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South Bay DAC members (from left) Denise McCoy, Wanda Bates, Alice Hall and Richelle Rayford display transit posters they'll use during public presentations.



South Bay Sector Launches Safety, Anti-Vandalism Program

By RICH MORALLO

(Jan. 14, 2005) Division Ambassador Council (DAC) members at Arthur Winston Division 5 and Carson Division 18 are gearing up for an aggressive community outreach program to stress safety and anti-vandalism in 2005.

"Right now we are recruiting, undergoing training and conducting inventory of our Metro transit and safety materials," said DAC member Richelle Rayford, a Division 18 operator.

"We will continue to be out there in the neighborhoods talking to residents and students about Metro transit services and our safety programs," she said.

The DAC is composed of operators, mechanics and service attendants who, on personal time, promote the agency's safety and vandalism abatement program in communities and on school campuses.

Rayford and Brenda Franklin, a service attendant at Arthur Winston Division 5, recently set up a recruitment table at Division 18.

'Appealed to the staff'

"We appealed to the staff about helping the agency combat graffiti and vandalism on our fleet and property," said Franklin, who noted that 10 members signed up to help that day.

Last month, she and another South Bay DAC member, Wanda Bates, visited Cimarron Avenue Elementary School in Hawthorne to conduct a safety presentation.

"The youngsters learned how to wait safely for the bus, and how to properly board and ride on Metro," said Bates.

Currently the South Bay DAC rolls include 40 staff volunteers from Carson Division 18, and 33 from Arthur Winston Division 5, where the program started in the early 1990s.

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