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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today sent personal congratulations and a Certificate of Environmental Achievement to top California officials for their assistance in training 245 industry, Federal, state and local officials in highway noise enforcement.

Singled out were Governor Ronald Reagan, Commissioner W. Pudinski and key members of the California State Highway Patrol. The extensive series of six classes were held at the Sacramento facilities of the Patrol.

Also commended were the Environmental Activities Group of General Motors for the free presentations on motor vehicle noise control engineering, and to several industrial and governmental representatives for participating in panel discussions with the trainees.

"Judging from the enthusiasm of those who attended the training sessions, this program demonstrates the necessity of Federal-state cooperation as well as broadly effective highway noise control objectives," Secretary Brinegar said.

Trained under Department of Transportation contract were 212 state and local officials; 15 DOT field officials; seven Environmental Protection Agency officials; and 11 truck and trucking industry representatives.

Curriculum for the program was specially prepared from extensive experience of the patrol. Training was keyed to development of uniform highway noise regulations.

According to Secretary Brinegar, such regulations and state enforcement capabilities will be applicable under the Noise Control Act of 1972. This act, the Secretary explained, puts the responsibility for enforcement of interstate motor carrier noise regulations in the Department of Transportation but provides for state and local enforcement of identical regulations for intrastate commerce.

Forty-seven states were represented at the sessions along with field personnel of DOT's Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety.

The courses were divided into administrative and technical sessions. Those trained in the administrative aspect were provided material to serve as bases for state and local legislation, ordinances and regulations consistent with the best practices in vehicle noise control engineering and enforcement techniques. Those completing the technical sessions are prepared to instruct local enforcement personnel.

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