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The Division 8 Maintenance team celebrates its August contest win.

Div. 8 Maintenance Chalks Another 'How You Doin?' Victory

By ERIC RAPP

(Nov 17, 2004) West Valley Division 8 Maintenance continues to pile up wins in the 'How You Doin?' program, winning Best Maintenance Division for August.

At a recent celebration, Maintenance Manager Pat Orr stressed that more than just winning awards, the efforts of the employees are vitally important to thousands of Metro riders as well.

"What you do makes a difference to our customers," said Orr. "Keeping our buses running on time and clean makes it possible for them to get to work and school every day."



San Fernando Valley General Manager Richard Hunt congratulates the Division 8 Maintenance team.

San Fernando Valley General manager Richard Hunt was also on hand, not just to help Maintenance employees to celebrate their continuing wins, but

also to answer questions they had about Metro's newest bus, the articulated Metro Liner.

In addition to managing the sector, Hunt is still manager of New Vehicle Technology and was in charge of the selection of the bus. Division 8 will be the first to receive the Metro Liner.

Hunt answered a wide range of questions, including some about the powerplant, the articulating mechanism, training for mechanics and operators, and new fuel technologies, not only on the Metro Liner, but for the future.

"We're already planning for the future, when newer and more stringent emissions restrictions take effect in 2007 and 2010," Hunt told the mechanics and service attendants, "and we'll be ready."

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