

South Bay Sector Takes Its Story to the Public

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(Nov. 5, 2002) Four Metro South Bay team members paired up, Oct. 29, to connect with students at Locke High School and business professionals at the Torrance Chamber Business Expo.

Transportation Operations Supervisor Dallas Evans and Operator Laretta Meadows of South Bay Division 18 manned an information table at the Torrance Marriott where more than 100 area businesses and organizations displayed their services and products.

Throughout the four-hour event, dozens of South Bay residents and Torrance professionals picked up transit schedules, maps and safety checklists.

"Talking to the community and answering their questions on our bus lines is valuable for them and makes me feel great," said Meadows, who is looking forward to other opportunities to represent the agency at public events.

Another Metro South Bay pair - Maintenance Supervisor Marco Pedemonte and Mechanic Terry Owens - visited Locke High School on Oct. 30 during the campus annual career day.

"I'm from MTA and I'm proud to be with the agency," said 19-year veteran Owens as she described her career to a roomful of sophomores.

Owens and Pedemonte shared with the audience stories of how they were promoted up the ranks from service attendant to mechanic and supervisor through hard work and ambition.

Pedemonte, who has 23 years with MTA, said he grew up in the company and likes talking to students about the agency's services.

"We just don't deal with buses, " Pedemonte said, "we deal with people and people's lives."

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Division 18 TOS Dallas Evans, left, and Operator Laretta Meadows provided literature at the Torrance Chamber Business Expo.



Division 5 Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Marco Pedemonte and Mechanic "A" Terry Owens shared their stories with Locke High School students.