



# Press Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **WORKER'S MEMORIAL PAYS TRIBUTE TO 178 EMPLOYEES**

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

**Bishop** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will hold its annual Workers' Memorial Ceremony on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Caltrans District 9 Office. This ceremony will be held in coordination with Caltrans Safety Awareness Week. Caltrans would like to invite the public to attend.

The Highway Workers Memorial is a time to remember employees who have lost their lives building, maintaining, and operating California's world-class transportation system. Since 1924, a total of 178 Caltrans workers have died in the line of duty. The ceremony will be held in front of the Caltrans District Office located at 500 S. Main Street, Bishop.

This ceremony will feature a temporary memorial of 19 orange safety cones, 7 to honor each of District 9's fallen Caltrans maintenance workers and 12 representing the Districts around the state to honor the Caltrans maintenance workers who have lost their lives.

Speakers will include Tom Hallenbeck, Caltrans District 9 Director and Captain Andrea Witmer, California Highway Patrol. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8988 representative Bob Waggoner along with the VFW Color Guard will be in attendance, and Caltrans employee Barbara Cote will perform a violin solo.

While Caltrans maintenance workers place memorial ribbons on each of the cones to memorialize the fallen employees who made the ultimate sacrifice, Rick Mitchell will perform a special bagpipe tribute.





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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. Remember to Move Over where possible and slow down while driving through work zones.

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