

District 6 News

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SCDOT employees assist motorists after crash

By Debra Jerideau

Every day as employees work along the highway, they encounter dangerous situations and need to stay alert to return home unharmed to their families. They also go above and beyond their regular duties when necessary, and their good deeds do not go unnoticed.

On Sept. 6, 2022, **Charlie Tenio** and **Alan Haynes** of District 6 Traffic Signals were working in the right lane of Redbank Road and Harbour Lake Drive. They were out of their truck troubleshooting a traffic device. And suddenly, they heard a crash.

Two vehicles had collided and struck the rear of an SCDOT bucket truck.

Tenio and Haynes ran across the street to the accident site to as-



Alan Haynes

sist the vehicle occupants. When they got to the site, they noticed the occupants had multiple lacerations including a baby with a severe laceration on its forehead.

Tenio took charge of the situation and instructed a bystander to call 9-1-1 while he retrieved the



Charlie Tenio

first aid kit from his work truck.

He then administered first aid to the baby's forehead to stop the bleeding until medical personnel arrived.

Once medical personnel arrived Tenio continued to assist them.



Two cars collided and then hit an SCDOT bucket truck. Fortunately, no employees were injured. SCDOT employees rushed to assist an infant injured before emergency personnel arrived.

Got news?

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Josh Johnson recognized as one of Charleston's 'Forty Under 40' professionals

By Rob Thompson

Josh Johnson was recently honored by Charleston Regional Business Journal as one of Charleston's "Forty Under 40."

The 40 individuals selected for this honor are described as "an elite group of influential young professionals making their impact felt in the community."

Johnson is the District 6 Traffic Engineer for SCDOT. In the article published on Sept. 5, 2022, Johnson was asked a few questions about himself.

These questions and his re-

sponses are shown here:

Charleston Regional Business Journal: What made you select your chosen profession? Was this your dream job when you were growing up?

Josh Johnson: I didn't know I wanted to be a traffic engineer growing up, but I was always interested in how to make things operate more efficiently. It wasn't until my junior year of high school that a family member suggested I look into engineering. Traffic engineering specifically appealed to me not only as a way to improve people's day-to-day lives through

optimizing traffic flows, but also because of the traffic safety component where I have the ability to work on projects to get people home to their families safely.

Charleston Regional Business Journal: Any advice for the next generation?

Josh Johnson: Be considerate of other people. It seems the trend is to be more and more self-centered and to make everything about picking sides with an extreme point of view. Humanity has always achieved the most when setting aside differences and working together toward a common goal.