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CALTRANS TO HOLD ANNUAL WORKER MEMORIAL CEREMONY

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Caltrans will hold its 23rd annual Worker Memorial Ceremony on Monday, April 29 at 10:00 am at the Caltrans District 5 office at 50 Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo.

Santa Maria Mayor Alice Patino will be the keynote speaker at this year's event. Steve Souza, President of Souza Construction in San Luis Obispo will participate as will our partners at the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

"This ceremony will honor highway workers who have lost their lives while working on the state highway system," said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

Each year during the statewide Worker Memorial Day, Caltrans honors those who have died in the line of duty by placing their names on a memorial plaque in the lobby of the Caltrans headquarters building in Sacramento. The District 5 ceremony includes a rose for each fallen employee on top of a memorial rock that lists their names.

Since 1924, 178 Caltrans employees have been killed on the job, including eight in District 5. One of the biggest hazards for workers is motorists who do not exercise caution while driving through highway work zones. Caltrans reminds everyone to 'Slow for the Cone Zone'.



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