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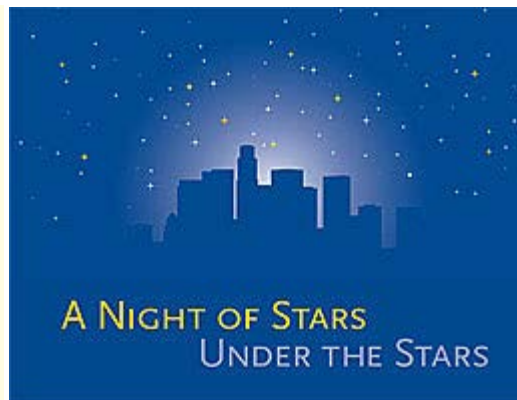
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## • 7 Employees Named 'Spotlight Award' Winners



(Sept. 20, 2005) Seven Transit Operations employees, whose outstanding performance this past year merited special consideration, were named as "Spotlight Award" winners during the "Night of Stars."

Here's the list of this year's Spotlight Award winners:

### Westside/Central

The Westside/Central sector's Operator Melvin Braxton has spent his entire 35-year career at Venice Division 6. Considered a "go-to guy" by fellow operators, he has maintained exemplary safety and attendance records, said General Manager David Armijo. The Division 6 team is motivated by his positive and productive attitude and look to him to give them valuable advice.



Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor Patricia Rozema with Metro Rail General Manager Gerald Francis.

### Metro Rail

Rail Transportation Operations Supervisor Patricia Rozema was Metro Rail's Spotlight Award winner. General Manager Gerald Francis described how, while working as a rail controller, Rozema's quick thinking thwarted an attack on a train operator. Her authoritative response over the radio to the operator's call frightened the assailant, who fled without harming the operator.

### Gateway Cities

The Gateway Cities honoree was Mechanic "A" Leader Juan Villalba, a 23-year Metro veteran. His duties at Crossroads Depot Division 2 include

ensuring that morning and afternoon rollouts are successfully completed. General Manager Alex Clifford said Villalba played a key role ensuring that Division 2 provided extra buses, earlier this year, when Division 1 was being renovated.

Central Maintenance

Mechanic “A” Minh Le, assigned to Non-Revenue Division 4, strives for a level of professionalism all mechanics should try to emulate, said Deputy Executive Officer Milo Victoria. Le “exemplifies what a superior mechanic he is on a daily basis. His “dedication to the agency is absolutely outstanding” and he is always willing to help others get the job done right.”



South Bay Mechanic “A” Minh Le and Deputy Executive Officer Milo Victoria.

South Bay

General Manager Dana Coffey commended Operator Carl Johnson for his “caring attitude, his compassion and dedication to his job and his community.” Last summer, Johnson became concerned about an elderly woman who appeared to be lost. He helped her aboard his bus and alerted the Bus Control Center. The woman had been reported missing. “His alertness and actions resulted in her being reunited with her loved ones.”



Operator Carl Johnson and South Bay General Manager Dana Coffey.

San

Fernando Valley

West Valley Division 8 Operator Vincent Franco has trained fellow operators on the new Metro Liners slated for the Metro Orange Line. General Manager Richard Hunt said he also has become an ambassador for the Orange Line at many special events in the Valley, and is especially effective in the Hispanic community. He has received numerous passenger commendations.



San Gabriel Valley

San Fernando Valley General Manager Richard Hunt and West Valley Division 8 Operator Vincent Franco.

The San

Gabriel Valley sector’s choice, Mechanic “A” Jesus Gonzalez, began his 24-year career as a service



Mechanic "A" Jesus Gonzalez and San Gabriel Valley General Manager Jack Gabig.

attendant. Now a mechanic relief leader at Division 9, he is a skilled bus mechanic who thinks on his feet and has "earned a great level of respect" from both supervisors and management, said General Manager Jack Gabig. He is admired for his reliability and leadership.