



For Agenda Of:

July 27, 2006

ITEM # 1

To: Sacramento Transportation Authority

Subj: **Freeway Service Patrol Safe Driver of the Quarter Award**

RECOMMENDATION:

Present the Freeway Service Patrol Safe Driver of the Quarter Award for the 2nd Quarter of 2006 to John Larios.

DISCUSSION:

Much of the success of the Sacramento Metropolitan Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) program is due to the exemplary performance of our tow truck and service truck operators in the field. We rely on their professionalism, enthusiasm, and skill to rapidly locate and remove disabled vehicles from the freeway corridor. Since vehicle accidents and mechanical breakdowns are responsible for approximately one-half of all non-recurrent freeway congestion, the work they do has a tremendous impact on maintaining a smooth traffic flow.

The FSP program includes a quarterly and annual award program to acknowledge those drivers who best exemplify the program's ideals of professionalism, enthusiasm, and safety. Multiple criteria—developed jointly by CHP, Caltrans, and STA staff—are considered when selecting drivers to be recognized. These include routine demonstration of safety, service, courtesy and procedural compliance with the FSP Standard Operating Procedures Manual.

FSP Field Supervisor, Officer Trevor Risbry, has nominated **John Larios** for Driver of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2006. John joined the FSP Program in December of 2005 with no prior experience. He initially drove a service truck on Highway 99 and recently moved into a tow truck on the Capital City Freeway between E Street and Madison Avenue. John is a valuable new member to the FSP team. Officer Risbry will introduce Mr. Larios to your Board at today's meeting and further explain why he is so deserving of this award.

Respectfully Submitted,

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