

Division 7's Ron Reedy Retires after 30 Years at MTA

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(March 26, 2003) Now that he is retiring, West Hollywood Division 7 Transportation Manager Ron Reedy plans to spend more time charter fishing and enjoying the company of his family.

He takes with him many great memories, wonderful friendships, and a great deal of pride that he has acquired through his years at MTA.

Reedy, who's also a Vietnam veteran, started at MTA 30 years ago as a bus operator.

"In those days there were no dispatch radios or air conditioning, but nobody complained," recalls Reedy.



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West Hollywood Division 7 Transportation Manager Ron Reedy retires.



Has his cake...

Since then Reedy has worked in every division at one time or another.

"I've worked in divisions that don't even exist anymore," he says. "I even watched them build Division 7."

Reedy gives some credit for his success to the things he's learned from his mentors.

Wonderful mentors

"Since I started here, not only have I learned from some wonderful mentors, but I've learned to better myself by learning from people's mistakes."

Reedy believes the valuable experiences he has gained throughout the years are lessons that should be passed on to others.

"I have helped many people just by listening to their problems, and offering my advice," he says. "Sometimes people just want someone to talk to, and I'm there for them."

That may be one the reasons Reedy has made so many friends throughout the journey of his career.

"When news about my retirement went around, I started receiving numerous calls and e-mails from so many people," he says, "including those I haven't spoken to in years."

A phone call away

He admits he will miss all his friends at MTA and wants everyone to know that not only is he just a phone call away, but he plans to visit periodically.

"It sure will be different here without him," says Assistant Transportation Manager Ron Whitney, "He'll be receiving many calls from me, that's for sure"

"Ron has been a great mentor and friend," says Assistant Transportation Manager Derick Mahome. "I'm going to miss him."

In the near future, Reedy plans to donate some of his MTA memorabilia to the MTA library. Some of the items include a 1938 Rose Bowl Poster and old bus transfers.

"I have very fond memories here and that's one of the reasons I am going to really miss working here," he says. "We've done very well on making this a great place to work."

"I've never seen an agency that has so many great professional and dedicated people like we have here at MTA."

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