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South Bay General Manager Dana Coffey, center, congratulated maintenance employees at Arthur Winston Division 5 for their safety achievement. With the group, to Coffey's left, is the division namesake, 99-year-old Service Attendant Leader Arthur Winston.



Division 5 Achieves 365 Days with no Lost-Time Injuries

By RICH MORALLO

(Oct. 26, 2005) Renee Navarre McLin says it's because staff members clean up after themselves. Fellow mechanics Andrew Warren and Terry Owens think it's focusing on the job and watching out for spills.

Whatever the answer, the maintenance crew at Arthur Winston Division 5 achieved a remarkable 365 days without a lost-time injury case on Saturday, Oct. 23.

"We look out after each other," says McLin, a mechanic "A". "If a coworker is working with us, we make sure the area is safe at all times, by cleaning up after we work, staying alert and watching what's around us."

Warren adds, "We keep our minds on our jobs and always exercise caution."

Owens says, "Whenever we have spills, we clean up immediately and also make sure the hoses are rolled up right."

Mechanics and service attendants at the 10-acre Chesterfield Square bus yard also share their safety suggestions and comments with others. Photos by Bobby Miles

Establish safe patterns

"Staff use the Field Observation and Feedback form to report safety questions and help establish safe patterns," says Assistant



Maintenance Manager Sergio Rubalcava.

Division 5 maintenance is No. 1, according to Mechanic "A" Renee Navarre McLin.

At a recent information session, Mechanic "A" Renee Navarre McLin.

General Manager Dana Coffey congratulated the maintainers for achieving the one-year milestone and also earning the How You Doin' award twice in nine months.

The award is an incentive program based on work performance evaluations in relation to other Metro divisions. Typically, each maintenance division is graded on attendance, mean miles between chargeable mechanical failures, bus cleanliness and Workers' Compensation claims.

Division 5 earned the recognition in December 2004 and again in August 2005.

"As a result of our people truly putting safety first, our division has reached these milestones and has stayed safe in the workplace," says Maintenance Manager Alex DiNuzzo.

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