

Safety's First earns San Gabriel Valley Division maintenance top honors:  
From left, Michael Koss, John McBryan, Richard Famighetti, Raul Rodriguez  
and John Glasscock.



## San Gabriel Valley Division is No. 1 in Safety: 272 Days of No Lost-Time Injury

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(Oct. 25, 2002) San Gabriel Valley Division 9's maintenance department had a lot to celebrate this week.

The 118-member staff completed nine months without a lost-time injury and won the "How You Doin'?" maintenance Division of the Quarter award.

The San Gabriel Valley Sector celebrated these two achievements, Oct. 22, with an appreciation barbeque. The division received a trophy and a check for \$500. Each employee received a certificate of recognition from CEO Roger Snoble.

"Going for nine months without a lost-time injury is remarkable," Snoble said during a presentation to the group. "I would like to congratulate you on your accomplishment."

General Manager Jack Gabig hopes to extend Division 9's success to other divisions, so "we can achieve that higher level of safety throughout the MTA organization."

### A leader in safety

"Division 9 has always been a leader in safety and we're trying to push that standard up even



CEO Roger Snoble and General Manager Jack Gabig provide service with a smile to Service Attendant Kathy Mendoza during the appreciation barbeque.



CEO Roger Snoble presents Relief Lead Man Barry Ritcher with a certificate of recognition.

### Safety Comparisons

The following statistics will give perspective to

higher," Gabig said. "Our hope is to continue this record of no injuries well into the future."

Lead Mechanic Adolfo Soto, who also is the safety coordinator of Division 9, says the maintenance team conducts safety contact meetings every morning before starting their work.

"During the meetings, we discuss safety issues or concerns," says Soto. "When we do have safety problems we take care of them as soon as possible to prevent accidents."

Soto says Division 9's success can be attributed to employees and management working together. "Everyone here is aware of their environment and of each other."

"I feel very proud to be associated with Division 9 and the employees," says McBryan. "This recognition feels great, but we still have a long way to go."

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San Gabriel Valley Division's achievement of completing nine months without a lost-time injury:

- At an average organization of MTA's size, at least 20 people would have hurt themselves badly enough to miss work.
- Six people would have been hurt in a normal transportation work environment (nationwide average).
- At New York's MTA, more than two people would have been hurt.
- One out of six people would have been hurt at DuPont, MTA's safety training organization.