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Yesterday, our agency's Rail Safety Ambassador Program was honored with the Gold Safety Award for program innovation at the 2013 American Public Transportation Association (APTA) in Philadelphia. The award was the first award from APTA in recognition of Metro's commitment to improving the safety and security of transit employees, customers and communities. For the past 10 years, our agency has enlisted the aid of retired bus and rail operators to serve as "Rail Safety Ambassadors." These ambassadors work along our agency's Transit Safety Education team to encourage the community to adopt safe behaviors; intervene when they observed unsafe acts; and educate the public about the meaning of warning signs installed at the crossings. Lynda Bybee, Interim Communications Chief and Barbara Burns, Director, Transit Safety Programs accepted the award on behalf of Metro. To watch a video detailing the Metro Rail Safety Ambassador Program, please click [here](#).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYEGeUue37s&list=PLIi3M8RkN4InuG8DLcE2cRoZoifPJLJFv&index=1>

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