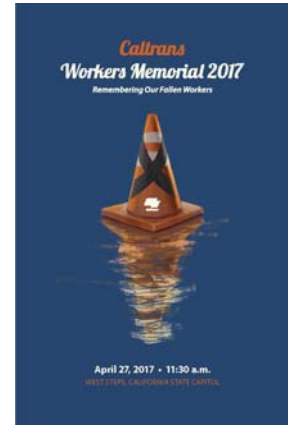


Caltrans to Honor 187 Fallen Highway Workers at 27th Annual Workers Memorial

WHAT: Caltrans will honor its 187 employees, who have lost their lives on the job since 1921, at its 27th Annual Workers Memorial.

This year, Caltrans will pay special tribute to three of its fallen workers, who were killed on the job:

- ❖ Electrician Jorge Lopez was killed at the age of 57, on September 1, 2016, after being struck by an errant big rig that crossed onto the State Route 14 shoulder near Palmdale.
- ❖ Escondido Yard Electrician Randy Whisenhunt passed away on October 9, 2016, at the age of 58, as a result of injuries suffered on the job.
- ❖ Supervisor Annette Brooks was shot and killed at the age of 61, at a Caltrans facility in Rio Dell on April 24.



This memorial also highlights safety awareness for employees in work zones, as well as the motoring public.

WHO: Brian Kelly, Secretary, California State Transportation Agency;
Malcolm Dougherty, Director, Caltrans;
Assemblymember Jim Frazier, Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee;
Robert Lumahan, President, Professional Engineers in California Government;
Dave Wood, Caltrans District 3 Maintenance Area Superintendent;
Roberto and Daniela Lopez, son and daughter of Jorge Lopez;
Adriana Lopez, recipient of the Caltrans Fallen Workers Memorial Scholarship and daughter of Jorge Lopez.

- ❖ Out of respect for the families, please coordinate all interviews through Mark Dinger.

WHEN: Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: West steps of the California State Capitol, Sacramento.