

West Valley Division 8's Operator Hits the Small Screen

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(Dec. 5, 2002) Look for Metro Bus Operator Philip Ramirez alongside Hollywood star Kiefer Sutherland in an upcoming episode of the hit Fox television series, "24."

The show, which airs on Tuesdays, is a suspense drama series similar to the movie "Mission Impossible."



Metro Bus Operator Philip Ramirez was featured in "24," a hit television series on the FOX network.

Ramirez, who's assigned to West Valley Division 8, is featured in two episodes. The first, which aired three weeks ago, only shows the Metro Bus 7411. In the second episode, which has not yet aired, Ramirez is shown driving the bus and stopping to pick up Sutherland.

The scene was shot in Canoga Park in late September. It took at least six hours to shoot the scenes with Ramirez.

"The funny thing was that I wasn't nervous when we were shooting, but I was nervous waiting for my scene to air," says Ramirez.

He was chosen because of his personality and "stage presence." Ramirez is known as a sharp dresser by his coworkers.

Ramirez had no previous acting experience, but he says he would love to become an actor if he were given the opportunity.

"It was amazing and fun," says Ramirez. "It was like being in an amusement park. I would love to do it again."

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