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Division 10 Maintenance Team Sets 450-Day Safety Record

By REINA V. SLUTSKE

(Nov. 10, 2005) Time is a terrible thing to lose, and it's fortunate that Gateway Division 10's maintenance team hasn't lost a bit.

As of the first week of November, Division 10 now holds a record of 450 days without a lost-time injury – which means that no one had to miss work due to injury on the job.

"[It's a] heck of an accomplishment, considering the environment they work in," said Richard Long, senior safety specialist in the Westside/Central Service Sector. "To have a safety record like that is pretty incredible."

According to Maintenance Manager Frank Lonyai, employees are aware that they work in a hazardous environment.

'Dynamic environment'

Division 10 is Metro's largest division and a "dynamic environment," according to Lonyai.

The division's Employee Advisory Committee, which meets once a month, gives employees a forum for their concerns, including safety, which are about half of the issues.

"Since we meet every month, it's a better opportunity for feedback," said Lonyai. The committee is adding additional features and members want employees to bring up issues.

"They're very astute, very conscientious," Lonyai said of Division 10's maintenance team. "It all boils down to the employees."