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Retiring Transportation Manager Grant Myers serves a safety celebration breakfast to Division 15 operators. Joining him is incoming Transportation Manager Gary Spivack.

Safety Record Earns Division 15 Operators a Good Breakfast

By ERIC RAPP

(May 5, 2004) It may not have been "Breakfast at Tiffany's," but for Transportation employees at East Valley Division 15, April 28 started off right with a freshly cooked breakfast.

Starting at 3 a.m. and continuing until nearly 9 a.m., Division 15 Transportation management cooked up a full meal of eggs, home-made biscuits, bacon, and sausages for drivers getting ready to start their assignments.

"We cooked for a long time," said Assistant Manager Lorene Kelley, "but it was fun."

Heading the cooking crew was retiring Transportation Manager Grant Myers and his wife, TOS Janet Myers. Gary Spivack, the incoming transportation manager, joined the crew along with Kelley and Assistant Transportation Manager Barbara Maycott, as well as TOS Ethel Fields, Maycott's husband George, Stenographer Darlene Blake and Operator Inez Davenport.

They did it all

The team bought all the food, brought in their own utensils, and did all the cooking and serving themselves.

The breakfast wasn't just for fun, though. It was a reward for a great safety record – 30 days without a single lost time injury, for the second time in only a few months. An injury-free month is impressive for any transportation division, and even more so for one as large as East Valley Division 15.

Myers enjoyed being able to connect with the employees one last time before retirement, while celebrating their safe work.

"I promised the employees that if they made it another 30 days, we'd make them breakfast," he said. "I'm proud that they made it."

Getting acquainted

For Spivack, the incoming transportation manager, it was a chance to

meet some of the drivers he will be working with.

"I'm impressed with how conscientious and hard-working the employees of Division 15 are," he said. "I'm looking forward to working with them in the future."

San Fernando Valley General Manager David Armijo is also proud of the management team and employees at Division 15.

"This represents a commitment to working safely from the operators, TOS's, Instruction department and management staff of Division 15," he said. "This is truly a team accomplishment."

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