

Annual Rail Roadeo

Who Will Represent MTA at Boston Finals?

(May 2, 2001) Twenty Metro Rail operators will go head-to-head in the 5th annual MTA Rail Roadeo at Division 20, this Saturday, to determine who will represent the agency at the national finals in Boston, June 6-11.

Beginning at just before sunrise and continuing throughout most of the day, Saturday, the operators will perform a 20-minute series of maneuvers that includes precision stopping and coupling and uncoupling. They'll also have a uniform inspection, perform a pre-departure inspection and take a test on rules and procedures.

Among the 20 contestants will be six light-rail operators who have been training to operate heavy-rail cars similar to those that will be used in the national event.

The first- and second-place operators will be the team that will represent the MTA in Boston. The winner of the MTA Rail Roadeo will receive a \$500 cash prize; second place will receive \$300 and third place, \$200.

Employees who want to watch the Rail Roadeo should stop at the guardhouse at the entrance to the Division 20 yard on Santa Fe Avenue near 3rd Street and ask for an escort to Yard Control.

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