



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## WORKER'S MEMORIAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO 175 EMPLOYEES

*Caltrans' 21<sup>ST</sup> annual ceremony honors employees who have died in the line of duty*

Fresno – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will hold a Workers Memorial Ceremony, Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. to remember Highway Maintenance and other employees who have lost their lives while on the job. Since 1924, a total of 175 Caltrans workers have died in the line of duty. Reckless or inattentive drivers traveling through work zone areas have caused the majority of these deaths.

Next week'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 175 orange safety cones to signify each fallen Caltrans worker. The Caltrans District 6 Honor Guard will perform a special tribute, including the placement of one additional cone to represent the Caltrans Maintenance Worker who made the ultimate sacrifice this past year while maintaining California's Transportation System.

Speakers will include John Liu, Caltrans District 6 Maintenance and Operations Deputy District Director; and Chief Steve Badilla from the California Highway Patrol. The ceremony will also include vocal performances by current Caltrans employees.

Caltrans and CHP want to remind the public about the "Move Over" law signed by the governor in January of 2010, that requires motorists to slow down and, if safe, move over to a lane not immediately adjacent to a stationary CHP, Emergency or Caltrans vehicle displaying flashing warning lights. To date, 45 other states have enacted similar laws requiring motorists to move over or slow down. Violation of this law is punishable by a fine and citation.

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