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'Fill the Boot' Event for Hurricane Katrina Victims This Weekend

- Division 9 leading fundraising effort in San Gabriel Valley
- Other divisions collecting donations of cash, supplies

By BILL HEARD, Editor

(Sept. 8, 2005) Volunteers from San Gabriel Valley Division 9, the El Monte Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's and Fire departments will join, this weekend, in a fundraising effort for survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

Coordinator Richard Lopez, an acting transportation operations supervisor, says about 75 volunteers will be needed for the two-day "Fill the Boot" charity event. He invited Metro employees to volunteer for the fundraiser.

From 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Saturday, and again from noon until 2 p.m. on Sunday, Lopez said volunteers will be stationed at four street corners in El Monte and Rosemead to receive monetary donations to the American Red Cross.

Volunteers will be stationed at the intersections of Valley and Rosemead, Valley and Santa Anita, Garvey and Rosemead and Garvey and Santa Anita. No food or clothing will be accepted.

For more information about the "Fill the Boot" fundraiser, employees can contact Lopez at 626-454-3022, 922-6409 or at 626-454-3042.

Divisions accepting donations

Meanwhile, a number of Metro operating divisions are accepting contributions of money, clothing, food and water. Among them are:

West Valley Division 8 Maintenance, which has been selling candy and collecting donations for the American Red Cross. Transportation division employees have been placing water, clothing and other non-perishable items that can be used by hurricane survivors in a large bin for donation this weekend.

At Central City Division 1, maintenance and transportation employees have donated more than \$900 which will be presented to the American Red Cross on Friday, according to coordinator Linda Jackson.

Cash contributions from transportation and maintenance employees are piling up in a collection box at Venice Division 6. The money will be counted on Friday.

West Hollywood Division 7 Transportation employees are contributing cash for Hurricane Katrina victims, while across the yard, Maintenance employees are stacking donations of water and other supplies on a pallet for donation to the relief effort.

