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A Perfect Year For Division 8: No Lost-Time Injuries

By ERIC RAPP

(Dec. 3, 2004) Metro was a different place on Nov. 22, 2003.

A 32-day strike had just ended. The Metro Orange Line had only just begun major construction. The East Side Extension of the Gold Line was just a twinkle in Metro's eye.

A year later, many changes have taken place, but one thing has remained constant: The ironclad commitment of West Valley Division 8 Maintenance's to safety.

One full year

On Nov. 22, 2004, Division 8's Maintenance team reached one full year without a single lost-time injury.

"This is an amazing milestone to reach, and an incredible achievement," says Maintenance Manager Pat Orr. "For a division this large to go that long without lost-time injuries takes real dedication and a commitment to working safely."

For employees, the milestone is especially sweet. The team almost achieved a perfect year in 2003, falling just short at what was then a division record of 282 days.

There are plans in the works to hold a large, three-shift party, perhaps combined with a holiday party. Whatever form the celebration takes, employees will certainly be having a good time.

"This definitely deserves a celebration," says Orr.