsister, mother, stepmother, father or stepfather.*

Alternatively, a non-family member sponsor may request a memorial sign by submitting a completed application form together with written concurrence of at least one member of the deceased's immediate family.

Process and Procedures

The applicant submits to Larimer County a completed application form and a one-time non-refundable fee of \$200 to help defray the cost of the sign, its installation, maintenance and removal.

Larimer County will review the application and accident report within 30 days. (If necessary for verification purposes, the applicant may be asked to provide a copy of the accident report and death certificate).

Upon approval, the sign will be ordered, fabricated, delivered and installed within 60 days.

Sign Location and Maintenance

- Signs will only be installed on County maintained mainline roadways. (Signs on State Highways need to be requested and processed through the CDOT memorial signing program.)
- The specific location of the sign is at the discretion of Larimer County. One sign designating the site of a fatal crash will be installed in one direction of travel on the right side of the road in close proximity to the crash location.
- The County will replace the sign one time at no cost to the applicant should it be vandalized or otherwise damaged.

Sign Removal

- The sign will remain in place for three years from the date of initial placement. The applicant (or any immediate family member) may request removal in writing at any time.
- Prior to the removal of the sign, the applicant may request a one-time renewal of the three year time limit at no additional cost.
- After three years (or six years with the one-time extension), the sign will be removed by Larimer County and donated to the applicant, if the applicant so wishes.

Additional program details are available from Larimer County staff upon request.