

West Valley Division mechanics and service attendants at the division celebrate "How You Doin' " trophy.



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West Valley Division Claims 'Best Maintenance Division of the Month' Trophy

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(June 20, 2003) West Valley Division 8 Maintenance has picked up the award for Best Maintenance Division of the Month April's competition for the "How You Doin' " program.

Mechanics and service attendants at the division celebrated, Wednesday, with cake and ice cream.

"One of the keys to our win is that we're keeping our Workers' Compensation costs down," Maintenance Manager Jim Pachan said in a phone Friday interview. "We have a good safety program in place."

David Armijo, General Manager of Metro San Fernando Valley, briefly addressed the winners during the awards ceremony, saying simply, "You've been doing a great job, and it shows."

Transportation Manager Grant Myers, who also attended the celebration, agreed. "One of the reasons our division is the best is the quality and cleanliness of our equipment. Our operators appreciate the effort you make."

Division 8's Maintenance department is definitely on a roll, both in quality and in safety.

The "How You Doin' " award comes not long after the department threw a barbecue to celebrate 100 days without a lost-time work injury.

Now, they're close to doubling that 100-day goal – as of Wednesday, June 18, Division 8 Maintenance had gone 175 days without any lost-time work injuries.

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