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At around 8 a.m., the driver of a fully loaded dump truck (approximately 60,000-70,000 pounds) lost control of his vehicle and came barreling towards the work zone. Startled by the loud sound of a collision, the workers gripped the scaffold and braced for a potential impact.

When they looked around to survey the scene, they were amazed to find the dump truck halting to a stop on the road's shoulder after being safely redirected by the barrier. The Zoneguard® barrier system was mostly unaffected, and more importantly, still safely positioned between them and the nearby travel lanes, keeping the two workers, the surrounding crew, the truck driver and passing drivers out of harms way.

Fortunately, Zoneguard® had been installed in its Minimum Deflection System anchoring configuration, which limited the deflection to mere inches at the point of impact. Zoneguard® performed as advertised and Pioneer Associates, Inc. was convinced, as Project Manager Aaron Jones shared, "Zoneguard saved at least two lives and a serious injury today."

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