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From left, Mauricia Vargas, Armando Trujillo, Jose Garcia, and Brian Takamiyashiro, Fernando Aguilar, David Santillanez, and Sabino Diaz enjoy dessert at RRC safety bash.



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RRC Employees Celebrate Another Safety and Health Record

By ARLENE LIM

(Oct. 21, 2005) "Last year we finished third, the year before we were first, and this year we're first again," said George Williamson, administrative analyst, at the Regional Rebuild Center.

No strangers to landing on top, RRC employees were again at the head of the line, recently celebrating their achievement of earning the highest score overall in the Safety and Health Assessment Review Program (SHARP).

"Actually, it's very hard to finish first, but they put forth their very best effort and management is very safety conscious," said Senior Safety Specialist Henry Ho. "Safety is the responsibility of management, so if they don't support us, it's impossible for us to implement the programs – that's why this particular facility is so good and so low in the injuries bracket."

The celebration luncheon included platefuls of chicken, beans, salad and homemade potato salad were served up at the luncheon – for desert, ice cream.



From right, Mechanic "A" David Santillanez; Body Repairers Kenna Lewis, Victor Wada and Alfredo Garcia; and Mechanic "A" Leader Efrain Garcia move their way through the lunch line.

"We're here eight to ten hours a day, 20 to 23 years out of our lives – you build friendships," said Mechanic A Abel Tamez about the celebration. "It gives the guys a chance to mingle and it's good for the camaraderie."

The RRC employees wanted to do more than just celebrate, they wanted to extend a helping hand to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Of the \$2,500 received for the first place finish, \$1,500 was donated to the American Red Cross to benefit the victims on the Gulf Coast.