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The Division 8 Maintenance team celebrates a double win as Best Maintenance Division for March and its part in winning Best Division for the third quarter FY 2005.



'Photo Finish' for Divisions 8 and 9 in Quarterly 'How You Doin'?' Contest

(May 19, 2005) It was a "How You Doin'?" contest "photo finish" for West Valley Division 8 and San Gabriel Valley Division 9, which tied for third quarter FY 2005 honors as Best Division.

Division 8 also won the award for Outstanding Maintenance Division for March, scoring highest for miles between mechanical failures and fewest Worker's Comp claims. North Los Angeles Division 3, which got highest marks for in-service, on-time performance, was named Outstanding Transportation Division for March.



Division 8 Transportation employees marked their Best Division of the Quarter win with a barbecue.

For Division 8 Maintenance employees, the honor was exciting but no surprise, as the team regularly wins monthly competitions for Best Maintenance Division of the month.

"It's a team effort," said Division 8 Maintenance Manager Pat Orr. "The effort our employees put into their jobs really shows up, not just in performance statistics, but in the cleanliness and reliability of our buses."



The Division 9 team celebrated their selection as Best Division for the third quarter with a barbecue. They were joined by General Manager Jack Gabig, Transportation Manager Mike Greenwood and Maintenance Manager John McBryan.

Commenting on Division 9's win, Maintenance Manager John McBryan, said, "Transportation leadership has done a good job. People have a good feeling when they come to work. Our maintenance department staff is the best! They really care about their jobs and have a tremendous amount of pride."

Division 8's Transportation Department employees also were proud of their part in the victory.

"We always do well," said Assistant Transportation Manager Ralph Gray. "Winning awards like this is proof that our employees' hard work has a real impact."



General Manager Jack Gabig, left rear, joined Metro Bus operators at Division 3 in celebrating their How You Doin' win for March.

Noting that Division 3 transportation has won the monthly contest 11 times in the past 16 months, Transportation Manager Dan Frawley said, "Their consistency shows that they are true professionals and really care about the level of service they provide to our

customers. Our staff and bus operators take great pride in the jobs they do.”

-- *Eric Rapp contributed to this story.*

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