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CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 TO HOLD ANNUAL WORKER MEMORIAL CEREMONY

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Caltrans will hold its 26th annual Worker Memorial Ceremony on Tuesday, May 2, at 10 am in front of the Caltrans District 5 Office at 50 Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo.

“This annual event allows us to remember those who have lost their lives while serving the citizens of California and to reaffirm our commitment to our current employees that everyone remain safe while working on the highway. It is also important that motorists use safe practices to keep themselves and our highway workers safe,” said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

California Highway Patrol (CHP) Chief Reginald Chappelle and City of Morro Bay Mayor Jamie Irons will speak at this year's event.

Since 1921, 187 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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