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Metro Bus Operator Kathy Sanders with children at the Inglewood Church of Christ safety fair. Photos by Rich Morallo.



Metro's Kathy Sanders Has an Edge with Kids

- DAC member carries the transit safety message

By RICH MORALLO

(July 14, 2005) Division Ambassador Committee member Kathy Sanders has an edge when she talks about Metro to young students. She's a grandmother.

"I have four grandchildren so I know how to get messages across to children," says Sanders, whose grandchildren range in age from four months to 11 years old.

"I am forever looking for ways to help my family and teach the grandkids about the purpose of a good education and staying out of trouble, so I do the same when I talk about Metro Bus and Metro Rail safety in schools," says the five-year Metro operator now assigned to Carson Division 18.

Over the July 4th weekend, Sanders talked about public transit to youngsters attending the 15th Annual Wallace Foundation picnic at Kenneth Hahn State Park. Throughout the day Sanders passed out Metro promotionals and talked about bus services with the families celebrating the holiday.

Attended a safety fair



Visitors to the Metro information table at Kenneth Hahn State Park partake of promotional materials and information courtesy of Kathy Sanders.

The following weekend, Sanders attended a safety fair at the Inglewood Church of Christ. There, she set up a small information table and talked individually to about 100 children, who picked up the crayons and coloring sheets with safety tips and slogans.

"As a DAC member, I provide children with quality information on how to ride our buses and how to keep safe around our buses," says Sanders, who also recently attended career days at Purche Avenue Elementary and Cimarron Elementary Schools.

"When you're sincere and convincing and take the time to talk to them, children will listen," she says, "whether you're telling them to stay out of gangs or why you shouldn't play along the curb when waiting for the bus."