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A visitor at the Metro information table at Salute America event checks out Metro services in the cool shade of Olvera Street.



Metro Volunteers, Division Ambassadors were Busy on July 4th Holiday

By RICH MORALLO

(July 20, 2006) Metro Volunteers and Division Ambassadors attended four community events over the July 4th weekend to promote transit, recruit bus operators and talk about the agency's bus and rail services.

"I volunteered to work over the holiday weekend because it would be interesting to see what the public thinks about our services," said Bertha Estrada, a stenographer at Division 10.

Along with fellow stenographer Conchita Kemp, Estrada passed out Metro transit information at the Delano Park Clean Community Celebration in Van Nuys on Saturday, July 1.

Transit Services Bureau members Michelle Crook and Raul Gonzalez, both Security Assistants, and Deputy Mike Stepner helped staff the Metro table and promote law enforcement careers.

That same day, 35 miles to the south, Administrative Analyst George Echert, another Metro Volunteer, handed out bus operator applications during the One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism



Division 7 Operator Darnay White and his wife, Magdalena, helped staff the Metro information during festivities at Olvera Street event.

Christian Church Job Fair in Long Beach.

"I like to interact with other Metro staff and also meet our public and see what they like or dislike about transit," Echert said.

Echert and Division 10 operators Jose Cervantes and Maria Fernandez talked to 20 residents interested in applying for Metro positions.



Security Assistants Michelle Crook and Raul Gonzalez at the Delano Park Clean Community Celebration.

Circulated Metro information

Transportation planning managers Jeff Boberg and Patricia Chen circulated Metro information brochures and answered questions, while Chen's daughter, Christine, helped pass out safety coloring sheets and crayons.

July 4th saw holiday revelers arrive at historic Olvera Street to participate in the Salute Los Angeles Day. Metro Volunteers Edith Goff-

Youngblood, a senior Customer Service officer, and Ruben Madrid, a rail equipment maintenance supervisor, arrived to set up an information booth.

Division 9 Operator Juan Augspurger helped talk up Metro with the public. "Metro Volunteers and the Division Ambassadors are planning to stress the graffiti program in schools again," he said.

Dvision 10 Operator Sasha Alvarenga, Division 7 Operator Darnay White and his wife, Magdalena, along with Equipment Maintenance Assistant Manager Jess Godinez and Security Assistants Patrick McAfee and Gerald Couch also staffed the Olvera Street Metro table.

At a smaller celebration near Inglewood, Employee Relations Representative Inez Tarver helped with decorations for the Wallace Art Foundation picnic at Kenneth Hahn State Park.

Donning her black Metro cap, Tarver, a Metro volunteer who recently left the agency, spent her weekend celebrating the holiday and promoting public transportation.