

South Bay Sector Achieves Safety Milestone

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(Jan. 8, 2003) The Metro South Bay Service Sector achieved an unusual safety milestone, recently, when employees at its operating divisions went an entire week - twice - without filing any new injury claims.

"We've never looked this good before," says Jackie Anderson, South Bay Workers' Compensation analyst.

No new claims for injuries were reported during the week of Oct. 14 through Oct. 20 or during the week of Nov. 25 through Dec. 1, 2002.

"I've been here for 14 years and have not seen Division 5 or Division 18 go a week without filing a Worker's Compensation claim," Anderson says.

There's been a general decline in Worker's Compensation claims because of the sector's more aggressive safety campaign and management involvement and support.

Anderson believes that a strong management team, timely incident/accident investigations, and her educational efforts at the divisions are helping to keep reported injuries down. Included in her current procedures is the prompt interviews of employees by both the analyst and division managers.

"We're being more safety conscious," she says.

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