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CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 HOLDS ANNUAL WORKER MEMORIAL CEREMONY

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Caltrans held its 25th annual Worker Memorial Ceremony today in front of the Caltrans District 5 Office in San Luis Obispo.

“I’m very proud to acknowledge that no district employees have lost their lives on the job on the central coast since 2004. Worker safety, whether it’s a maintenance employee or private contractor must always be at the core of our hazardous profession.

Complacency is the enemy of safety. We can’t always control what the motorist does but we can control how to protect ourselves,” said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

Pacific Gas and Electric Meteorologist John Lindsey was the keynote speaker at this year’s event. Lt. Mike Brown of the San Luis Obispo California Highway Patrol and Kevin Drabinski, senior field representative for Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian also spoke at today’s event.

Since 1921, 184 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 ‘Be Work Zone Alert!

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Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins at Worker Memorial Ceremony



Flowers on Worker Memorial Plaque in front of Caltrans District 5 Office

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