



MEDIA ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Caltrans and Highway Patrol Remind Drivers to “Move Over or Slow Down” for Emergency Responders and Highway Workers

What: Statewide Installation of “Move Over/Slow Down” Signs Media Event

When: Tuesday, April 16th at 10:30 a.m.

Where: Caltrans District Office Parking Lot
1352 W. Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA.

Fresno—The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in partnership with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), will hold a joint press conference to inform the public and motorists of “Move Over/Slow Down” signs being installed statewide intended to remind the travelling public that they can help save lives and increase safety for Motorists, Highway Workers and Law Enforcement by slowing down and/or safely moving-over a lane when they see flashing lights on Caltrans or other Emergency Response Vehicles.

The new roadway signs will display the messages, “Move Over or Slow for Stopped Emergency and Maintenance Vehicles” and “Move Over or Slow When Amber Lights Flashing.” In addition, more than 700 existing Electronic Highway Message signs statewide will display, “Move Over or Slow for Workers, It’s the Law.”

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.

Highway construction and maintenance work is one of the most dangerous occupations in the United States. Since the 1920s, 178 Caltrans employees have died while on the job.

For more information about Move Over, please visit <http://www.dot.ca.gov/moveover/>.

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