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The Division 8 maintenance team celebrated 243 injury-free days with a barbecue.



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Division 8 Maintenance Breaks Own Safety Record

By Eric Rapp

(July 23, 2004) Breaking its previous division record of 238 days, West Valley Division 8 racked up its 243 day without a lost-time injury, last week, and celebrated with a barbecue fit for a king.

The division is shooting for a full year without any lost days due to injuries. "If we make it to a year," joked Division 8 Maintenance Manager Jim Pachan, "we're going to Disneyland!"

Jokes aside, Pachan told Maintenance employees they are doing a great job of working safely, and committed that if they could reach the 365-day mark, the division would hold a celebration and Christmas party at an outside facility.

Senior Safety Specialist Richard Long also points out that "it's great that you have these barbecues as a reward, but let's not forget the other reward of working safely – none of you or your coworkers have had to experience the pain and trauma of an injury."