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OUSD Transportation Team Wins Big at Annual School Bus Safety Event

ORANGE, CA (March 18, 2014) – Orange Unified’s Transportation Team took home four awards this past Saturday at the 54th Annual DTAC & CASTO Roadeo hosted at El Dorado High School in Placentia.

The Driver Trainers Advisory Committee (DTAC) and California Association of Public Transportation Officials (CASTO) host “roadeos” to promote school bus safety.

Sixty participants drove their school buses through several events including: a Double Backing Crossover, Offset Alley, Parallel Parking, Back Up Stall, Student Loading, Left Turn, Right Turn and a Written Examination.

Thomas Barrera won third place Individual, Jimmy Navarro won second place Novice, Thomas Barrera, Maricruz Garcia and Juan Ortiz won third place Team and the entire Orange USD Transportation Team won the BEST REPRESENTED AWARD. This award is designed to recognize an organization for its hard work, dedication, positive attitude, and professionalism. It is also designed to recognize the many efforts of those involved, including the administration, transportation staff, mechanical staff, school bus drivers and their families.

“At the Roadeo, drivers compete against each other using their skills in precision driving,” according to the CASTO website. “The more training and practice a driver has the safer he or she will be.”

The OUSD Roadeo Team will compete again in April at the Southern Sectional Roadeo, challenging drivers from Kern County to San Diego County.

The Orange Unified School District is located at 1401 North Handy Street in Orange, California.

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