



MEDIA ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Caltrans Installing New Signs Statewide to Remind Motorists to “Move Over” for Law Enforcement and Highway Workers

SCHEDULED TO ATTEND: Michael Miles, District 7 Director
Chief Dan Bower, California Highway Patrol, Southern Division
Battalion Chief Richard Rideout, Los Angeles City Fire Department
John Takahashi, Metro Freeway Service Patrol

WHAT: Press conference to announce the installation of “Move Over” signs that inform motorists of the requirement to move over and/or slow down if driving on a freeway and approaching a lane immediately adjacent to a stationary emergency vehicle, tow truck or Caltrans vehicle displaying emergency lights.

WHEN: Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Los Angeles Regional Transportation Management Center (TMC)
2901 West Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90041

Caltrans workers and the California Highway Patrol will be out in force today on highways throughout the state, installing “Move Over” signs intended to help save lives and increase safety for motorists, highway workers, CHP officers, and other law enforcement and first responders.

Highway construction and maintenance work is one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States. Since 1924, 178 Caltrans employees have been killed on the job. The Move Over law, which took effect in 2007, was amended in 2009 to add Caltrans vehicles displaying flashing amber warning lights to the list of vehicles for which motorists must move over if safe to do so, or slow down.

