



MEDIA ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WORKER'S MEMORIAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO 182 EMPLOYEES

Caltrans' 24th annual ceremony honors employees who have died in the line of duty

Fresno – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will hold a Worker's Memorial Ceremony, Thursday, April 24th at 10:30 a.m. to remember Highway Maintenance and other employees who have lost their lives while on the job. Since 1921, a total of 182 Caltrans workers have died in the line of duty.

Thursday's ceremony will be held in front of the Caltrans District Office located at 1352 W. Olive Avenue, Fresno. This ceremony will feature a temporary memorial of 182 orange safety cones representing fallen Caltrans worker. The Caltrans District 6 Honor Guard will perform a special tribute to memorialize the Caltrans Maintenance Workers who made the ultimate sacrifice while maintaining California's Transportation System.

Speakers will include Caltrans District 6 Director Sharri Bender-Ehlert; Caltrans District 6 Maintenance and Operations Deputy District Director John Liu; and Captain Dave Paris, California Highway Patrol. The ceremony will also include vocal performances by a current Caltrans employee.

Impaired, reckless and inattentive drivers traveling through Work Zone Areas have caused the majority of Work Zone Deaths. Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol want to remind drivers to stay attentive and undistracted while driving and to be cognizant of workers and vehicles in construction and maintenance areas. Please Slow for the Cone Zone.

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