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CALTRANS AND THE CHP ASK PUBLIC TO BE AWARE IN WORK ZONES

SAN BERNARDINO – Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol are asking motorists to slow down and pay attention to their surroundings as they drive through highway work zones. Three Caltrans workers have died while performing their duties in the past two and a half months including John Knabenbauer who died tragically in San Bernardino.

Caltrans District 8 Director, Mike Perovich stated, “We are saddened by these tragic losses. No one should have to lose a loved one under these circumstances. I am asking that drivers slow down and pay attention to the fact that there are human beings working on the highways. Please do your part to ensure the safety of those who are dedicated to maintaining your state highways.”

On Friday, December 14th, Caltrans required all of its highway workers to immediately return from the field to review safety procedures and practices following the loss of another road worker earlier that day.

Please protect these highway workers who are contributing to the delivery of \$10 billion in State highway improvements. Caltrans and the CHP are committed and are working together on this very important safety issue. “SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.” Five words that literally mean life or death for motorists or the Maintenance employees that serve you.

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