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NEW DOT RECOGNITION AND AWARDS PROGRAM DIRECTIVE ISSUED

DOT Order 3450.1 revises the Departmental Recognition and Awards program to provide a clear progression of awards, and to create a new career service emblem system and retirement recognition program. Combined with the previously approved Secretary's Awards is a new "Award for Superior Achievement" which may be presented by the Secretary for OST employees and Administrators for all other employees.

A new career service emblem program provides for recognition of employees at the completion of 3, 15, 25, 30, 35, 40 and 50 years of total Federal service. The emblems will reflect the Departmental seal, and will be available as a tie tac, lapel pin, or charm. The new emblem design has recently been approved and manufacturing specifications **are now being** developed and we expect the emblems to be available in the next few months.

The new Department-wide Retirement recognition program provides for a Departmental certificate for employees retiring under provisions of the Civil Service Retirement Act; and for a Distinguished Career Service Award for those retirees with over 20 years of service who have made significant contributions to the Federal service during their career.

BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM

FY-72 was a Banner Year for the Department's Red Cross Blood Donor Program. For the first time since its inception, DOT met and exceeded its annual goal for blood donations in the Washington, D. C. area. FY-73 presents a brand new challenge. Have you donated yet? Now is the time to get aboard and join your fellow DOT employees in assuring another 100% effort. Schedule a date today. Your regular Blood Donor Donation Schedules and Coordinators are listed below:

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>DAY OF THE MONTH</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COORDINATOR</u>
OST	First Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Mrs. Adams Ext. 61177
NTSB	Every Thursday	10:30 a.m.	Mr. Ryan Ext. 68932
FRA	Last Thursday	1:00 p.m.	Mrs. Boggio Ext. 69771
NHTSA	Fourth Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	Mrs. Aikens Ext. 61400
USCG	First Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Mrs. Butler Ext. 62325
	Second Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	
	Third Thursday	8:45 a.m.	
FHWA	Every Thursday	12:30 p.m.	Mrs. Englehart Ext. 60485
FAA	Every Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Mrs. Wisner Ext. 63252
UMTA (BY APPOINTMENT WITH COORDINATOR)			Mr. Brooks Ext. 64060

LATEST NEWS ON "D" STREET METRO CONSTRUCTION

"D" Street, between Sixth and Seventh Streets, will be closed to all "through" traffic effective January 16 or 17 according to METRO officials. This block of "D" Street will be reserved exclusively for DOT Headquarters Building traffic. Two lanes will be open; one westbound running roughly in the center of the street and the other eastbound running along the extreme south side where the Nassif Building sidewalk once was. The navigating may be a bit tricky but at least there will be little competing traffic. There will continue to be one lane in and one lane out of the "D" Street ramp of the DOT garage and you will continue to be able to turn east or west from the "D" Street exit. All in all, this change will probably be an improvement over the present situation for those who drive.

Buses which formerly used "D" Street have been re-routed. At the time this issue went to press the head dispatcher for D. C. Transit could only tell us that "most buses now using "D" Street will be re-routed to "E" Street, but we haven't finalized the details." We recommend that bus riders check with the driver when leaving their bus Tuesday morning!