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Former Marine Now Leads Arthur Winston Division 5

 Transportation Manager Curley Little rose from bus operator's ranks

By RICH MORALLO

(Feb. 16, 2006) In 1990, after 10 years of operating buses, Curley Little decided to move over to management. "I knew I could supervise," he says. "I was a staff sergeant in the Marines."

From that career shift, Little became a transportation operations supervisor and assistant transportation manager before his most recent promotion to transportation manager at Arthur Winston Division 5. He succeeds Michael Williams-Carr who has left the agency.

"I had been driving Metro buses for seven years and for the Southern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority for three more years

before that," recalled Little, who returned to the West Coast from Pennsylvania in 1983.



Division 5 Transportation Manager Curley Little manages a staff of more than 400 and ensures the on-time rollout of 250 buses every day.

Today, Little is responsible for more than 400 operators, supervisors and administrative staff and ensures the on-time rollout of 250 buses every day at the Chesterfield Square bus yard.

Ensuring that bus service is provided on time on 10 lines running throughout the city is a challenge that the former Marine readily accepts.

Coordinates the operation

As a manager, Little directs, plans and coordinates the operation of the bus division and also oversees new service implementation and changes to existing service.

"My philosophy is to get the job done with as little stress as possible," says Little, noting that remaining poised under the most stressful circumstances has a calming effect on his staff. "If I'm in control, my people are calm as well."

Little is also a firm believer in promoting communication, integrity and accountability in the workplace and giving his people the space to do their work.

"I develop the right working environment, show the staff that I have confidence in them, give them the training they need, and then let

them do their jobs," he says.

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