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The Division 15 team is proud of its safety accomplishments.



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San Fernando Valley Divisions Setting the Standard for Safety

By ERIC RAPP

(Feb 17, 2004) Metro San Fernando Valley operating divisions 8 and 15 have made safety a priority, and the results are impressive. Both divisions continue to achieve safety goals.

The latest to make a milestone was Division 15 Transportation, whose employees had 34 consecutive days without lost time due to an injury.

Reaching a month without a single serious injury would be an accomplishment for any division, but as Assistant Transportation Manager Lorene Kelley points out, "we're one of the largest divisions at MTA, so this was an even bigger challenge for us."

To celebrate reaching 30 days, division management recently brought in a continental breakfast for the Transportation employees. The next time the safe days count reaches the 30-day mark, says Transportation Manager Grant Myers, "we're going to *cook* breakfast for the employees!"

Maintenance on a roll

Division 15 Maintenance is also on an impressive roll of safe days – recently passing 100 days without looking back, and currently standing at 116 days without a lost-time injury. At 180 days, Maintenance Manager John Roberts is planning to have a catered barbecue, as well as a drawing with prizes for the mechanics and service attendants.

"We're shooting for a year," says Roberts, "but first we have to break Division 8 Maintenance's record of 232 days."

General Manager David Armijo points out that all these barbecues and parties aren't just for fun. By working safely, employees are not only helping the agency, they're helping themselves.

"A safe work environment is one of our most important goals at Metro San Fernando Valley," says Armijo. "We're accomplishing that, and it shows."

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