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Preparing the Division 2 barbecue are, from left, Bus Operator Abel Castro, TOS LaDonna Murphy and Bus Operator Erwin McCrury.

Division 2 Celebrates a Month of Zero Workers' Comp Claims

By DAVE HERSHENSON

(July 29, 2004) Crossroads Depot Division 2 Transportation employees were recently treated to a thank-you lunch recognizing an outstanding accomplishment for the month of May. They completed a rare milestone of zero Workers' Compensation claims for the entire month.

Division 2 Transportation Manager Thom Pelk was extremely pleased with the lack of workers comp claims during the month of May.

"It is a remarkable achievement, and a great indicator of how our employees are adopting to our high standard of safety awareness," he said. "I believe this is the first time in many years we have gone through an entire month without one Workers' Comp claim, and I hope it is a mark that will be repeated often in the future."

Employee recognition

To honor the accomplishments, Gateway Cities General Manager Alex Clifford initiated and authorized a thank-you luncheon to recognize the transportation employees for their outstanding effort.

The celebratory lunch was cooked up by Erwin McCrury, with help from Adala Rowser and Pamela Harvey-Miller, and was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Clifford believes zero Workers' Comp claims was the result of a number of factors.

"The agency has put a tremendous emphasis on safety first, including the implementation of a number of programs to focus our employee's attention on a variety of safety issues," he said. "The ability to go through an entire month without any claims is a testament to the programs we have put in place, and, more importantly, an indicator that

our employees are working safer.”

Emphasis on safety awareness

Joycenda Bowers, Gateway Cities Sector Transitional Duty and Return To Work coordinator, was also gratified with the lack of Workers’ Comp claims at Division 2 Transportation.

“I think that having an entire month with zero claims reflects the emphasis we have placed on safety awareness and our hands-on management of our claims process,” she said. “The Division 2 transportation employees deserve credit for pulling together and working safely for the month. I hope it is a sign of more good things to come.

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