

Metro San Fernando Valley Opens Employment Center

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(Nov. 22, 2002) Applicants for positions at MTA now have one more option to make their job-hunting easier. Metro San Fernando Valley has become the first service sector to officially open its Employment Center.

The Center, located at the sector offices in Chatsworth, performs many of the same functions as the Employment Office at MTA Headquarters.

In addition to providing a Job Posting board with bulletins for all current MTA and PTSC vacancies, applicants can pick up employment applications and other related application materials and drop them off once they are completed.

But the Valley's Employment Center goes one step further – it has two computers which are permanently logged onto MTA's "Employment Opportunities" Internet page. Job seekers can search for jobs online, fill out computerized versions of applications and print out and submit completed applications all in the same trip.

The Employment Center already has been receiving about 50 applications a week, mostly from applicants within the San Fernando Valley or northern Los Angeles County, according to Senior Human Resources Analyst Bruce Moore.

"Our location is much more convenient for local residents, who no longer have to drive downtown if they want to submit an application in person," says Moore. "It's also much closer for the employees at West Valley Division 8 and Sun Valley Division 15."

And, he jokes, "at our Employment Center the parking is free!"

Metro San Fernando Valley's Employment Center is located at 9760 Topanga Canyon Boulevard (at the corner of Topanga Canyon and Marilla Street) in Chatsworth. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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