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Joining Deputy CEO John Catoe, center rear, for presentation of the SHARP awards were, back row left, Gary Spivack, Division 15 Transportation; Mike Singer of the RRC; Catoe; Donnell Harris, Division 2 Maintenance. Front row from left, Frank Lonyai, Division 10 Maintenance; Gary Schachel, Division 2 Maintenance; Harold Torres, Division 4 Maintenance; and Mike Greenwood, Division 9 Transportation.



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Metro Scores 'Major Improvement' in OSHA Safety Compliance

- Six bus operating divisions split \$13,750 in incentives

By BILL HEARD, Editor

(July 20, 2005) Staying sharp on OSHA safety regulations is paying off for Metro transit operations, but was especially rewarding, Monday, for six operating divisions which split \$13,750 in cash incentives.

A recent review of Metro's programs for injury and illness prevention and for reductions in maintenance and bus accidents showed "a major improvement in all divisions," said Andrea Burnside, managing director, Operations Administration. "We're far above compliance."

Corporate Safety made the evaluation of the bus divisions during SHARP – Safety and Health Assessment Review Program – an annual appraisal of how well operating division employees are complying with local, state and federal safety rules.

A SHARP review of the Metro Rail divisions is planned for January 2006.

Six bus divisions scored high enough in the two SHARP review categories to qualify for cash incentive awards:

- SHARP Safety Excellence
 - San Gabriel Valley Division 9 Transportation – \$5,000
 - Gateway Division 10 Maintenance – \$5,000
 - Regional Rebuild Center – \$2,500
- SHARP Most Improved
 - East Valley Division 15 Transportation – \$500
 - Crossroads Depot Division 2 Maintenance – \$500
 - Non-Revenue Division 4 – \$250

In presenting the incentive checks to the division representatives, Deputy CEO John Catoe said, “We pride ourselves on safety and on our safety record-keeping. We’ve done an incredible job of improving that over the last few years.”

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