



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## WORKER'S MEMORIAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO 180 EMPLOYEES

*Caltrans' 23<sup>rd</sup> annual ceremony honors employees who have died in the line of duty*

**Bakersfield** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will hold a Worker's Memorial Ceremony, tomorrow, Tuesday, April 30<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 180 Caltrans workers have died in the line of duty.

Tomorrow's ceremony will be held in front of the Caltrans South Region Maintenance Station located at 1226 Olive Drive, Bakersfield. This ceremony will feature a temporary memorial of 180 orange safety cones to represent each fallen Caltrans worker. The Caltrans District 6 Honor Guard will perform a special tribute, including the placement of two cones to memorialize the Caltrans Maintenance Workers who made the ultimate sacrifice while maintaining California's Transportation System. Caltrans suffered the loss of these two employees just last week in Siskiyou County in Northern California.

Speakers will include John Liu, Caltrans District 6 Maintenance and Operations Deputy District Director; Lincoln Horst, Caltrans Chief, Office of Health and Safety; and Lieutenant Craig Whitty, California Highway Patrol. The ceremony will also include vocal performances by a current Caltrans employee.

Reckless or 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 and slow down while driving through Work Zones.

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