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Operations Committee honors Transportation Deputy Michael Cano for quick-thinking rescue of boy in subway tracks at Wilshire/Normandie Station



From Left, Operation Committee Board Members Yvonne Burke, Michael Antonovich, John Fasana, CEO Roger Snoble, Board Member Bernard Parks, Chief Operations Officer Carolyn Flowers and Board Member Doug Failing present Michael Cano with a tribute etched with the words: *"In recognition of his selfless act of heroism, we honor Michael Cano, Transportation Deputy, Supervisor Michael Antonovich"*

April 17, 2008 - Michael Cano, transportation deputy to County Supervisor and Metro Board Member Michael Antonovich, is an official hero these days after rescuing a boy who had fallen into the subway tracks at the Wilshire-Normandie Station on March 26.



"I was in the right place at the right time," said Cano, who originally thought he was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Cano had taken the wrong train that day to go to a meeting in the San Fernando Valley. When he realized his mistake, he exited at the Wilshire/Normandie Station to backtrack to the Metro Red Line route. That's where he saw a little boy who was so mesmerized by his video game that he wasn't watching where he was going.

"He was running and I could see where he was headed - right to the platform edge," said Cano, who is used to the rambunctious perpetual motion of his nephews. Cano took off running after the boy but couldn't reach him in time. The boy had fallen into the tracks in the proximity of the electrified third rail.

With only a heartbeat to spare, Cano and the boy's father, who had also raced to the platform, pulled the boy up to safety. It was a close call and Cano is grateful he had taken the wrong train. "I know about the third rail but I would like to see signs that warn of this danger. In another situation, rescuers would be in trouble if they didn't know exactly where the third rail is." -- from Gayle Anderson

< Transportation Deputy for County Supervisor Michael

Photos: Gayle Anderson

Antonovich, Michael Cano: Right place at the right time.

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