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Facilities Services employees celebrate two years without a lost work-time injury.



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Facilities Services Employees Achieve Landmark Safety Record

By ADRIENNE FIGUEROA

(March 19, 2004) Carrying the feeling of a job well done, the 57 employees of Metro Facilities Services shared a Southern-style lunch, Thursday, to celebrate two years without a single lost work-time injury.

Members of the unit, part of Facilities Maintenance, were presented with individual safety certificates and a banner they autographed to commemorate their accomplishment.

In addition to being served a hearty meal featuring rib eye steak, the employees each received a multi-wrench and a towel embroidered with the "Safety's First" slogan. Food and gifts were provided by MTA's Safety Department.

The honored crew consists of 57 air conditioning technicians, locksmiths, electronic communications technicians, painters, property maintainers, electricians, facilities system technicians and supervisors. The cost center – based out of the Regional Rebuild Center and MTA Headquarters – services all Metro Bus, Metro Rail and non-revenue divisions.

Randolph Gordy, Facilities Maintenance manager, says his team's diligence led to the achievement of this milestone.

A major accomplishment

"It's hard work to get this far," Gordy says. "This is a major accomplishment."

Brady Branstetter, director of Facilities Maintenance, believes the crew's success can be attributed to safe work practices – not luck.

"Their habit is to work safely," says Brady Branstetter. "Maintaining a safe work record means practicing work habits where the unexpected is

anticipated.”

With this achievement under their belts, the crew’s next goal is to continue working without an injury.

“Considering the type of construction-oriented work they perform and the large size of the group, being the first to reach the two-year mark is a real team success that deserves recognition and praise,” says Denise Longley, deputy executive officer, Strategic Development, Facilities/Operations. “I attribute such an incredible record to the team’s receptiveness to listening and sharing ideas on how to improve safety and then implementing the information into their work routines.”

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